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No. 403.

From

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Financial may agree subject to circulation to Honourable Member (Financial).

L. DAVIDSON—6-3-18.

4 NOTES TO G.O. Nos. 402-3, HOME (EDUCATION), 23RD MARCH 1918

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

A draft order and a draft letter to India are submitted for approval. The file may be circulated to His Excellency and the Honourable Member (Financial).

2. The order may be placed on Editors' Table.

S.A.—11-3-18.

T.K.—12-3-18.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—13-3-18.

L. D. SWAMIKANNU—14-3-18.

P[ENTLAND]—14-3-18.

What is meant by "those who enlist"? Is the concession to apply to children of all *Sepoys*, viz., those who have

enlisted before the war and up to date since the commencement of the war, or is the concession to be reserved to those who enlist subsequent to the date of the Government Order?

A. G. C[ARDEW]—15-3-18.

Note for Revenue Secretary.

I presume the concession is desired on behalf of all those who have enlisted as combatants since the beginning of the war and it is not necessary to extend it to all *sepoys*? If so, the order will be modified accordingly and resubmitted to Honourable Member (Financial).

L.D.S.—16-3-18.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Yes. I think this will suffice. It will set up a curious distinction between pre-war and later *sepoys*, but I do not see how this can be helped.

It would, I think, be safer to limit the concession specifically to the children of men actually in the service. We could consider later whether it should be extended to men discharged sick or otherwise, with a good record. We do not want to give the concession to men who are discharged as unsatisfactory.

I should prefer to see the direct reference to "the backward classes" omitted in the order. It makes the concession a little ignominious.

I have accepted.

L.D.S.—21-3-18.

I have suggested in pencil a modification of the draft.

A. R. KNAPP—16-3-18.

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Submitted for orders whether the pencil amendment made in the draft may be approved.

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