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3RD NOVEMBER 1884, No. 2705 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following letter from A. B. SAMPSON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 6th October 1884, Circular No. 6 :—

I am directed to request that the attention of officers of the Public Works Department may be drawn to the fact that both Her Majesty's Government and the Government of India have repeatedly forbidden the acceptance by public officers of addresses and testimonials. Instances of breaches of this order on the part of officers under the control of the Public Works Department have not been frequent, but a case has lately occurred in which an officer has been ordered to return to the donors an address and testimonial presented to him by his subordinates on the occasion of his going on furlough. It has transpired during the consideration of the case that the orders on the subject are probably not known and not accessible to most officers of the Public Works Department, as the latest and apparently only publication of such orders in this department was in Circular No. 26 of 1869.

2. The prohibition must be regarded as absolute, and it extends to all addresses written or oral, and to all testimonials, of the nature of gifts, of all kinds which may be offered while the intended recipient is still in the service. The Governor-General in Council can make no general exceptions. If any case should arise regarding which it appears doubtful whether it comes within the scope of these orders, I am to direct that reference may be made through the proper channel to the Local Government before the address or testimonial is accepted.

3. In regard to the applicability of the order to officers who have actually retired from the service, the Governor-General in Council has recorded the following opinion on a reference on the subject* :—

* Home Department letter to the Resident at Hyderabad, No. 1244, dated 27th August 1881.

“The propriety of receiving an address after retirement from the service of Government must depend largely on the particular circumstances of each case. For instance, it is obvious that, when the presentation of the address immediately succeeds retirement, and is intended as an acknowledgment of acts performed by the recipient whilst in the public service, the spirit of the existing rule is contravened, and therefore the presentation of addresses under such circumstances should be discouraged. On the other hand, it would be clearly impossible for the Government to impose any general prohibition on the receipt of addresses by officials who had permanently severed their connection with the public service.”

3RD NOVEMBER 1884, No. 2705 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

ORDER—dated 3rd November 1884, No. 2705 W., Public Works.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Superintending Engineers.
" Superintendent of Works, Tank Maintenance Scheme.
" Consulting Architect to Government.
" Engineers-in-Chief, State Railways.
" Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" " Railway Accounts.
" " State Railway Accounts.

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Govt. of Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 3rd.

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G.O., 3rd Nov. 1884, No. 2705 W.

NOVEMBER.

Addresses and Testimonials

Circular from the Government of India
forbidding the acceptance by public officers
of —, communicated to officers of the depart-
ment.

29TH MARCH 1882, No. 190, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from F. C. DAUKES, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort William, 14th March 1882, No. 9-391 :—

I am directed to forward, for information and guidance, the accompanying copy of
* No. 1244, dated 27th August 1881. a letter* to the Resident at Hyderabad,
containing certain orders of the Govern-
ment of India regarding the receipt of addresses by Government servants, and to explain
that the omission to communicate these orders at the time of their issue was due to
an oversight.

ENCLOSURE.

From the Hon. C. GRANT, c.s.i., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to
the Resident at Hyderabad, dated Simla, 27th August 1881, No. 1244.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 272, dated the 16th ultimo,
explaining the circumstances under which an address was presented to —, an Assistant
Commissioner in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts. You take the opportunity of inquiring
whether the standing orders which prohibit the receipt of address by Government servants apply—

- (1) to the case of addresses presented to a Government officer by persons unconnected with
the province to which he may belong, and
- (2) to the case of an officer who has actually retired from the service of Government.

2. In reply, I am to say that the Governor-General in Council does not consider it desir-
able to make any general exception to the standing rule in respect of addresses presented to an
officer of Government by persons unconnected with the province to which he may belong. The
presentation of addresses, even under such circumstances, might lead to inconvenient conse-
quences, although there may be special cases, such as that of the address received by — at
Poona, in which the presentation and receipt of an address may be unobjectionable, and which
may therefore properly form an exception to the general rule. Such cases, however, are scarcely
likely to be of frequent occurrence, and the Governor-General in Council would prefer to deal
with them on their merits as they may arise.

3. With regard to the second question raised in your letter under reply, I am to observe
that the propriety of receiving an address after retirement from the service of Government must
depend largely on the particular circumstances of each case. For instance, it is obvious that,
when the presentation of the address immediately succeeds retirement and is intended as an
acknowledgment of acts performed by the recipient whilst in the public service, the spirit of the
existing rule is contravened, and therefore the presentation of addresses under such circum-
stances should be discouraged. On the other hand, it would be clearly impossible for the Govern-
ment to impose any general prohibition on the receipt of addresses by officials who had perma-
nently severed their connection with the Government service. In the present case, however, it
seems to the Governor-General in Council that there was a clear departure from the existing rule,
inasmuch as — when he received the address presented to him at Bassim was still in the
service of the Government.

29TH MARCH 1882, No. 190, PUBLIC.

ORDER—dated 29th March 1882, No. 190, Public.

Communicated to all Heads of Departments.
(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Departments of the Secretariat.
„ all Heads of Departments.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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Order thereon. No 945-H
a/18 April/82.

Communicated
to officers of the P. W.
Department.

(True Extract,
Df. Ross Thompson
Lt. Col R.B.
ag undersecy to Govt
P.W.D.

To

Sup^r Engineers
Chief Sup^r of S. & R.
Cong. Sup^r of Railways
Sup^r in H. works
Genl. Sup^r P. W. S.
Cong. Architect to Govt
Examiner P. W. A.

Order, dated 23rd March 1882, No. 190

B. No 945. May 18. 4. 82

Public Service - Communicating letter from
Government of India forwarding copy of their
orders regarding the receipt of addresses by Gov-
ernment servants.

[For General Distribution.]

Circular No. 6 Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

THE GOVERNMENTS OF MADRAS, BOMBAY, BENGAL, THE NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES AND
ODISH, AND THE PUNJAB, IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES, BRITISH BURMA, ASSAM, AND
COORG.
THE RESIDENT, HYDERABAD.
THE AGENTS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL FOR CENTRAL INDIA, RAJPUTANA, AND
BILUCHISTAN.
THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF MILITARY WORKS.
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RAILWAYS.
THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR GUARANTEED RAILWAYS,
CALCUTTA, LAHORE, AND LUCKNOW.
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELEGRAPHS IN INDIA.
THE DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF, INDO-EUROPEAN TELEGRAPH.
THE DIRECTOR, PERSIAN TELEGRAPH.
THE DIRECTOR, PERSIAN GULF TELEGRAPH.
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS, SIMLA IMPERIAL CIRCLE.

Simla, October 6, 1884.

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A. B. SAMPSON,
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[For General Distribution.]

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Your most obedient Servant,

M. S. Sampson

Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras
Home Department

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C. G. W. Has appeared to
be some confusion in
the Calcutta office in
regard to this. Some
months ago we received
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bill & after waiting
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would come so a
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The "original"
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to the spare copy

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Comd. to officers of the
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for the purpose of
obtaining information
and guidance.

To

Circular No. 6 P.W.

Dated Simla, October 6, 1884.

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