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Exchange Compensation Allowance.

Communicating to the Revenue Department letter from the Government of India declining to sanction the proposal of this Government that European Deputy Collectors not being Statutory Natives may be excepted from the order, of that Government which debars members of the Executive Provincial Service from —, and requesting the Superintendent of Stationery to make the necessary intimation to Mr. F. D. Bird with reference to his petition, dated the 18th January 1899.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 1081, Financial, dated 19th November 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the departments of the Secretariat resolution of the Government of India issuing certain further orders as to what are the appointments by virtue of holding which an officer appointed in India, not being a Statutory Native, becomes entitled to exchange compensation allowance, and directing the republication of the resolution in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

G.O., No. 692, Financial, dated 15th June 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Directing that the Government of India be addressed soliciting a reconsideration of its orders on the subject of the grant of exchange compensation allowance in view of making an exception in the case of European Deputy Collectors, who are not Statutory Natives of India, to the rule excluding members of the Provincial Service from the concession.

Letter—No. 693, Financial, dated Ootacamund, 15th June 1899, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department.

I am directed to invite attention to the Resolution of the Government of India, No. 4847 Ex., dated 5th November 1898, embodying certain orders on the subject of the grant of exchange compensation allowance and to solicit the further consideration of the Government of India to the case of the European officers employed as Deputy Collectors in this Presidency.

2. Paragraph 7 of the Resolution in question declares that members of all Provincial Services are entirely outside the exchange compensation allowance rules on the ground that they are wholly recruited in India, that the great majority of them are "Asiatic Natives" and that though there is among them "a sprinkling of Europeans, most of them are Statutory Natives". His Excellency the Governor in Council would urge that this argument cannot be applied without hardship to the case of the European officers who are not Statutory Natives of India and who have been employed in this Presidency as Deputy Collectors for the very reason that they are required for posts demanding European qualifications.

3. This Government has on more than one occasion brought to the notice of the Government of India that in Madras, among Deputy Collectors and Magistrates, a proportion of Europeans is indispensable for administrative reasons. As explained in paragraph 2 of Mr. Forbes' letter addressed to the Home Department of the Government of India, No. 2407, Revenue, dated 15th June 1895, and referred to in paragraph 4 of his subsequent letter No. 1299, dated 14th March 1898, and in paragraph 2 of Mr. Arundel's letter No. 2463, dated 24th June 1896, the services of European Deputy Collectors and Magistrates are required in hill stations, planting districts, military stations and out ports where there may be a considerable European population. Unless a Deputy Magistrate is a European British subject he cannot be entrusted with the powers of a Justice of the Peace. It is impossible always to appoint for such duties European officers who are Statutory Natives; and the existing strength of the Indian Civil Service is insufficient, so long as it is maintained at its present number to provide on all occasions officers for the posts in which the qualifications referred to are required. The need for more officers so qualified is moreover likely to increase in the future. In these circumstances His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that it is indispensable that a certain

proportion of the establishment of Deputy Collectors and Magistrates should be Europeans. The proportion will always be small; and it may be a matter for consideration whether it should be specifically limited. It will in the opinion of His Excellency in Council be a real hardship if Europeans so appointed who are not Statutory Natives are not permitted to draw the special allowance for the mere reason that they are recruited in India. Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors of the Salt and Abkari Department similarly recruited are given the concession, and His Excellency in Council feels that the cases cannot fairly be differentiated.

4. I am in the above circumstances to request that the Government of India will be pleased to reconsider the question in view of making an exception in the case of European Deputy Collectors (not Statutory Natives) to the rule ordinarily applicable to the members of the Provincial Service.

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

Read—also the following paper:—

From J. F. FINLAY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 30th June 1899, No. 2969-Ex.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 693, dated 15th June 1899, in which you ask that European Deputy Collectors not being Statutory Natives may be excepted from the order in paragraph 7 of this department's resolution, No. 4847-Ex., dated 5th November 1898, which debars members of the Executive Provincial Service from exchange compensation allowance.

2. I am to say that the arguments adduced by the Madras Government in support of this course were carefully considered by the Government of India before the resolution of 5th November 1898 was issued; but that it was held that the fact of a small fraction of Europeans being employed therein would not affect the essentially Indian character of this service, which moreover the Secretary of State has expressly indicated in a despatch of March 1895 as being one which cannot claim compensation from Government for the fall of the value of the rupee. The case of the Salt officers to which you refer is different as these belong to a service the European character of which is recognised by its exemption from the restrictive orders of 1879 regarding the employment of men not being Statutory Natives of India. It is an essential principle of the present exchange compensation allowance rules that the claim of a service or department to exchange compensation allowance should be judged by its general character.

3. Having regard to these considerations the Government of India regret that they are unable to sanction the proposal of the Madras Government.

ORDER—No. 798, Financial, dated 15th July 1899.

Communicated to the Revenue Department.

2. The Superintendent of Stationery will make the necessary intimation to Mr. F. D. Bird with reference to his petition, dated the 18th January 1899.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

Superintendent of Stationery.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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resolution no 4847 dt 25 November 1898
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