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Read the following Papers :—

No. 31. From C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Register of the Sudder Udalut; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 7th October 1859.

1. I have the honor to bring the following circumstances to the notice of the Government, in the hope that some remedy may be afforded for the inconvenience alluded to.

2. Civil Servants availing themselves of leave of absence on private affairs, can draw no salary till they return to duty.

3. They must therefore obtain money from their Agents, who must apply to the Accountant General for Bills on the local Treasuries.

4. It sometimes happens, however, that no funds are available; and the negociation of Bills of exchange being always difficult in the interior, the Civil Absentee is liable to be placed in circumstances of the greatest inconvenience.

5. This is my present position. I can draw no salary. My Agents cannot obtain a Bill on the Coimbatore Treasury, as no funds are advertised as available for that purpose. I cannot obtain cash for a draft on my Agents, because there is a great scarcity of money, and cash is what every one is in need of.

6. In order therefore to prevent such a combination of circumstances as I have described, from operating as a virtual prohibition against the taking of privilege leave, I would suggest that the Accountant General be authorized to comply with all applications made on behalf of Civil Absentees for Bills on the local Treasuries, whether funds in such Treasuries be available for the public generally or not.

7. Such applications will always be very limited both in number and amount, and can never therefore occasion inconvenience to the Collector upon whose Treasury the Bills are drawn. On the other hand, the indulgence is one which it appears only reasonable and just to extend to public Officers so peculiarly circumstanced.

Referred for the report of the Accountant General.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
12th October 1859.

No. 32. From R. P. HARRISON, Esq., Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 18th October 1859, No. 260.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter to your address from Mr. C. F. Chamier, dated the 7th instant (referred to me with your Office Memo : of the 12th Idem,) in which that Gentleman suggests that the Accountant General may be authorized to comply with all applications made on behalf of Civil Absentees for Bills on the Local Treasuries, whether funds in such Treasuries be available for the public generally or not.

2. There is in my opinion no objection to allowing Civil and other Officers on leave, Bills for small amounts on any Local Treasury (the state of the Treasury admitting of it) although funds may not be publicly advertized as available. It has indeed been the practice to grant Bills to Officers of Government, Missionaries, and others when asked for upon special grounds, and more frequently upon the Coimbatore Treasury than upon any other.

3. With reference to the 5th paragraph of Mr. Chamier's letter, I beg to state that on the 26th ultimo, I received from Messrs. Binny and Co., a note from Mr. Chamier in which he applied for a Bill on Coimbatore for 500 Rupees. I wrote the word " grant" upon the application and sent it into the Office, and it appears that the person who brought Messrs. Binney and Co's. letter was informed that the bill would be issued on his bringing an application in the prescribed form. This was not done till the 10th instant, when the application was complied with.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, from 5th to 21st October 1859.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1859, No. 586.

Ordered that a copy of the Accountant General's letter be furnished to Mr. Chamier in reference to his communication of the 7th Instant.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. W. Komareck.

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THE RESPECTFUL MEMORIAL OF

JOHN WILLIAM CHERRY.
EDWARD GEORGE ROBERT FANE.
JOHN RATLIFF.
JOHN HENRY GOLDIE.
THOMAS JOHN KNOX.

Members of Her Majesty's Indian Civil Service, on the Madras Establishment

to HER MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA IN COUNCIL

Humbly Sheweth;

NOTIFICATION.

Fort St. George, May 3d, 1859.

The following Telegram received from the Government of India, is published for general information:—

Saturday, 30th April 1859.

The following Notification has this day been published in the Calcutta Extraordinary.

Mr. Richett's reports on Civil Salaries being now under the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, it is hereby notified that in the case of all Civil Appointments made after the date of this Notification, the salaries of such appointment, will be held to be subject to such reduction as may be determined upon by the Government of India provisionally, and permanently to such reductions as shall be ordered by the Secretary of State for India.

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council.

(*Signed.*) *T. PYCROFT,*
Chief Secretary.

1. That your Memorialists have reason to believe, with reference to the Order of the Supreme Government, marginally quoted, that a general reduction in the scale of emoluments at present attached to the several Offices filled by Members of their Service, is in contemplation:— the said reduction to affect all Incumbents appointed subsequently to the 30th of April 1859.

2. That your Memorialists, would, from their particular position in the Service and its attendant circumstances, be far more seriously affected and injured by the working of this Order, than any of their Junior Brethern—and venture, accordingly, to submit the same for *special* consideration:— apart, that is to say, from any representations that may be made by, or considered with reference to, the Service generally.

3. That, being of the Season of 1839, your Memorialists have individually served the Government for *twenty years:*—but, owing to a tardiness in promotion- without precedent in the Service— arising, partly and chiefly from the abolition of the Provincial Courts— partly, from the insufficieney of available Annuities— they are, notwithstanding, still without permanent advancement to the higher Line— grades (Civil and Session Judge—or Collector and Magistrate—to wit)—and consequently rendered liable, by the above quoted Order, to succeed to such, hereafter, upon reduced allowances only.

4. That, had the previously ordinary rate of advancement in the Service not been thus suddenly and sadly retarded, your Memorialists would have all, and some even long, eré now received such final Line—Promotion, will be apparent from a glance at Past Records;—whilst reference to the Civil List of to-day will shew that, even under existing drawbacks, it has not only already reached two Gentlemen of the *same* Season as themselves (1839) Messrs. Hathaway and Ellis, but, been even conferred upon two others of *subsequent* Seasons—Mr. Cadell of 1840—and Mr. P. Grant of 1842--all prior to the restrictive date.

5. Unfortunate therefore as your Memorialists have indubitably been in not having obtained permanent Advancement to the highest Line- Grades at a period antecedent to the 1st of May 1859 (and consequently early enough to have been spared the necessity for this present Appeal)— they beg to very earnestly and respectfully submit, how bitterly past disappointment will be enhanced, if this very tardiness in Promotion, from and under which they have already suffered, per se, should also become the direct impediment to their obtaining that Promotion, eventually, except upon terms less advantageous than those under which both their Cotemporaries *and Juniors*, have already received it.

6. That this last fact would, of itself, suffice to ensure the sympathy of Her Majesty's Government in the matter, and establish their claim to be hereafter placed in a no less advantageous relative position as to emoluments, on promotion, than that already attained to by those their more fortunate Cotemporaries and Juniors,— your Memorialists do not doubt:—though cannot, at the same time, forbear suggesting, independently of considerations connected with, or engendered by, comparison of positions, how sore a grievance would, in any case be, de facto, inflicted, were the legitimate hopes and prospects cherished, and built upon, by faithful and unoffending servants, for the protracted period of 20 *Years*, to be thus suddenly blighted, on the very eve of fruition!—Those younger in the Service, however much they might feel the pressure of the present, would, nathless, still have it in their power to render the future less hopeless, by a mean while exercise of stricter economy— the necessity for which, the fore-known conditions of that future would themselves suggest. Not so, however, your Memorialists. *Four-fifths* of their prescribed term of Service has already passed away:—it is no longer open to *them*, by timely economies to oppose, or at any rate to sensibly mitigate, deteriorated position:—*their* past has been regulated with reference to, and in reliance upon, a far different future, to that, apparently, dawning upon them:—*they* have, naturally, and *legitimately*, looked forward to the period of receipt of the, comparatively, high emoluments hitherto attainable on final promotion, as one that would afford sufficient facility for laying by, to enable the dispensing with any extraordinary anticipatory carefulness— and have lived accordingly:— they have, in fact, lived for 20 years in the fair, reasonable, and legitimate, expectation of one, and as they believed, guaranteed, future position, and find themselves suddenly, and from no fault of their own, placed face to face with another of (as feared,) a sadly deteriorated character.

7. Assured, accordingly, that a consideration of the several circumstances attendant upon their position in the Service, as above set forth, will have served to convince Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India in Council, of the *peculiar* hardship with which the (presumed) contemplated alteration in salaries would, specially, bear upon them, individually and collectively, if applied to their case, your Memorialists venture to respectfully solicit, "that they may be excepted from the operation of the restrictive Order of the" "Supreme Government under date 30th April 1859 quoted at opening of this Memorial—" "and be permitted to hereafter succeed, permanently, to the Offices of Civil and Session" "Judge, Collector and Magistrate, or other Office soever conferred hereafter as promo-" "tion, upon such salary and emoluments as are presently attached thereto" :—observing,

at the same time, that, each of your Memorialists is even now *temporarily* filling the one or other of abovenamed Offices; whilst some have *been doing* so, off and on, for the last *five* Years as per annexed memorandum at foot:— and, that the absence of hitherto confirmation therein has arisen solely from their misfortune, and in no way soever from their fault, your Memorialists venture to believe that the Local Government will not hesitate to state in their behalf.

8. Having thus submitted their case for consideration as fully as they have felt at liberty to do in a petition of the kind, and expressed a belief, which, with reference to the nature of that case, they cannot but confidently entertain, as to its commanding the ready sympathy of Her Majesty's Government, your Memorialists cannot, nathless, conceal from themselves the fact, that, notwithstanding it's palpable hardship, and the crying necessity for relief of some sort, it *may* be deemed inadvisable to afford that relief in the particular manner above proposed;—and they therefore, under this feeling, venture to suggest a second mode, which, whilst acceptable to themselves as an alternative, will, they venture to believe, with reference to precedent, be also of a nature to render it so to Her Majesty's Government.—Your Memorialists are fully sensible that, whatever the amount of individual hardship or inconvenience involved, private interests must, and as a rule are made to, succumb to public weal, whatever the matter at issue:— but, they are happy, at the same time, in the recollection, that sacrifices are *never* insisted upon, without the grant of such "*Compensation*" as the case may demand and circumstances admit of.—That the interests and prospects of your Memorialists *would* be not only seriously, but, as regards their fellow-servants, *specially*, affected, by a reduction of salaries, if carried out as at present, apparently, contemplated, they have already shewn:— but, should such carrying out, *in it's integrity* be deemed indispensable, and exceptions in their special cases (for whatever cause) held to be inadvisable, they would respectfully submit (as the second mode of meeting their case above adverted to) the feasibility of affording them *Compensation*, and in the following manner— to wit— "by according to each of them," "permission to quit the Service, at once, or as soon as desirous, upon the *full* Pension" "of £500 per annum— plus such Anunity as each of them may have *actually subscribed*" "*for*, to the Anunity Fund".

9. This Pension would not, under existing Rules, be available, in *full*, until after a further Service of five Years—but a title to $\frac{4}{5}$ (four-fifths) of it, your Memorialists have already *actually acquired*, by a hitherto Service of $\frac{4}{5}$ (four-fifths) of the period necessary for a title to the whole:—the grant therefore of the *remaining fifth, without the obligation of serving for it* is *all* they ask, or would be really obtaining, in the shape of actual, bonâfide, *Compensation*:—a proposition, accordingly, which, they venture to believe, will be viewed as one, moderate in itself, and consequently, at once, admissible.

10. That the British Government would, suddenly and summarily, not only alter the terms of tenure in a service under it, in a manner so as to seriously and exceptionally affect the pecuniary position of a section of it's Members, but notwithstanding, *virtually*, compel those Members to continue in that deteriorated Service, by withholding the means

of withdrawal from it, your Memorialists cannot believe to be possible:— whilst, to simply permit, and afford means for, that withdrawal, by grant of such *proportionate* Pension only as each Member had *actually served for*, calculated with reference to heretofore existing rule as to rate and period, (i. e. £ 500 after 25 years) without, at the same time, affording "*Compensation soever, in addition,*" for the withdrawn advantages which had thus brought about that premature resignation, would, they venture to also believe, be similarly opposed, alike to British principles— and British precedent.

In the humble, but confident hope, accordingly, that one or other of their Prayers will be granted, your Memorialists subscribe themselves as Your Most Obedient, Humble Servants.

October 1859.

JOHN WILLIAM CHERRY.
EDWARD GEORGE ROBERT FANE.
JOHN RATLIFF.
JOHN HENRY GOLDIE.
THOMAS JOHN KNOX.

The following Memorandum exhibits the several Senior-grade appointments to which your Memorialists have been temporarily nominated from time to time during the past five years.

J. W. CHERRY.
- As Judge of Salem, 28th September 1855.
- „ Collector of Tanjore, 13th May 1856.
- „ Do. of Salem, 6th January 1857.
- „ Judge of Salem, 17th April 1857.
- „ Collector of Coimbatore, 26th March 1858.
- „ Judge of Salem, 8th March 1859.

in which last appointment he was confirmed on the 1st September 1859.

E. G. R. FANE.
- As Post Master General, 21st December 1858.
- „ Collector of Salem, 15th April 1859.
- „ Post Master General, 9th June 1859.

in which last appointment he is still officiating.

J. RATLIFF.
- As Collector of Nellore, 25th July 1854.
- „ Judge of Rajahmundry, 7th July 1857.
- „ Collector of South Arcot, 16th November 1858.
- „ Judge of Nellore, 25th April 1859.

in which last appointment he is still officiating

J. H. GOLDIE.
- As Judge of Chittoor 4th December 1857.
- „ Do. of Bellary 21st December 1858.

in which last appointment he is still officiating.

T. J. KNOX.
- As Judge of Masulipatam 14th December 1855.
- „ Collector of Do. 27th January 1857.
- „ Agent in Ganjam 26th May 1858.
- „ Collector of Masulipatam 16th March 1859.
- „ Do. of Salem 23rd May 1859.

in which last appointment he is still officiating.

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Honolulu Oahu

My dear Mr. Pycroft

I shall esteem it a great kindness, if you will oblige me by aiding and far as consistently & possibly in procuring the early despatch of the herewith Memorials to the Home authorities - with which I am personally, & pretty deeply impressed relative to the Kingdom of Hawaii, and respecting the final & speedy action committed

committee to any particular
point caused on the subject.
We are also clearly and Rationally
of opinion, that a Grant of
Land accompanied by the occupation
duties of the Local Forces
Such the evil will, if inflicted
Jail more heavily upon the
unfortunate Poor of 1839
than upon any other Class
of the Community, is beyond a
doubt - and that Legislature
according to every reasonable
cause for Hope, that exceptions
may be made accordingly
in your favour, and shall

any personal Interest on
the Subject that may influence
& dispose the matter under
of each of the 4 parishioners
whose names are subscribed
to - subscribed - and address
for answer joint & Separately
signed, as having drawn up,
circulated the Documents
and by request of the other -
Resp.ly Lemuel Allen jr.

many & most Respectfully declined
joining such, however and took
exception to the petitions
for a parish formation &c, on
a technicality - (as per form
p. 9 & 10) - but apparently
desiring to get rid for such
Education - that on a

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Read the following papers:

From C. H. Chamier Esq.

(Dated 4th October 1859)

From the Acct. General

(Dated 18th — " — 1859)

Order thereon 21 October 1859 — No. 506.

Ordered that a copy of the Accountant Genl's letter be furnished to Mr Chamier in reference to his communication of the 4th Instant.

To C. H. Chamier Esq. &c &c &c

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