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Circular No. 2 Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

Simla, August 3, 1887.

Rules for the receipt of testimonials and addresses by Government Servants.

The undermentioned paper is forwarded to the Local Governments, Administrations, and Officers marginally noted, for information, in continuation of Public Works Department Circular No. 6, dated 22nd May 1885.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Burma, Assam, and Coorg.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor-General for Central India, Rajputana, and Beluchistan.
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 and Lucknow.
The Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for Railways, Central Division.
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.

By order,

G. H. D. WALKER,
Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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*Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, Home Department (Public),—
dated Simla, the 22nd July 1887.*

Read—

Home Department Resolution No. ¹⁹₇₄₀₋₀₂ dated 11th May 1885, prescribing rules for the receipt of testimonials and addresses by Servants of Government.

RESOLUTION.—In re-issuing the rules contained in Home Department Resolution of the 11th May 1885, with certain necessary additions, the Governor General in Council desires to invite the renewed attention of Local Governments and Administrations to the subject with which they deal, and to impress on all concerned by them the duty of exact obedience to these regulations.

2. The rules do not apply to the receipt of addresses by the Head of any Government or Administration.

RULES.

1. Save as in these Rules otherwise provided, all servants of Government, covenanted or uncovenanted, are forbidden to receive complimentary or valedictory addresses in any form; or to accept testimonials of any kind; or to attend public meetings or complimentary entertainments of a formal and public character held in their honour.

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. Nothing in the above rules is meant to prohibit compliance with the request of a public body that a Government officer should sit for his portrait, bust or statue in recognition of his public services: provided that the portrait, bust or statue is not intended for presentation to the officer concerned.

7. The participation of Government officers in the raising of funds for the foundation of scholarships, or for procuring a portrait, bust or statue, as a spontaneous recognition of the services of a Government officer is not forbidden; but it should be clearly understood that any solicitation on the part of officers of Government for subscriptions from any person who does not voluntarily come forward to contribute is disapproved by the Government of India.

8. 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.

* Madras.
Bombay.
Bengal.
North-Western Pro-
vinces and Oudh.

Punjab.
Central Provinces.
Burma.
Assam.
Coorg.
Hyderabad.

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

† Department of Finance
and Commerce.
Foreign Department.
Military Department.
Legislative Department.

Public Work Depart-
ment.
Revenue and Agricul-
tural Department.

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.

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*Comd. Officers of the
P.W.D. for information &
guidance in continuation
of G.O. no. 1847 Wd/10 June 1885.
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