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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

16th January 1880, No. 64.

Natives of India.

Read the following paper:—

28. *Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.*

Public.
No. 107.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
6th November 1879.

My LORD,—In a Despatch, dated the 29th of August last, No. 31, the Government of Bombay call my attention to the fact that the orders regarding the appointment of natives of India to an increasing majority of higher offices in the Uncovenanted Service do not specify whether temporary appointments are to be governed by the principles laid down in the Circular of your Government, dated the 18th of April last, Nos. 21—746 to 753, and they suggest that special famine relief officers should be included in the list of exceptions to the general rule.

2. My orders with respect to the employment of Natives were intended to comprise temporary as well as permanent appointments. But with respect to special famine officers, experience has shown that Natives may be as fitly employed as Europeans. In emergent cases the relaxation of the rule must rest with the Local Governments.

His Excellency the Right Honorable
The Governor-General of India in Council.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) CRANBROOK.

No. 42.

Copy, with copy of the despatch marginally noted, forwarded to the Government of Madras for information with reference to the despatch addressed to that Government by Her Majesty's Secretary of State, No. 9, dated 10th July 1879.

(By Order of the Governor-General of India in Council.)

ME, REV., AND AGRIC. DEPT.
(PUBLIC), FORT WILLIAM,
9th January 1880.

(Signed) F. C. DAUKES,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

in the Government of Bombay, to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for India in Council, London, dated Bombay Castle, 29th August 1879, No. 31.

With reference to your Lordship's Despatch, No. 7 (Public), dated 10th ultimo, forwarding a copy of the Government of India's Circular noted in the margin, and requesting that the principles therein laid down may be applied also to this Presidency, and that, with the exceptions therein contained, no person other than a Native of India may in future be appointed to an office carrying a salary of Rs. 200 a-month or upwards unless your

Lordship's sanction shall have been previously obtained, we have the honor to submit to your Lordship's consideration that (unless the orders about the appointment of Natives of India are not intended to apply to *temporary* appointments, which does not seem to be anywhere expressly stated), it would apparently have been well if special famine relief officers had been included under the exceptions to the general rule laid down in the 3rd paragraph of the circular of the Government of India, referred to in paragraph 2 of your Lordship's despatch under reply.

No. 29.

ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1880, No. 64.

Communicated to the Departments of the Secretariat, to the High Court, and to all Heads of Departments for information and guidance, in continuation of G.O., dated 9th August 1879, No. 1228.

(True Extract.)

Quater
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" the Military "
" the Public Works Department.
" the Honorable the Judges of the High Court, with letter.
" all Heads of Departments under Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

15th February 1881, No. 209.

Natives of India.

Read the following paper :—

No. 66. *Extract paragraphs 3 to 6 of a letter from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor of Bombay in Council, dated India Office, London, 14th October 1880, No. 10 (Public).*

PARA. 3. It has been thought by Her Majesty's Government in a high degree expedient, for political and financial reasons, of which your Excellency will readily apprehend the importance, to employ, as far as possible, the services of qualified natives of India in the Civil administration of their country, even though, in some instances, and in the earlier stages of the undertaking, such services may appear not so certainly efficient or satisfactory as the services of English candidates for office.

4. Actual experience has shown that where Englishmen compete before their own countrymen with natives of India for official patronage, they are apt to prevail in the competition more generally than is consistent, not perhaps always with their relative fitness, but certainly with the possibility of such a complete adoption as could be wished of the policy of preferring competent natives. It is most true, as your Excellency represents, that of the sons of Civil and Military Officers, for whom their parents have found a difficulty in providing, there is always in India an abundant supply, incessantly solicitous for patronage, sometimes very fit for it, and usually very powerfully backed and recommended, whether fit or not. To these local claimants are not unfrequently added others as pressing and as difficult to set aside, but recommended chiefly by personal, and sometimes by political interest, such as can never be entirely excluded, and is sometimes difficult to resist. The result, in practice, has been that, with the best intentions, the dispensers of local patronage find themselves liable to be turned aside from the duties they had prescribed to themselves, and thus the strict observance of the declared policy is often impaired and obstructed. It was to remove more completely the obstacles which had been shown to exist to the complete application of this policy, and thus to assist the Local Governments in this not the easiest part of their duties that Her Majesty's Government thought it advisable to insist, in appointments to the higher offices in the Uncovenanted Service, on the observance of the principle above mentioned, and to extend it to all offices of that class carrying a salary higher than Rs. 200 a-month, with certain specified exceptions.

5. There are, doubtless, as your Excellency remarks, occasions where the strictness of this rule may properly be waived in consideration of special circumstances. But these are provided for by the opportunity given for reference, in exceptional cases, to the Secretary of State in Council, so that on this head no difficulty need occur.

6. I may add that, antecedently altogether to any policy of employing Natives in preference to Europeans, and quite independently of that policy, it had been a long established constitutional maxim of Anglo-Indian Government to discourage and prevent the initial selection of Europeans by the Governments in India, for admission into the more important offices in their service, reserving that selection always for the authorities in England, but leaving the location, distribution, and promotion of such Europeans, when once admitted into the service, to the entire discretion of the Local Governments. It is an historical fact that the observance of this wholesome

rule has, more than anything else, conduced to the purity of Indian patronage, and to its general freedom from party and political bias. It is my opinion, and I do not doubt it will be also that of your Excellency in Council, that this valuable principle should be applied as widely as possible.

No. 2-46.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Government of Madras for information and guidance, with reference to the despatch from the Secretary of State to that Government, No. 9, dated the 10th July 1879.

(By Order of the Governor-General of India in Council.)

HOME, REV., AND AGR. DEPT.

(PUBLIC),

FORT WILLIAM, 14th Jan. 1881.

(Signed) F. C. DAUKES,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 67.

ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1881, No. 209.

Communicated to all Departments of the Secretariat, and to Heads of Departments, in continuation of G.O., No. 64, dated 16th January 1880, for information.

(True Extract.)

J. Davidson
Chief Secretary.

To the Departments of the Secretariat.
,, the Heads of Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

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THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE
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G.O., 15th February 1881, No. 209.

FEBRUARY.
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Natives of India.—Communicating endorsement
of Government of India forwarding extract from
a letter from the Secretary of State drawing
attention to the importance of employing, as far
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India in the Civil administration of their country.

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