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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 —

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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

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