Dear Ji,ve

There are a number of issues concerning office codes. At least at the moment I not persuaded by your alternative to the Fuller model, although I think we are all in agreement that we are trying both to maintain the hierarchy and consistency in coding names of offices and administrative units.

-It would benefit others if you explained your work in the file itself.

-Although I know you prefer to work in python, I think that if you make full use Excel formulas you will find that they are very powerful. Moreover it makes it easier for others to experiment with your work. In particular V-Lookup is often useful.

-there are differences between how python works and CBDB standard procedures. E.g. in python counting begins with 0 as the first place but in CBDB coding 0 always means 未详。

-the raw data from UCI, the dictionary, came with an explanation of fields and color coding. In the file Merged Ming Government Official Table 4 CBDB 2018-05-22\_PKB\_working.xlsx there is a sheet “data cleaned” which takes this information into account and should be used as the basis for creating codes.

ming\_office\_title\_coding.xlsx raises the issue of the difference between word division and titles. It seems to me that our office titles are not entirely consistent because the administrative units to which they belong vary.

For example, 將軍 is an office title, as is 大將軍. But in some cases we would keep a longer title as the office title, even though it combines two or more words. E.g.

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| 征南副將軍 |
| 征夷副將軍 |
| 征虜前將軍 |
| 征虜副將軍 |
| 征虜大將軍 |

Because they are under (or classed as ) 掛印將軍

Similarly in

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| 光祿寺卿 | A495T1337 | 卿 | 光祿寺 |
| 光祿寺少卿 | A495少T1337 | 卿 | 光祿寺 |

We would treat 卿 and 少卿 as two distinct titles. The fact that we can understand vice president as two words, does not mean the lowest level title should be president.