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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

G.O., dated 13th August 1885, No. 599 I.F., Financial.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to all Presidents of District Boards and Chairmen of Municipal Councils, for information and guidance, Government Order, Public Department, conferring certain honorary titles on Native members of Local and Municipal Boards.

G.O., dated 19th January 1887, Nos. 76, 76-A, Public.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on the subject of titles being conferred on Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Taluk Boards.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Home Department (Public), under date Simla, the 17th June 1891, No. 16 Pub.—1070-1081.

Read—

Foreign Department Resolution No. 2012-I., dated the 12th May 1891.
Home Department Resolution Nos. 17—747-59, dated the 18th May 1882.

Read—also the following letters :—

To the Government of Bombay, No. 53, dated the 13th January 1883.
" " 942 " 1st June 1885.
" " of Madras " 1013 " 12th " "
From " " 1709 " 21st July "
" " 76 " 19th January 1887.

Resolution—

The orders contained in paragraph 16 of Home Department Resolution of the 18th May 1882 directed that the courtesy title of "Rai (or Rao) Bahadur" or "Khan Bahadur" should be used in all official correspondence with Native members of all Local Boards during their term of office. These orders were at once objected to by the Government of Bombay, who represented that it was inexpedient "that titles which have hitherto been highly valued, rarely bestowed, and only earned after years of assiduous and successful labour in the service of Government, should be scattered broadcast over the land." In reply, the Bombay Government were informed that there was no objection to the Local Government adopting for members of Local Boards any complimentary form of address which seemed to them suitable, and it was eventually decided in Home Department letter, No. 53, dated the 13th January 1883, that the honorary titles to be granted in that Presidency to non-official members of District and Taluka Local Fund Committees during their term of office should be—

- (1) In the case of all non-official Presidents and Chairmen of District Local Fund Committees, the title of "Rao Bahadur" or "Khan Bahadur";

- (2) In the case of all non-official Presidents and Chairmen of Taluka Local Fund Committees, and of all non-official members (not being Presidents and Chairmen) of District Local Fund Committees, the title of "Rao Saheb" or "Khan Saheb";
- (3) In the case of all non-official members (not being Presidents or Chairmen) of Taluka Local Fund Committees, the title of "Azam."

Again, in the Home Department letter of the 1st June 1885, cited in the preamble, the Government of India approved the proposal of the Bombay Government that the titles for non-official Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Municipalities with a population of 18,000 and upwards should be "Rao Bahadur" or "Khan Bahadur," that the titles for other Municipal Commissioners of such Municipalities and non-official Presidents and Vice-Presidents of minor Municipalities should be "Rao Saheb" or "Khan Saheb," and that the title for the Commissioners of minor Municipalities should be "Azam."

Later, in letter No. 1152, dated the 18th May 1885, the Government of Madras made the same objection as had previously been raised by the Government of Bombay to the use of courtesy titles for members of Local Boards, and asked if the Government of India would be satisfied if in that Presidency these titles were only conferred on the Vice-Presidents of Local Boards and Municipalities. A copy of the correspondence with the Government of Bombay was forwarded to the Government of Madras, who were informed that the arrangement adopted in the former Presidency, or any other similar scheme which was considered suitable, might be adopted in Madras. That Government accordingly decided that Vice-Presidents of District Boards and Chairmen of Municipalities with over 20,000 inhabitants should have the honorary title of "Khan Bahadur" or "Rao Bahadur," and that members of District Boards, Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Taluk Boards, and members of Municipalities with over 20,000 inhabitants and Chairmen of smaller ones that of "Khan Saheb" or "Rao Saheb" during the continuance of their term of office.

2. The Governor-General in Council has recently had under consideration the question whether the present system of granting *ex-officio* titles should be maintained. After consulting all Local Governments and Administrations on the subject, His Excellency in Council has come to the conclusion that it is not desirable, having regard to the identity of these courtesy titles with those which are awarded by Government, as a special and highly valued mark of distinction, for long and honorable service of the public, that they should any longer be used merely as a mark of official rank, and by the orders of 12th May 1891, read in the preamble, the orders contained in Foreign Department Resolution No. 3205-I., dated the 6th September 1886, under which native members of the Public Works Department enjoyed the privilege of *ex-officio* titles, have been cancelled. In accordance with this decision the orders contained in paragraph 16 of the Home Department Resolution, dated 18th May 1882, are also hereby withdrawn. The Governor-General in Council desires to suggest to the Governments of Madras and Bombay that the similar orders in force in those Presidencies, which were issued to carry out the decision arrived at by the Government of India in 1882, should also, unless His Excellency the Governor in Council sees strong objection, be recalled.

3. Members of Municipal and Local Boards who, under the operation of orders now cancelled, enjoy the privilege of being addressed by *ex-officio* titles, will continue to be so addressed until they quit office.

Order—

Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Local Governments and Administrations, for information and guidance, and that a copy be forwarded to the Foreign Department for information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. J. LYALL,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Government of Madras.

From the Government of India, Home Department (Public), dated 2nd July 1891, No. 1135.

ORDER—dated 17th July 1891, No. 440, Political.

With reference to the Resolution of the Government of India read above, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to cancel G.O., No. 599 L.F., Financial, dated 13th August 1885, so far as members of Local Boards and Municipal Councils appointed after this date are concerned.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary
for Chief Secretary.

To the Local and Municipal Department,
Departments of Secretariat.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 17th July 1891, No. 441, Political.

Copy to the Government of India, Home Department.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.

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