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No. 113. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Marine Department, dated Fort William, the 9th September 1871:—

From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Appointment Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort William, the 17th May 1871, No. 683-R.:—

I am directed to state that in any reconsideration of the Absentee Rules it appears to the Lieutenant-Governor that some rule is necessary to prevent Uncovenanted Officers, whose health is not equal to their duties, from taking long leave on half pay very soon after their appointment to the service of Government, and especially those who have failed to qualify themselves by the prescribed test in the points most necessary to the performance of their duties, and who are in consequence on probation only. The Lieutenant-Governor observes that two Officers of the Police (Messrs. V. S. Robertson and M. F. Beamish) and two Officers of the Opium Department (Messrs. DeC. Hobson and R. J. Harrison) are now on long leave to Europe drawing half allowances without having passed any of the prescribed examinations in vernacular languages. Messrs. Robertson and Beamish, who entered the Police as Assistant Superintendents respectively in January 1864 and March 1866, are absent on leave on medical certificate—the former for eighteen months from June 1870, and the latter for fifteen months from September following. Messrs. Hobson and Harrison were appointed to the Opium Department in January and November 1865 respectively, and are on sick leave from June 1870—Mr. Hobson for eighteen, and Mr. Harrison for fifteen months. Another case has just occurred of an Assistant in the Opium Department who after one year's service has applied for leave to Europe on medical certificate.

2. There are some superior appointments to which gentlemen are appointed without previous service, who under the rules are entitled to long leave on medical certificate at any time after appointment. It seems to the Lieutenant-Governor that in the case of more highly paid appointments, half pay in Europe is sometimes more valuable than whole pay in India, and that such indulgence should properly be earned by long service and not be claimed as a right without service.

NOTIFICATION by the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Simla, the 10th August 1871, No. 2620.

The Governor-General in Council is pleased to rule that no person shall be appointed to the public service in India in a grade eligible to pension without a certificate by a Commissioned Medical Officer, or by a Medical Officer in charge of a civil station, that he has no disease, constitutional affection, or bodily infirmity unfitting him, or likely to unfit him, for the public service.

From the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated Simla, the 10th August 1871, No. 2621.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 683-R., of the 17th May 1871, and, in reply, to state that the necessity for a rule, such as that

proposed in that letter, will probably be obviated by the Notification of this Department, No. 2620, of this day's date, but that the subject will receive further consideration.

ORDER.—Ordered that copies of the above be forwarded to the Foreign, Home, Military, Public Works, and Legislative Departments, and the Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, for expression of opinion with the following remarks. It is fair that the risk of health failing should be shared by the Government and its officers at first. This Department is inclined to consider that if health breaks down during the first two years, leave of absence should be granted without allowances. After two years, one-fifth of full medical leave allowances might be granted for each year of service until the full rate is reached.

(Signed) J. WESTLAND,
Under Secy. to the Govt .of India.

No. 14.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, for the opinion of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council.

(By order.)
(Signed) D. J. WELSH, Major, R. A.,
Offg. Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 114. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Ootacamund, 23rd October 1871, No. 595.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of docket, No. 14, forwarding copy of the Resolution of the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 2620, dated 10th August 1871, for the opinion of the Governor in Council.

2. In reply, I am to state that His Excellency in Council thinks that the rule contained in the notification already issued by the Government is sufficient for all purposes, and that no restrictions should be placed upon the grant of leave on medical certificate further than those prescribed by the existing rules. In most of the Departments in which English gentlemen are employed as Uncovenanted Servants, *e. g.*, the Police, Forest, Revenue Survey and Settlement, the duties are often of a trying character, involving much exposure to the sun or service in feverish tracts. In such cases the refusal or restriction of allowances during absence on medical certificate might be tantamount to a sentence of death upon the individual, as well as prejudicial to the service of the State by forcing men unfit for duty to remain at their posts.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. J. Wright.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated 28th October 1871.

Read.

No. 605.

Enclosure.

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Nos. 113-114.

Stating that no restrictions should be placed upon the grant of leave on medical certificate to Uncovenanted Servants further than those prescribed by the existing rules.

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Financial Department.

Sir

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Council.

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23rd Oct. 1871.

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Marine Department, Fort William, the 9th September 1871.

From R. THOMPSON, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Appointment Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department,—(No. 683R, dated Fort William, the 17th May 1871.)

I AM directed to state that in any re-consideration of the absentee rules, it appears to the Lieutenant-Governor that some rule is necessary to prevent Uncovenanted Officers, whose health is not equal to their duties, from taking long leave on half pay very soon after their appointment to the service of Government, and especially those who have failed to qualify themselves by the prescribed test in the points most necessary to the performance of their duties, and who are in consequence on probation only. The Lieutenant-Governor observes that two Officers of the Police (Messrs. V. S. Robertson and M. F. Beamish) and two Officers of the Opium Department (Messrs. DeC. Hobson and R. J. Harrison) are now on long leave to Europe, drawing half allowances without having passed any of the prescribed examinations in vernacular languages. Messrs. Robertson and Beamish, who entered the police as Assistant Superintendents respectively in January 1864 and March 1866, are absent on leave on medical certificate—the former for eighteen months from June 1870, and the latter for fifteen months from September following. Messrs. Hobson and Harrison were appointed to the Opium Department in January and November 1865 respectively, and are on sick leave from June 1870, Mr. Hobson for eighteen, and Mr. Harrison for fifteen months. Another case has just occurred of an assistant in the Opium Department, who after one years' service has applied for leave to Europe on medical certificate.

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No. 2620, DATED SIMLA, THE 10TH AUGUST 1871.

Notification—By the Government of India, Financial Department.

The Governor General in Council is pleased to rule that no person shall be appointed to the public service in India in a grade eligible to pension without a certificate by a commissioned medical officer, or by a medical officer in charge of a civil station, that he has no disease, constitutional affection, or bodily infirmity unfitting him, or likely to unfit him for the public service.

From J. WESTLAND, Esq., Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of Bengal,—(No. 2621, dated Simla, the 10th August 1871.)

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 683R of the 17th May 1871, and in reply to state that the necessity for a rule, such as that proposed in that letter, will probably be obviated by the notification of this department, No. 2620 of this day's date, but that the subject will receive further consideration.

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By order,

Major, R. A.,
Offg. Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 15. To the Secy. to Govt., Bombay, Marine Department.
No. 16. To the Secy. to the Govt. of the Punjab.
No. 17. To the Chief Commissioner, British Burmah.

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Communicating certain correspondence on the subject of laying down a rule to prevent Incorrigible Servants, whose health is not Equal to their duties, from getting long Leave on half pay very soon after their appointment to the Service of Govt.

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Financial DEPARTMENT

From

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated Dec.r 23. 1877.

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No. 595.
Enclosure.

Read 10th Jan.y 1878

Nos. 113-114.

Stating that no restrictions should be placed upon the grant of leave on Med.l Certificate to Accountants Forwards, further than those prescribed by the existing Rules.