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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation. 5th May 1857.

No. 7. Read the following letter from H. RICKETTS, Esq., Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments throughout India; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated the 15th April 1857, No. 927.

SIR,

I request that you will have the goodness to favor me with your opinion whether the labor and responsibility of a Secretary to a Governor in Council are greater or less than the labor and responsibility of a Secretary to a Governor without a Council. It is desirable that the reasons for the opinion given should be fully detailed. Your reply to this letter will be printed in my Proceedings with your name attached to it.

(Signed) H. RICKETTS,
*Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries
and Establishments throughout India.*

No. 8. Ordered that the following letter be despatched

From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, to the Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments throughout India, dated 2nd May 1857, No. 256.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Ultimo, requesting my opinion whether the labor and responsibility of a Secretary to a Governor in Council are greater or less than the labor and responsibility of a Secretary to a Governor without a Council.

2. In reply I beg to state that I have no knowledge of the manner in which business is transacted in those Indian Governments which have no Council. Supposing it to be contemplated in your inquiry that the mode of conducting business where there is not a Council, is the same as where there is one, I am of opinion that both the labor and responsibility of the Secretary will be greatest where there is no Council.

3. For labor, the Secretary where there is no Council will not have to adapt his drafts so as to satisfy opinions not always perhaps entirely in unison. This may occasionally save him some trouble and embarrassment. On the other hand he will not have the benefit of the opinion of the Councillors, men of standing and intimate acquaintance with such questions, Revenue, Judicial, &c., as are likely to come before Government. My experience in the Government Office, now of more than seven years duration, has satisfied me that the benefit thus derived is considerable, and my labors would I feel certain have been greater, had I been deprived of it.

4. For responsibility, the Governor, unless taken from the Civil Service of the Presidency which he administers, must frequently have to apply for information or refer for their opinion to those about him. Those to whom he would naturally apply would be the Members of his Council and his Secretaries. Where there were no Councillors, reference it is to be presumed, would be more frequently made to the Secretaries and their responsibility, *pro tanto*, increased.

5. Under these circumstances I conceive that the labor responsibility of the Secretary can never be less when there is not, than where there is a Council, and that they may reasonably be expected to be greater.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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The Right Honorable the GOVERNOR.

His Excellency the COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

The Honorable WALTER ELLIOT, Esq.

The Honorable Sir H. C. MONTGOMERY, Bart.

At
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Sept. 22nd
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