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Sir,

We, the Officers of Class I, Class II, Upper and Lower Subordinate Services, and Menials of the Burma Circle at Maymyo assembled here, much regret that we have to look upon your present visit of inspection as the last you will pay us before relinquishing office as Surveyor-General of India. We venture to regard it as a suitable occasion on which to present you with a short address, to express not only our great regret at the loss we are soon to sustain, but also our high appreciation of your work in the Survey of India. While it would be difficult to single out individual acts of merit in a long and distinguished career characterised throughout its course by zeal and devotion to duty, there are many present here to-day who can recall the pleasure they experienced when they heard of your work in China; your march to Lhasa for which you received the Distinguished Service Order; your explorations in Western Tibet, and the unexplored sources of the Brahmaputra, which were recognised by the Royal Geographical Societies of England and Scotland and the Geographical Society of Paris, by the award of the Societies' Medals; your splendid work with the Turco-Persian Boundary Commission, for which you were made a Companion of the Indian Empire, and with the Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force, and lastly your appointment as Head of our Department, the able administration of which has been recognised by the Government conferring on you the honour of the Companion of the Bath and an extension of service.

We desire to give you an assurance of the confidence we have always felt in you as a sympathetic and capable adviser, in whose hands the interests of the Department have always received fair and due consideration, and we have no hesitation in saying that in the long roll of officers of the Survey of India, whose distinguished careers have added to the pride and glory of the Department, and to the maintenance of its high standard of efficiency, your name must always take a foremost place.

We beg to offer you our continued loyal support during the last few months of your tenure of office as Surveyor-General of India, and to wish you on retirement, a well-earned rest, and many years of happiness.

Maymyo, 22nd September 1923.

A parchment scroll contained in the above carved bamboo tube