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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

4th April 1878, No. 1,697 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 52. From A. B. SAMPSON, Esq., Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment—General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway Branch), dated Fort William, 4th March 1878, No. 354 E—G.

I am directed to forward, for information and guidance, a copy of Resolutions of the Government of India, in the Home Department, No. 2,127, dated 30th November 1877, and No. 221, dated 6th February 1878. In accordance with these the practice of notifying in the official gazette the appointment, and subsequent events in the service of members of Office Establishments should be henceforth discontinued, unless they hold the specifically and officially recognized position of Assistant Secretary under a Local Government or Administration. Assistant Secretaries will continue to be gazetted as heretofore.

2. As regards the notifications connected with other branches of the establishment the practice varies. In some gazettes appear notifications of the appointment, promotions, transfers, &c., of Lower Subordinates. In others they are apparently confined to the Engineer Establishment. Though not necessary, it seems desirable that there should be uniformity of practice in these matters, and it would be in accordance with the principle of the Resolutions in the Home Department to adopt the plan of confining the publication of notifications in the official gazettes to those relating to members of the Engineer Establishment and other officers holding analogous positions, and in this view the annexed draft circular has been prepared. But before directing the publication of the circular, the Government of India desires to have the advice of the Local Governments and Administrations.

3. One reason for the expansion of the order in the Home Department is a reference from the Directors of State Railways as to whether the members of the Subordinate Railway Revenue Establishment should be gazetted, the ground of the application being that Upper Subordinates of the Executive Branch of the Public Works Department are gazetted. Now the Subordinate Revenue Establishment is already numerous and diversified, and will become more numerous; it goes down to a grade carrying a minimum salary of Rupees 14 per mensem, and it would be extremely difficult, and, on some grounds, undesirable, to draw a line between the higher and the lower grades, while the latter would not be filled by persons whose appointments, &c., should be published in the official gazette, and the mass of notifications would be most cumbrous.

4. Again the Registrar and others in a large office hold more important posts than the Accountants of the Public Works Department, and yet the former are not gazetted, and the latter are.

5. In the foregoing cases it may be said that the Upper Subordinates and the graded Accountants form one general service for the whole of that part of India which is under the direct control of the Government of India, and in this respect

differ from the Subordinate Railway Revenue Establishment which, though, of course, transferable, will practically belong to one Railway, or from the Registrars and others in large offices, who belong to no general service.

3. It may be admitted that the Upper Subordinates and Accountants attach some importance to their names appearing in the official gazette, and would at first, perhaps, feel that the cessation of the practice lowered their social status, but this feeling would be temporary. Still due weight should be given to it.

7. There can be little doubt that Lower Subordinates should no longer be gazetted.

8. I have been directed to state the case as above to show the points which seem to be involved in the question.

DRAFT OF PROPOSED CIRCULAR.

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2. The practice varies in the several Provinces, and as there is attached to the term "Gazetted Officer" a generally well understood official meaning incompatible with the mass of the notifications in some gazettes, and as there is some vague sort of social importance attached to the appearance of an officer's name in the official gazette, it is desirable that some definite and general rule should be laid down.

3. The Governor-General in Council is accordingly pleased to direct that, for the future, in the Public Works Department, the publication in the official gazettes of notifications of personal matters shall be confined to those which announce events connected with—

- (1.)—The Engineer Establishment.
- (2.)—The Superior Accounts Establishment.
- (3.)—The Superior Railway Revenue Establishment.
- (4.)—State Railway Store-keepers.
- (5.)—Assistant Superintendents of Telegraphs and Officers of higher rank.
- (6.)—Officers holding analogous rank with the foregoing.

4. In the absence of notifications in the gazette, the necessary communications to the individuals concerned and to the Accounts Officers should be made by memorandum.

5. Appointments and promotions of Upper Subordinates and Accountants, under existing rules, should be reported to the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Public Works Department, for the correction of the classified list in monthly returns, which should be transmitted to this office, without fail, on the 1st of the following month. If no such events have taken place in the month, a blank return should be sent.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department (Public),—
under date Fort William, Nos. 2,127 and ⁴⁵_{2,124-43}, the 30th November 1877.

RESOLUTION.—The Government of India have on several occasions dealt with the practice of gazetting of uncovenanted ministerial officers, and several orders have been issued on the subject from time to time on references from Local Governments. In May 1876 the North-Western Provinces Government inquired whether they might deal according to their discretion with applications for gazetting uncovenanted ministerial officers, and were told in reply that the precedent of gazetting uncovenanted officers to appointments like heads of departments had been found to lead to much inconvenience and difficulty, and that it had therefore been decided to admit no fresh officers of that description within the existing list of gazetted officers, or to gazette any uncovenanted heads of offices in succession to those already gazetted.

2. Considerable inconvenience has however since been caused by Local Governments and Administrations gazetting Head Assistants and subordinate officers in Secretariat and other Offices. The practice creates various difficulties both financial and administrative. The Governor-General in Council is, therefore, pleased to direct that Local Governments and Administrations shall not henceforth gazette any uncovenanted ministerial officers below the rank of chief of the Secretariat, that is, Assistant Secretary or Assistant to the Secretary, but not Registrar or Departmental Head Assistant. The several Departments of the Government of India should also be requested to observe this principle in future. In a matter like this the practice should be as uniform as possible.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Public Works Department for information.

Ditto to the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce for information.

Ditto to the other Departments of the Government of India for information.

Ditto to the several Local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department (Public),—
under date Fort William, No. 221, the 6th February 1878.

RESOLUTION.—With reference to Home Department Resolution No. 2,127, dated 30th November 1877, directing that Local Governments and Administrations shall not henceforth gazette any uncovenanted ministerial officers below the rank of Chief of the Secretariat, that is, Assistant Secretary, or Assistant to the Secretary, but not Registrar or Departmental Head Assistant, the Governor-General in Council desires to explain that the object of this rule is to prevent the gazetting of the ministerial head of an office by whatever name he may be called. For the purposes of that Resolution the term Assistant Secretary or Assistant to the Secretary should be understood to refer only to special appointments, other than the ministerial head of an office, which may be created under either of these names by the authority of the Government of India to meet exceptional cases.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to—

The Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce for information, with reference to Office Memorandum thence No. 8-8, dated 22nd December 1877.

The other Departments of the Government of India for information, in continuation of Home Department Resolution No. 2,127, dated 30th November 1877.

* Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab.
Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, British Barmah, Mysore, and Coorg, and Assam.
Resident at Hyderabad.

The several Local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance in continuation of Home Department Resolution No. 2,127, dated 30th November 1877.

No. 53.

ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1878, No. 1,697 W.

ORDERED that the following reply be sent.

(Here enter No. 1,698 W, dated 4th April 1878).

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

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Govt. of (1878) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated April 4th.

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G. O. 431/1878, No. 1,698 W.

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Nos. 52-53.

Gazetting of certain Officers.—The Government of India addressed on the subject of—

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General
Establishment

No. 1,698 W.

No. 54.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Public Works Department,

TO

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

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 354 E—G, dated 4th March, on the subject of gazetting certain officers, and forwarding for opinion the draft of a circular which it is proposed to issue.

2. His Grace the Governor in Council considers that the proper rule is that no appointments or promotions should be gazetted by Government except those made by Government.

3. The First Assistants to the Secretaries to Government, in deviation from previous practice, were, recently gazetted under a resolution of the Government of India, which has since been modified so as to bar such gazettings in future.

4. The general principle for guidance hereafter should, in the opinion of the Government, be that stated above.

5. The only officers appointed by Government to the Public Works Department in this Presidency who do not correspond in rank with those mentioned in paragraph 3 of the draft circular are Sub-Engineers and Accountants. With the view however of securing uniformity of practice, His Grace the Governor in Council will, if it be considered desirable by the Government of India, direct that appointments and promotions in these grades shall not, in future, be notified in the gazette.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
4th April 1878.

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G. O., 4th April 1878, No. 1,593 W.

APRIL

No. 51.

GAZETTE of Madras 25-4-78.

No. 354 E-G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ESTABLISHMENT.

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To
*The Secretary to the Govt of Madras
Public Works Department*

Fort William, March 4, 1878.

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2. As regards the notifications connected with other branches of the establishment, the practice varies. In some Gazettes appear notifications of the appointment, promotions, transfers, &c., of Lower Subordinates. In others they are apparently confined to the Engineer Establishment. Though not necessary, it seems desirable that there should be uniformity of practice in these matters, and it would be in accordance with the principle of the Resolutions in the Home Department to adopt the plan of confining the publication of notifications in the official Gazettes to those relating to members of the Engineer Establishment and other officers holding analogous positions, and in this view the annexed draft circular has been prepared. But before directing the publication of the circular, the Government of India desires to have the advice of the Local Governments and Administrations.

3. One reason for the expansion of the order in the Home Department is a reference from the Directors of State Railways as to whether the members of the Subordinate Railway Revenue Establishment should be gazetted, the ground of the application being that Upper Subordinates of the Executive Branch of the Public Works Department are gazetted. Now the Subordinate Revenue Establishment is already numerous and diversified, and will become more numerous; it goes down to a grade carrying a minimum salary of Rs. 14 per mensem, and it would be extremely difficult, and, on some grounds, undesirable, to draw a line between the higher and the lower grades, while the latter would not be filled by persons whose appointments, &c., should be published in the official Gazette, and the mass of notifications would be most cumbersome.

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Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

W. Lawrence
Under Secretary to Govt. of India.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
ESTABLISHMENT.
General.

To

No. 354 E—G.

Dated March 4, 1878.

Received

Gazetting of appointments and movements of
members of Subordinate Establishments.

No. 227, P. W. D Press—6-3-78—237.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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The several Local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance in continuation of Home Department Resolution No. 2127, dated 30th November 1877.

Public Works Department
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 4th April 1878
 Read the following:—

Letter from the Govt. of India (No. 353 S. L. dated 1. March 78)

Ordered that the following reply be sent—
 (No. 1698 S. L. dated 4 April 78)

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Yours faithfully,
 The Secy to the Govt.

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Chief Secy 11-7-98

Letter from the Government of India, No 364 of
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FOR ORDERS.

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