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No. 229. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment—General,) dated Simla, 18th September 1873, No. 49 :—

Proposal to make subscriptions to Provident Funds obligatory on the part of married European or Eurasian Upper and Lower Subordinates of the Public Works Department as a condition of appointment.

Read the following :—

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. SANKEY, R.E., Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 5th August 1873, No. 101 A.

ADVERTING to Circular No. 16 of 1873, from the Officiating Accountant General in regard to the realization, through Government treasuries, of subscriptions and premia to the Provident Branch of the Uncovenanted Service Family Pension Fund, I have the honour, by desire of the Chief Commissioner, to submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, the question of the expediency of making subscriptions to Provident Funds obligatory on the part of married European or Eurasian Upper and Lower Subordinates of this Department as a condition of appointment.

2. With reference to this subject I am to observe that on an application from the late Chief Commissioner, Mr. Bowring, the Government of India was pleased, in letter No. 832 E of the 28th May 1868, to sanction advances being made to subordinates for the purpose of becoming subscribers to the Madras Widow and Orphan Fund; and, in accordance with this, definite instructions were issued under the Deputy Accountant General's Circular (copy herewith transmitted), No. 633 of the 18th June 1868, defining the conditions under which such advances would be made.

3. It was confidently hoped that under the encouragement thus given to provident and economic habits among the married subordinates of this department, the opportunity would have been gladly availed of to make proper provision for their families, and a stop be put to the frequently recurring cases of destitution, which had originally forced on the attention of the Chief Engineer the desirability of aiding his subordinates to make proper provision for their wives and families.

4. Only one subordinate, in addition to the individual whose case gave rise to the reference in 1868, has however, since the issue of the rules in question, taken advantage of the terms, while at the same time several very distracting cases have occurred of widows and children being left entirely destitute.

5. This is a state of matters which the Chief Commissioner is most anxious should be checked, as both distressing in itself, and more or less discreditable to this administration; and he would, therefore, be glad to learn whether His Excellency in Council is disposed to view favourably the condition, assented to in the first paragraph of this letter, being imposed on newly-appointed European and Eurasian subordinates, while continuing the terms of the printed Circular herewith forwarded, and arranging for payment of instalments by monthly deductions from salary, being made by the Controller, Public Works Accounts.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 17th November 1873.

The Governments of Madras and Bombay, in the Public Works Department.
The Governments of Bengal, North-Western Provinces, and Punjab, in the Buildings and Roads and Irrigation Branches.
The Chief Commissioners of Central Provinces, Oudh, and British Burmah.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor General for Central India and Rajpootana.
The Superintendent of Port Blair and Chief Commissioner of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
The Inspector-General of Military Works.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways at Calcutta, Lahore, and Lucknow.
The Chief Engineer, Punjab Northern (State) Railway.
The Officiating Chief Engineer, Indus Valley (State) Railway.
The Superintending Engineers, Bengal Northern Railway Survey, Delhi and Agra Districts, Rajpootana (State) Railway, Holkar (State) Railway, Neemuch (State) Railway, Western Rajpootana Railway Survey, and Sindia (State) Railway.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the above letter be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations, and to the Officers noted in the margin, with a request that the Government of India may be favoured with their views on the suggestion.

(By order.)

(Signed) J. G. STEEL, Captain, R.E.,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 230. ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1873, No. 2,780.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 21.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent :—

(Here enter No. 2,781, dated 17th November 1873)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 17*th November* 1873.

No. 231.

No. 2,781.

FROM

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 22.

SIR,—In acknowledging the receipt of the Circular of the Government of India, No. 49 of 28th September, inviting the views of Local Governments and Administrations to the question of the expediency of making subscriptions to Provident Funds obligatory on the part of married European or East Indian Upper and Lower Subordinates of the Public Works Department as a condition of appointment, I am directed to observe that His Excellency the Governor in Council, assuming that the proposal has reference to a general fund applicable to public officers of the class in question, of all departments, throughout the empire, considers the establishment of a compulsory service fund to be highly desirable if the Government of India can see its way to its organization.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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I am greatly
in favor of Service
Funds, and Establishe
one for the Police
which was swept away
with its 10 Lacks of Capita
by the Financial Depart
ment in 1864 & 1865:
Protection will be
needed against such
appropriation by any
new Service Fund.

A Compulsory
Service Fund impair
popularity, respectability
and esprit de corps to
a Service and saves
from writhe-dress

the

the families of deceased members.

But a Service Fund to be successful must I think have a larger Constituency than the Madras P.W.D. A Service now Service - although I would make it Compulsory on all Grades if possible - and I think it would be well to enter into Communication with other Governments with a view to the Establishment of a General & Comprehensive Fund for the P.W.D. throughout the Empire.

15/10 JWL

Illustrations of the
Usefulness of such a Fund,
I would point to the
Hospital Appliances
May - the P.W.D. & out
of the branches of
the service also.
I enclose the proposed
Note for a general Fund,
& Articles & Appliances
Officers Mess Cups

I am anxious to
the proposal - be
believing that at the
General wish of
such Funds is
to promote improv
ident marriages
and to foster
improvident habits
and that the
class - & heavily
the Guarantee - be
fined to - and alre
already the Princip
them to bottle. Co
sidering also that
that a measure Co
not be extended to

Having stated the Purpose
of the Fund I shall
say nothing more
I shall therefore
be glad to hear
as desirable - and
would apply
accordingly.

VLR 27/10

the Hon'ble the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of India

No. 2780. Dated the 22nd Sept. 1873.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a Resolution of the Government of Bombay, No. 4949, dated the 18th September 1873, on the subject of the Financial Statement for 1873-74, and to request that you will be pleased to lay the same before the Governor General in Council.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) [illegible]
Secretary to the Govt. of Bombay.

Copy of the Resolution of the Government of Bombay, No. 4949, dated the 18th September 1873.

Read the following Minute by the Hon'ble the Chief Secretary to Government.

The Financial Statement for 1873-74 which has been laid before the Council, shows that the Revenue of the Presidency proper, including Sind, is expected to yield a surplus of Rupees 1,50,000 after providing for the Ordinary Charges of Administration, and for the Extraordinary Charges of the Famine Relief Works, and for the Famine Insurance Grant.

2. The Revenue of Sind is expected to yield a surplus of Rupees 1,50,000 after providing for the Ordinary Charges of Administration, and for the Extraordinary Charges of the Famine Relief Works, and for the Famine Insurance Grant.

3. The Revenue of the Presidency proper, including Sind, is expected to yield a surplus of Rupees 3,00,000 after providing for the Ordinary Charges of Administration, and for the Extraordinary Charges of the Famine Relief Works, and for the Famine Insurance Grant.

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that the proposal has
reference to a general
fund applicable
to public officers of the
class in question, of all Departments,
throughout the empire,
considers the estab-
-lishment of a com-
-pulsory service fund.
to be highly desirable
if the Government
of

of India can see its
way to its organization.

Genl

S.C. dated 25/11/73

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Govt. of {1873} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Secretary to the Govt of India

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 17 Nov. No. 2780.
2781.

No: 22 & 23 & 31

Provident Funds. Passing Orders on Circular from the Govt of India Submitting for Opinion a proposal to make Subscriptions to Provident Funds Obligatory on the part of Married European & Eurasian Upper & Lower Subordinates of the P.W.D. as a Condition of appointment.

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