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21st June 1864.

No. 37. Read the following letter from R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Civil Paymaster, Fort Saint George ; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, Public Department, dated Fort Saint George, 13th June 1864, No. 44.

I have the honor, with reference to Government Order, No. 304, dated 8th instant, to state that my proceedings appear to be perfectly correct when examined in connection with the correspondence herewith submitted.

2. The Resolution of the Government of India quoted by His Excellency in Council having directed that rank was to date from the arrival of the first Civil servant appointed in *one season*, the question arose what was to be understood as *the season* ?

3. Nothing clear on this point appearing to be on record, the Calcutta Audit Office was written to on the subject.

4. It will be seen that Mr. Sandeman states that the rank of a Civilian is computed *from the 30th April preceding the date of his arrival in India*, and on this principle it follows that if a Civilian A of the old or Haileybury class arrived in India any time before the 1st of May of a year, he will throughout his service take higher rank than another B, who, though perhaps of the same term as himself at College or even above him, did not reach India till after the said 1st of May, because the latter will belong to the year commencing with the previous 1st of May, whereas the former belongs to the year which terminated before that date.

5. In the erratum it should have been stated that Mr. Minchin takes rank from 11th June 1863.

From R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Civil Paymaster ; to the Civil Paymaster, Fort William, dated Fort Saint George, 20th February 1864, No. 44.

I have the honor to request that I may be informed upon the following point, viz., what is the season of appointment of Covenanted Civil Servants ?

2. The question seems an open one, and the cases which have led to the present reference are those of Mr. L. C. Innes, and others down to and including Mr. E. B. Foord on the Madras establishment.

3. Upon reference to the Madras Civil List, it will be seen that the service of Mr. J. I. Minchin began in December 1843, and that of Messrs. Innes, Child, Sullivan, and Smith in February 1844, while that of Messrs. Roberts, Hodgson, Ellis, and Foord did not begin till July 1844.

4. At present all these gentlemen stand as of the season 1844, whereas it is quite evident that the five first named must have left Haileybury in December 1843, the others in June 1844. Are they all of one season as regards appointment or not ? and if so, are they rightly set down as of 1844 ?

5. Upon the answer given depends the date of their promotion to 2nd Class, and in the answer I would request to be informed whether, in counting season of appointment, the Calendar or any other year is the one according to which it is to be computed.

6. An early answer is solicited.

No. 3951.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

In reply to your No. —, dated 20th ultimo.

2. In the instances cited by you all the appointments date prior to November 1860, and the rank of the Civilians named must therefore reckon from the 30th April of the year in which they severally stood appointed. In respect to Civil servants appointed after November 1860, the practice of this office, based on the former ruling, is to treat the official year as the season of

appointment, and to compute the rank accordingly from the date of arrival of the first Civil servant of each season—Vide Financial Resolution, dated October 1860, published at page 2321 of the *Calcutta Gazette*, dated 3rd November following.

(Signed) H. SANDEMAN,
Civil Paymaster.

FORT WILLIAM,
CIVIL PAYMASTER'S OFFICE,
31st March 1864.

To the Civil Paymaster, Fort Saint George.

No. 149.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

Your letter, No. 3951, dated 31st March 1864.

2. The principal point in my letter to which the above is a reply has not been noticed by you, viz., what is the season of appointment of Covenanted Civil Servants?

3. The difficulty felt by me is fully given in paragraph 4 of my letter of 20th February, and it is particularly requested that full information may be given.

4. Your attention is directed to Nos. 10, 20, 23 and others of the Bengal Civil Service List, published by Cutter, appended to the Official Army List corrected to 1st January last. These gentlemen are stated as of the seasons respectively of 1829-30, of 1831-32, and 1835-36, though they did not arrive till 14th January 1831, 24th June 1833, and 17th January 1837.

5. It is not understood therefore how your present statement, regarding the rank of Civil servants being regulated from the 30th of April in each year, can be correct.

6. Please favour me with an example or two, showing how the rank of several Civilians of different standing has been regulated by you.

7. An early answer is requested.

(Signed) R. W. LODWICK,
Civil Paymaster.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
CIVIL PAYMASTER'S OFFICE,
14th April 1864.

To the Civil Paymaster, Fort William.

No. 4078.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

In reply to your No. 149, dated 14th ultimo.

2. The season of appointment of a Civilian is the official year in which he stands appointed; but, as should have been stated in my former Memorandum, the rank of a Civilian is computed from the 30th April preceding the date of his arrival in India. Thus in the instances cited by you, No. 10 arrived on the 14th January 1831, the 30th April preceding was the 30th April 1830, No. 10 is therefore a Civilian of 1829-30. Similarly, Nos. 20 and 28, having arrived on the 24th June 1833, and 17th January 1837, respectively, belong to the years 1832-33 and 1835-36 as shown in the Civil List prepared in this office; No. 20, is erroneously entered in the List to which you refer as a Civilian of 1831-32.

(Signed) H. SANDEMAN,
Civil Paymaster.

FORT WILLIAM,
CIVIL PAYMASTER'S OFFICE,
30th May 1864.

To the Civil Paymaster, Fort Saint George.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) W. DONALD,
Chief Asst. to Civil Paymaster.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
21st June 1864.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1864, No. 320.

The Governor in Council sees no reason to question the correctness of the opinion expressed in the Proceedings of Government under date the 8th instant, as to the principle on which the rank of Civil servants should be calculated.

2. In the opinion of His Excellency in Council, the Civil Paymaster at Fort William (who is no more an authority on that or on any other point than the Civil Paymaster of any other Presidency) is clearly in error in construing the word season in the case of Civil servants who passed through Haileybury as the official year.

3. Mr. Lodwick will submit an amended List prepared on the principle laid down by this Government.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Civil Paymaster.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Civil Auditor.

Here enter 13th June 1864 No. 641

Order thereon 21st June 1864 No. 320.

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To the Civil Paymaster at

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No. 320

PROCEEDINGS of GOVERNMENT.

Fin[l] No 562

Civil Fin[l] Dept

Dated 21st June 1864

The correctness of the opinion expressed by Govt as to the principle on which the rank of Civil servants should be calculated questioned by the Civil Paymaster.

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