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by Europeans.”

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Under Secretary of State.

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COPY of CORRESPONDENCE regarding the Appointment of qualified Natives to certain Posts in the Educational and other Departments hitherto Held by Europeans.

(1.)

LETTER from the Government of India.—No. 91 of 1892.

Revenue and Agricultural Department.—Archæology.

To the Right Honourable the Earl of Kimberley, K.G., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.—Dated Calcutta, 30 November 1892. (Received 19 December 1892.)

My Lord,

In his Despatch No. 50, dated the 10th July 1890, Lord Cross gave intimation of his sanction to the retention of the services of Dr. Hultzsch as Government Epigraphist, for a period of three years, terminating on the 21st November 1892. The Government of Madras are, however, desirous, as will be seen from the letter marginally noted, No. 533 (Public), dated 2nd August 1892. of continuing to employ Dr. Hultzsch, and they propose, on the retirement of Dr. Oppert in March next, to appoint Dr. Hultzsch to the graded Educational Service as Professor of Sanscrit in the Presidency College, and to assign to him also the duties of Government Epigraphist, with an addition to his emoluments of a local allowance of Rs. 300 per mensem.

2. We have, subject to your Lordship's sanction, approved of the retention of Dr. Hultzsch on his present pay pending the retirement of Dr. Oppert; and we solicit approval for the admission of Dr. Hultzsch to the graded Educational Service on the terms proposed by the Madras Government.

In making this recommendation we have not overlooked Lord Cross's Despatch No. 9, Public (Educational), dated the 28th January last, in which it was suggested that officers appointed to the Superior Educational Service should in the first instance serve a probationary period of five years. Dr. Hultzsch, however, is an officer whose merit and qualifications for the professorship have been proved by more than five years' service in this country, and no period of initial engagement or probation is necessary in his case.

3. We believe that this arrangement is well devised for securing the efficient conduct both of the professional and the epigraphical duties, and it is certainly more economical than any other which could be proposed in its place.

We have, &c.
(signed) P. P. Hutchins.
D. Barbour.
C. B. Pritchard.

Enclosure in foregoing Letter.

No. 533, dated Ootacamund, 2 August 1892.

From J. F. Price, Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department.

REFERRING to my letter No. 271, dated 22nd April last, in which it is stated that a further communication with regard to the retention of Dr. Hultzsch's services would be addressed to the Government of India, I am directed to state that Dr. G. Oppert, the Professor of Sanscrit in the Presidency College,

College, will retire at no distant date, and that the Governor in Council is of opinion that the most satisfactory as well as economical arrangement which could be made on Dr. Oppert taking his pension would be to appoint Dr. Hultsch to the vacancy which will thus be created, he being admitted to the graded Educational Service on Rs. 500—750, and his previous service being allowed to reckon for leave and pension. The post of Professor of Sanscrit carries with it an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem as Curator of Oriental Manuscripts.

2. This Government would propose that Dr. Hultsch should continue to perform the duties of Government Epigraphist, receiving for this, in addition to his other emoluments, Rs. 300 per mensem. This would involve a saving of Rs. 350 per mensem and secure at the same time a thoroughly competent gentleman both for the Sanscrit chair and for Epigraphical work.

3. The Government believes that, as Dr. Hultsch has now trained assistants to aid him, his efficiency in either branch of the duties which it is proposed to assign to him will in no way be impaired.

4. I am to mention that Dr. Hultsch will be quite willing to accept the terms stated above, and to request that the decision arrived at on the proposals now made may be communicated to this Government at as early a date as possible in order to enable Dr. Hultsch to intimate to the authorities at the Vienna University, at which he has a right of lecturing, his intention of severing his connection with that institution.

DESPATCH from the Secretary of State for India to his Excellency the Most Honourable the Governor General of India in Council.—Revenue, No. 16.

My Lord Marquis,

India Office, London, 9 February 1893.

I HAVE considered in Council the recommendation of the Government of Madras, supported in your Excellency's Letter, No. 91, dated the 30th November, that Dr. Hultsch should be appointed to the graded Educational Service as Professor of Sanscrit on the retirement of Dr. Oppert, and that he should receive a local allowance of Rs. 300 a month, so long as he performs the work of the Government Epigraphist in addition to the duties of the Sanscrit professorship.

2. It is not stated whether the Madras Government have considered the possibility of finding a competent native of India for the Sanscrit chair. I observe that at the Sanscrit College of Calcutta, and at the Deccan College, Sanscrit is taught by Indian principals or professors. If no native of India fitted for the post can be found, I shall be prepared, on Dr. Oppert's retirement, to sanction Dr. Hultsch's appointment to be Professor of Sanscrit at Madras on a salary of Rs. 500 a month, rising by yearly increments of Rs. 50 to Rs. 750 a month, including remuneration for his duties as Curator of Oriental Manuscripts. But I am averse to making further appointments to the graded Educational Service, until the matters discussed in Viscount Cross's Despatch (Public, Educational), No. 9, dated the 28th January 1892, have been settled.

3. In the event of Dr. Hultsch being appointed Professor of Sanscrit, I shall be willing to sanction, for a period of three years, the payment of a local allowance of Rs. 300 a month to Dr. Hultsch, so long as he performs the work of Government Epigraphist in addition to the duties of the Sanscrit professorship. If it should hereafter be considered necessary to continue the office of Government Epigraphist at Madras beyond the month of March 1896, report should be made before the end of 1895.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Kimberley.*

Madras Government Notification, No. 38, dated 6th May 1893.

M. R. Ry Mittadar Seshagiri Sastri, M.A., Second Senior Assistant Professor, Presidency College, to be Professor of Sanskrit and Comparative Philology, Presidency College, and Curator Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, substantive *pro tempore*, *vice* Dr. G. Oppert, retired, in the Fourth Class of the Graded Service.

(2.)

LETTER from the Government of India. No. 11 of 1896.

Department of Revenue and Agriculture. Practical Arts and Museums.

To the Right Honourable Lord *George F. Hamilton*, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India. Dated Calcutta, the 26th February 1896. (Received 23 March 1896.)

My Lord.

WE have the honour to forward a copy of a letter, No 299—D. Arch, dated the 29th January 1896, from the Trustees of the Indian Museum, in which they propose, subject to the provisions of Section 8 of the Act XXII of 1876 (the Indian Museum Act), to appoint Dr. Theodor Bloch to the post of First Assistant to the Superintendent which is vacant owing to the promotion of Mr. Finn.

2. We approve the terms of the appointment specified by the Trustees and recommend the nomination for your Lordship's sanction.

3. Mr Finn was granted a sum of 50*l.* to defray the expenses of the journey to India, and we consider that a similar grant may be made to Dr. Bloch, but a further allowance on account of outfit is not admissible under any rule and is without precedent.

We have, &c.
(signed) *Elgin.*
G. S. White.
A. E. Miller.
H. Brackenbury.
J. Westland.
J. Woodburn.
A. Cadell.

Enclosure in foregoing letter.

No. 299—D. Arch, dated Calcutta, the 29th January 1896.

From *C. Little*, Esq., Honorary Secretary to the Trustees, Indian Museum, to the Secretary to the Government of India.

I AM directed by the Trustees to inform you that since they find that the Archæological and Numismatic collections (including the photographs and negatives) of the Museum have lately increased very largely, and require more special knowledge for their cataloguing and arrangement, as well as more time to be devoted to this work, than can reasonably be expected from the officers of the Museum, who are zoological experts, they have decided upon filling the post of First Assistant to the Superintendent, which is now vacant, by the appointment of a person qualified to take special charge of these collections, and to arrange and catalogue them; when this work is done he might be available for special exploration work.

2. From inquiries made, there does not seem to be much likelihood of a suitable man being found for the appointment in England, but Dr. Bühler has very strongly recommended Dr. Theodor Bloch, now residing at 32, Nurnberger

Strasse in Leipzig, as possessing the necessary qualifications and likely to be useful in the work proposed.

3. The Trustees have reason to believe that Dr. Bloch possesses the requisite qualifications and scientific knowledge for efficiently discharging the duties of Archæologist in the Museum. He is a native of Sleswig, and a member of the Moravian sect; he has studied classics and oriental languages in Berlin and in Leipzig, where he obtained his degree of Ph. D. He has, moreover, been particularly engaged in the study of the Indian shastras, Indian epigraphy and archæology, and has attended lectures on classical archæology and work in the Epigraphic and Archæological Institute of the Vienna University, which gives its pupils an opportunity to assist practically in the excavations at Carmentum. Dr. Bloch has had the advantage of studying under Professor Wendisch of Leipzig and under Professor Bühler of Vienna, both of whom speak of him in the highest terms. In fact he is one of Dr. Bühler's best pupils and is considered in the Continent as one of the most rising of the young men who have taken up Aryan Philology. He is the author of "Vararuci and Hemacandra," a valuable contribution to our knowledge of Prakrit grammar, and has written various good articles on epigraphy.

4. The Trustees, therefore, propose that, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, Dr. Bloch should be appointed First Assistant to the Museum, for a term of five years, on a salary of R300—40—500, and should the proposal meet with the approval of the Government of India, the Secretary of State may be moved to take the necessary steps for the engagement of Dr. Bloch and for sending him out to Calcutta on the usual terms as regards passage and outfit.

5. The appointment in the first place will be a temporary one, but if the Trustees wish to retain Dr. Bloch's services after the termination of his engagement, it would be hard upon him if his five years' service should not be allowed to count as service for pension, etc. The Trustees desire, therefore, to recommend that it should be expressly stipulated that, in the event of the Trustees desiring to appoint him permanently to the Museum, his probationary service of five years should count as service for pension, etc. He would also be eligible for promotion to the rank of Deputy Superintendent on R400—40—600 in due course.

6. Dr. Bloch has been informed that he has been appointed on these terms subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, and that, in the event of his appointment being approved, he will be duly informed by the Secretary of State and his passage to Calcutta arranged for.

DESPATCH from the Secretary of State for India to his Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor General of India in Council.—Revenue, No. 54.

My Lord,

India Office, London, 14th May 1896.

I HAVE received and considered in Council your letter No. 11 (Revenue and Agriculture), of the 20th February last, requesting sanction to the appointment,

Dr. T. Bloch, First Assistant to the Superintendent of the Indian Museum,

on the terms stated, of Dr. Theodor Bloch, of Leipzig, to the post of First Assistant to the Superintendent of the Indian Museum,

Calcutta.

2. I accept your Excellency's recommendation, and Dr. Bloch has been instructed to appear before the Medical Board at this office at his earliest convenience.

3. At the same time I have to add that I consider that the post is one which might appropriately be filled by a qualified native of India, and I desire that, in future, candidates for all such appointments shall, in the first instance, be sought amongst graduates of the Indian Universities, who, during their studies, or subsequently to taking their degrees, have attracted attention by their attainments in any department of Oriental scholarship and learning.

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