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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated London, 7th June 1861, No. 45.

1. I have considered in Council the Memorial signed by 86 members of your Covenanted Civil Service, which was forwarded with your Financial letter dated the 24th February 1860, No. 2, and the further Memorial from a large number of the members of the same Service, transmitted with your letter dated the 8th May 1860, No. 9.

2. In the former of those Memorials it is represented that the Civil Service Annuity Fund has failed to answer the purposes for which it was founded, and the Memorialists request that the Fund may be abolished, and that pensions, according to length of service, may be granted in lieu thereof.

3. You agree with the Memorialists as to the disadvantageous working of the Annuity Fund, and its failure to accomplish the objects for which it was established, and although you do not support the prayer of the Memorialists to the full extent, you recommend that, as regards the present members of the Civil Service, the subscriptions standing to their credit in the accounts of the Fund should be returned to them; that to those who might be compelled to retire by certified ill health pensions should be granted according to the following scale:—

After 10 years' actual service, 150*l.* per annum.

" 15	"	250 <i>l.</i>	"
" 20	"	400 <i>l.</i>	"

and that after 25 years' actual service a Covenanted Civil Servant be allowed to retire on a pension of 600*l.* per annum, irrespective of all conditions.

4. The Memorial signed by 60 members of your Civil Service, and transmitted with your letter No. 9 of 1860, deprecates the requirement of a service of 25 years in order to qualify for the proposed pension of 600*l.*, and prays that 22 years' actual service may be admitted as a qualification for that pension, or that a pension of 500*l.*, be granted after 22 years' residence, the higher pension of 600*l.* being obtainable after 25 years' service.

5. The prayer of this Memorial is not supported by your Government; and, with reference to your former recommendation, you do not consider that the proposed rules should be made compulsory, but that all Civil servants now on the establishment should be allowed the option either of accepting the new rules or of adhering to those now in force.

6. On the establishment of the Civil Service Annuity Funds, in the year 1825, it was contemplated that the grant of four annuities annually from the Madras Fund would enable subscribers, eligible by 25 years' service, including 22 years' residence in India, to obtain annuities on their retirement.

7. It is represented by the Memorialists that there were, at the date of their Memorial, 43 servants on the Madras establishment who had served the time necessary to entitle them to an annuity, of whom 10 had served 30 years in India, 8 had served 28 years, and 25 upwards of 25 years, and that one Civil servant, having served the full time, had resigned the Service, and was waiting his turn for the annuity in England; that there were, consequently, 44 Gentlemen qualified for the annuities; and that, at the rate of 4 annually provided by the Fund, 11 years must elapse "before the whole of those now entitled by length of service to retire can obtain any retiring pension."

8. I do not consider that the abolition of the Civil Service Annuity Fund would be an advantage either to the servants or to the State, and I must, therefore, decline to comply with the prayer of those Memorials.

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9. At the same time, I admit that the circumstances reported by the Memorialists call for some remedy, and I consider that the most suitable mode of meeting the present excess in the number of claimants of annuities will be to allow to Civil servants who have completed the prescribed period of 25 years' service, and 22 years' residence, the option of retiring immediately on 500*l.* per annum, that amount being the portion of the annuity granted by the Government, they subsequently receiving in turn the full amount of annuity to which their subscriptions may entitle them.

10. I accordingly authorize your publishing a notification to that effect.

ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1861, No. 362.

Resolved, that the foregoing Despatch be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette for the information of the Members of the Covenanted Civil Service.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of the Government Press.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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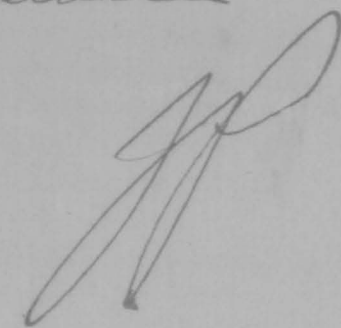
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