

Indent for Scientific Professors

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No. 99, dated Fort William, the 12<sup>th</sup> March 1873.

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Endorsed by the Offg. Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Copy of this despatch, and of its enclosure, forwarded for information to the Government of Bengal, with reference to the correspondence noted on the margin.

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No. 1, dated London, the 6<sup>th</sup> February 1873.

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From --- His Grace, the Duke of Argyll, K.T., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India,

To --- His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor General of India in Council.

With reference to the despatch of Your Excellency in Council, in the Financial Department (Expenditure/Education), dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July last, No. 257, and its enclosure, from the Government of Bengal, requesting the selection in this country of two professors qualified to teach scientific subjects to fill vacancies in the Bengal Education Department, I have to inform you that I have nominated Mr. Alexander Pedler to the third grade of Bengal Educational Service, the terms and conditions of his appointment being set forth in a letter addressed to him on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, of which I enclose a copy.

2. I have at the same time sanctioned in Council the expenditure by Mr. Pedler of £523 for apparatus, which he will require in his capacity of professor of Agricultural Chemistry at Calcutta, which expenditure, I have to inform Your Lordship in Council, will be debited to provincial services.

3. Mr. Pedler will take his departure for India in the early part of next month, proceeding by steamer direct from England via the Suez Canal.

4. I shall select another gentleman as soon as possible to fill the office of the remaining scientific professor whom Your Excellency's Government are desirous of obtaining for the Bengal Educational Establishment.

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[File 32---3] Dated India Office, London, the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1873.

From --- H.L. Anderson, Esq., Secretary, Educational Department,

To --- Alexander Pedler, Esq., School of Science, Exhibition Road, S.W.

The Duke of Argyll having been pleased to appoint you to the third grade of the Bengal Educational Service, I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acquaint you that the following are the terms and conditions on which your appointment has been made, and that, on signifying in writing your acceptance of them, the sum of £150, being the amount allowed for outfit and passage, will be payable to you. Your salary, beginning at the rate of Rs. 750 per mensem, and rising to Rs. 1,000 per mensem, is to commence from the date of your reporting your arrival at Calcutta to the Government of India.

2. You will, on receiving the sum of £150, provide yourself with a passage to Calcutta, and proceed thither within the period required by the Secretary of State, i.e., not later than the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April next. You will, on arrival at Calcutta, submit yourself to all the orders of the Government of India, and of the properly authorized officer or officers under whom you shall from time to time be placed by the said Government, and will abide by and obey all the rules prescribed for the time being for the regulation of the Uncovenanted Service of the said Government.

3. You will devote your whole time to the duties of the service, and not absent yourself from your duties without having first obtained permission from the Government of its authorized officers, or except in case of sickness or accident certified by competent medical testimony. You will be eligible for promotion to the higher classes of the Educational Service as vacancies occur.

4. In case you should wish to leave the service of Government within a period of five years from the previous consent of Government, give six months' notice of your intention, and will refund the amount of the allowance made to you for passage and outfit.

5. It will be in the power of the Government at any time to dispense with your service on giving six months' notice of their intention; and in the event of misconduct on your part, or of any breach by you of the condition above specified, it shall be competent for the local Government to discharge you from their service without notice.

6. In the event of your being compelled by ill health certified to the satisfaction of Government to quit the service of Government within the period of five years, or in the event of Government dispensing with your services within that period on the other grounds than those of misconduct or breach of agreement, the Government will provide you with a passage back to England at the public expense.