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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 India Office, London, 24th November 1863, No. 89.

I have had under my consideration in Council your Financial letter, dated the 13th of August last, No. 16, in which you forward a letter from the Secretary to the Civil Service Annuity Fund, "pointing out that, of the gentlemen to whom annuities were granted in" your "order of "the 10th of January 1863, Messrs. Conway, Bayley, Molle, Whittingham, and Knox had retired "on the temporary Government allowance of £500, before the Memorial from the Members of "the Madras Civil Service was sent in to Government."

2. You state that, "from the wording of paragraph 5 of" my "Despatch of the 25th of "November" 1862, you "were under the impression that the benefit of the new arrangement "was to be extended to all Civil Servants who had not obtained annuities when the Memorials "were sent in;" and you submit that "the general tenor of the paragraph in question, and the "omission from it of any special allusion to the case of persons who had retired, but had not "obtained annuities, are . . . . sufficient to justify the construction which" you "put "upon it." You, therefore, request that your order granting annuities, under the new rules, to the five gentlemen above referred to, may be permitted to remain in force.

3. I cannot admit that "the general tenor of the paragraph" was such as to justify the interpretation which you have placed upon its concluding sentence. My Despatch of the 25th of November 1862 communicated "the result of the consideration by Her Majesty's Government of "the Memorials from the Covenanted Civil Servants of the several Governments in India, on the "subject of their retiring annuities, and of the pensions of their widows and orphans;" and it was clearly intended to apply only to the Civil Servants who had signed those Memorials, or been in the service at the time when they were sent in to Government.

4. Nor can I admit that the allowance which is granted by Government to Civil Servants, on their resigning the service, is a "temporary allowance," and not an "annuity." In my Financial Despatch to your Government, dated the 7th of June 1861, No. 45, I stated that Civil Servants, who had completed the prescribed period of 25 years' service and 22 years' residence, might be allowed "the option of retiring immediately on £500 per annum, that amount being "the portion of the annuity granted by Government, they subsequently receiving, in turn, "the full amount of annuity to which their "subscriptions may entitle them;" and, in the very paragraph* to which you refer, it is "decided that a Civil Servant, who has completed the prescribed period of service and residence, shall be granted by Government an annuity of £600.

* Paragraph 5 of Financial Despatch to the Government of India, dated November 25th, 1862, No. 193.

5. As several months had elapsed between the time at which the Memorials were sent in and the date of my Despatch communicating the decision of Her Majesty's Government, it appeared to me that it would be but fair to allow the benefit of the new arrangement to a Civil Servant who had, in the meantime, resigned the service, even though he had obtained an annuity.

6. I regret, therefore, that I must decline to comply with your request, that the five gentlemen alluded to in your letter should be allowed to receive the Government annuity of £600.

ORDER THEREON, 25th January 1864, No. 63.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Despatch be furnished to the Secretary to the Civil Fund, with reference to his letter of the 18th July 1863, No. 252.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Secretary to the Civil Fund.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Financial Department.

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Permission to continue the grant of the increased annuity to Mrs Conway Bayley Molle Whittingham and Anne refused

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