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

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2. The Government views with disfavour all similar manifestations in the case of retired officers, when following immediately upon their retirement from active service, and designed as an acknowledgment of acts done by them while in the service of Government.

3. It is not intended to prohibit such an expression of regard for the private or official character of an officer retiring from service, or leaving his station or district, as is involved in a farewell entertainment supported by his personal friends, even though some of these may be his official subordinates. But it is expected that the proceedings on such occasions will be substantially of a private and informal character.

4. Local Governments and Administrations are authorised to forward to an officer who has left a station or district the resolution of any local public body recording a vote of thanks to him for help and advice afforded during his official connection with the station or district.

5. Medical officers are not prohibited from receiving pecuniary recognition of their services from a community or body of persons which may desire to acknowledge these, but the previous sanction of the Local Government or Administration must be obtained by medical officers before receiving any public complimentary address.

6. The previous sanction of the Government of India must be obtained to the relaxation of these Rules in any special case in which the Local Government or Administration may think this desirable.

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* Madras.
Bombay.
Bengal.
North-Western Provinces and Oudh.
Punjab.
Central Provinces.
British Burma.
Assam.
Coorg.
Hyderabad.

† Department of Finance and Commerce.
Foreign Department.
Military Department.
Public Works Department.
Revenue and Agricultural Department.
Legislative Department.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Local Governments and Administrations marginally* noted for information and guidance;

that a copy be communicated to all Departments† of the Government of India for information; and

that the Resolution be published in the Supplement to the *Gazette of India* for general information.