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No. 7. From S. D. BIRCH, Esq., Secretary to the Civil Fund; to E. MALTBY, Esq. Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 24th October 1857, No. 181.

Sir,

1. With reference to the orders of Government, dated 8th December 1829, I am desired by the Trustees of the Civil Fund to transmit to you a Packet, No. I, to the address of Messrs. Coutts and Co. containing the Printed Proceedings* of the Madras Civil Fund and to request that it may be forwarded in the next Government Packet to the East India House.

* *Proceedings of a Quarterly General Meeting of the Civil Fund Charity Branch held on the 9th October* 1857.

2. I am also desired to transmit, for the information of the Honorable the Court of Directors and the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, six copies of the Proceeding as before particularized in the margin contained in the Packet, No. II.

(Signed) S. D. BIRCH,
Secretary.

No. 8. Order thereon, No 689; dated 31st October 1857.

Ordered that the Packet to the address of Messrs. Coutts and Co. together with three copies of the Proceedings received with the foregoing letter, be forwarded to the Honorable the Court of Directors.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

CIVIL FUND—CHARITY BRANCH.

At a Quarterly General Meeting *of the* Subscribers *to the* Civil Fund Charity Branch, *held at the* Government House *in the* Fort, *on Friday the 9th October* 1857.

PRESENT.

Messrs. J. GOLDINGHAM, *Trustee.*
W. E. UNDERWOOD,
W. A. MOREHEAD,
G. L. PRENDERGAST, *Trustee.*
R. D. PARKER, *Trustee.*
E. MALTBY, *Trustee.*
T. W. GOODWYN,

Messrs. H. FORBES,
S. D. BIRCH, *Secretary.*
W. H. BAYLEY,
F. LUSHINGTON, *Trustee.*
J. D. SIM, *Trustee.*
G. F. FULLERTON, and
L. FORBES.

Mr. J. Goldingham is requested to take the Chair.

The Secretary is directed to read the following Report of the Trustees.

REPORT.

1. The Trustees have to report to the Meeting, that Mr. J. D. R. Robinson has liquidated the amount due by him to the Fund, on account of advances of passage money made to him under dates the 22nd January 1841 and 30th September 1851 respectively.

2. An application made to the Agents in England by Mr. J. F. Thomas, (late of the Civil Service) on behalf of Mrs. Julia C. Maitland, formerly the widow of Mr. James Thomas, for re-admission to the benefits of the Fund, has been forwarded by them to the Trustees. It would appear that Dr. Maitland has been recently afflicted with mental infirmity and, as there is no property for his wife's support and but little chance of her husband's restoration to his family, she now solicits to be re-instated on the list of Annuitants. Under these circumstances, the Trustees resolve to propose to the Meeting, that Mrs. Maitland be re-admitted on the Fund on an Annuity of £300 subject to the usual restrictions—and that the sense of the service be taken on the proposition.

3. Messrs. Coutts and Co. in a letter dated 3rd August 1857, have informed the Trustees of the marriage of Miss Helen C. R. Moore on the 2nd December last, by which she ceases to be an Annuitant on the Fund.

4. The Trustees have to report, that the Committee appointed by the General Meeting of the 9th January last, have transmitted a set of Draft Rules for the Provident Fund, which they beg to lay before the Meeting.

5. The Trustees have the honor to lay before the Meeting, the result of the votes received from out-stations on the following proposition, referred to the Service at large under the Resolution passed at the Quarterly General Meeting held on the 10th July last:—"That, in consideration of the peculiar circumstances of Mrs. Isabella Bennett's (late Rickards) case, a pension of £150 per annum be allowed her from the Fund."

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S. D. BIRCH,
Secretary.

Trustees of the Civil Fund.
J. GOLDINGHAM,
G. L. PRENDERGAST,
R. D. PARKER,
E. MALTBY,
F. LUSHINGTON,
J. D. SIM.

Resolved.—That, with reference to the circumstances of Mrs. Maitland's case, as contained in Para. 2 of the foregoing Report, the Votes of the Service be taken on the Trustees' Proposition thereon.

The Votes of the Meeting are taken on the following proposition on which the Votes of the Subscribers at out-stations are recorded in the 5th Para. of the foregoing Report :

"That in consideration of the peculiar circumstances of Mrs. Isabella Bennett's (late Rickards) case, a Pension of £150 per annum be allowed her from the Fund :"—

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Carried by the required Majority.

Proposed by Mr. R. D. Parker :

That the thanks of the Meeting be offered to the Sub-Committee for the Rules prepared by them for the proposed Provident Fund : and that the Draft Rules be referred to the Trustees with a view to their being circulated within three weeks, for the opinion and suggestions of the Service, accompanied by a Memorandum explaining the objects which they are intended to effect and the calculations on which they are based.

Seconded by Mr. W. H. Bayley.

Mr. G. L. Prendergast moves as an amendment :

That the Members of the Service be individually requested to frame distinct, practicable, amendments upon the Committee's scheme for the Provident Fund, if they wish it to be amended, in order that it may be finally decided whether the Committee's scheme or a scheme formed upon the amendments of the several Members of the Service, is to be brought into operation.

Seconded by Mr. F. Lushington.

The amendment having been put to the Meeting is negatived.

The original Proposition is then put to the Vote and carried by a majority.

The thanks of the Meeting are unanimously voted to Mr. J. Goldingham for his conduct in the Chair.

S. D. BIRCH, *Secretary.*

J. GOLDINGHAM, *Chairman.*

N° 889

Ordered that the Packet
& the address of Fellows Coutts and Co.
together with three copies of the Proceedings
received with the foregoing letter, be for-
warded to the Honble Court of Directors

Fort St George
31st October 1837