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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 24th Novr. 1857.

- (a) *Military, Foreign, Home, Public Works.*
- (b) *Bengal, Madras, Bombay, N. W. P., Central Provinces.*
- (c) *Chief Commissioner, Punjab; Civil Auditor, Fort William.*

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Departments, (a) Governments, (b) and Officers (c) noted in the margin for information and guidance.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,

Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 10.

ORDER THEREON, No. 741; dated 21st November 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Civil Auditor, and also to the Military Department.

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 24th Novr. 1857.

No. 9. Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council in the Financial Department, under date the 5th November 1857, No. 4658.

Read the undermentioned papers on the subject of the payment of the salaries of Officers and Establishments, whose employment in the Civil Department has ceased in consequence of the Mutinies.

Financial Department Notification, No. 37, dated 28th August 1857.

Extract from the Proceedings of this Government in the Foreign Department, No. 3959, dated 23rd September 1857.

Financial Department's Order, No. 4108, dated 1st October 1857.

Letter from the Civil Auditor, Fort William, No. 2070, dated the 5th October 1857.

Extract from the Proceedings of this Government in the Military Department, No. 970 dated the 24th October 1857.

RESOLUTION.—On the 28th August last, this Government passed certain Rules in respect of the payment of the salaries of Officers and Establishments whose employment in the Civil Department has ceased in consequence of the Mutinies.

In September following Ram Chunder Pakrasee, Head Clerk, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Zillah Poona in Oude, submitted an application for permission to draw his salary under the abovementioned rules from the Treasury at Allahabad whither he had fled for safety.

In forwarding this application to the Civil Auditor, Fort William, for disposal, this Government enquired what steps were taken by him, previous to audit in such cases, in order to ensure Government against the risk of overpayment.

The Civil Auditor stated in reply "my practice is in auditing the Salary Bills of Officers and Establishments whose employment in the Civil Department has ceased in consequence of the mutiny to require from Covenanted and Uncovenanted Officers, who receive their appointments direct from Government, a Certificate on honor stating the date up to which they have drawn their salaries together with a guarantee to refund any amount that may be (when free communication will be restored in the disturbed Districts) ascertained to have been overpassed. In the case of ministerial Officers, such as Clerks, Mohurrers, Overseers of Roads, &c., a statement from a Covenanted Officer certifying as to the identity of the parties together with a guarantee to the above effect signed by two respectable persons is required before passing their Salary Bills."

On the 24th Ultimo, another application was submitted from one Bhuggobuty Churn Chatterjee calling himself a Sircar of the 10th Regiment Oude Irregular Infantry, which mutinied in June last, and soliciting payment of his salary under the Rules of the 28th August 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council observes that though the Oude Irregular Infantry has been treated *in account* as a Civil Corps, the Rules of the 28th August last were not intended to apply to the Establishments of such Corps. Those orders apply (as a Rule) to the incumbents of purely Civil Offices and their Establishments, and it is only in certain special cases that they have been applied to Officers holding Staff Appointments in the Military and Public Works Departments. The Establishments of Civil Corps may with propriety be separately provided for in the Military Department.

With regard to the incumbents of purely Civil Offices and their Establishments, His Lordship in Council is of opinion that in order to guard against arrears of salaries being paid to parties disaffected towards the Government, it is necessary that the Civil Auditor, in addition to the precautions noticed above, should in every case in which a Native is an applicant (whether such Native be of the class contemplated in Rule 2, or in Rule 4, of the Rules of the 28th August 1857,) require a Certificate of good conduct from a Covenanted Officer, to the effect that he can state from his own knowledge, or after a special enquiry, that no suspicion attaches to the applicant of his having, in any way, been implicated in the rebellion.

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- (c) Chief Commissioner Punjab
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At the Extract
W. H. L. S.
Secy. to the Government of India
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