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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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From the Financial Department, R. No. 913 dt 25th September '94

There is no objection in the P.W. Department to proposal (1) of the Presidency Port officer dealt with in para 2 of the Public Department Proceedings, nor to that of the Surgeon-General in para I (f) of his letter, so long as the increased powers are exercised with reference only to works to be carried out from funds provided in the Civil Budget in accordance with para 4 of G.O. dated 27th November 1893, No. 1191 Financial and para 2 of G.O. dated 12th December 1893, No. 3220 W Public Works.

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~~No.~~ R. No: 913.
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SUBJECT.

Requesting to state whether there are any objections to the proposals of the Presidency Port officer & the Surgeon General as regards powers of sanctioning certain expenditure on works and repairs.

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2. The Public Works Department will also be requested to state whether there are any objections to proposals (1) and (2) of the Presidency Port officer dealt with in paragraph 2 of the Public Department Proceedings and to that of the Surgeon General in paragraph I (b) of his letter.

(True Extract)

Under Secretary to Govt
for Chief Secretary

To
The Public Works Department
" Accountant General

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

File of replies to G.O., dated 20th February 1894, No. 118, Public.

From Surgeon-Major-General W. F. DEFABECK, M.D., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 21st March 1894, No. 255.

With reference to paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 49, Revenue, of 22nd January 1894, communicated with the Public Department Order, No. 118, of the 20th February, I have the honour to submit the following proposals regarding the delegation of powers for the consideration and orders of Government :—

I. Powers reserved by Government to be relegated to the Head of the Medical Department.—(*a*) Transfers of Assistant Surgeons from one station to another in their legitimate capacity may be made by the Surgeon-General and published in Part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette* instead of minutes of appointments being submitted for the sanction of Government as is done in the case of Commissioned Medical Officers, but whenever they are to be employed in a higher capacity such as Acting District or Civil Surgeons, Government will always be previously addressed. By this arrangement much delay in the despatch of public business will be obviated and unnecessary correspondence saved. It may be stated that in the Revenue Department the transfers of Inspectors of Salt are made by the Commissioner of Salt Revenue and notified in the Gazette.

(*b*) Privilege leave to Assistant Surgeons may be granted by the Surgeon-General in communication with the Accountant-General and notified in the Gazette when arrangements can be made for their relief from the sanctioned strength of Assistant Surgeons at the disposal of the Medical Department, or when no substitutes are required. The present system of submitting the application to Government or of reporting the grant of leave to them as per G.O., No. 44, Financial, of 11th January 1887, does not seem to have any particular advantage.

(*c*) The annual submission of rolls of Hospital Assistants and Apothecaries who newly pass out from the Medical College for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* may be discontinued. These subordinates are not gazetted officers and their entertainment in the department may be sanctioned by the head of the department.

(*d*) The power of exemption from age-bar in special and deserving cases among medical subordinates, clerks and hospital servants may be relegated to the Surgeon-General.

(*e*) The Surgeon-General may be empowered to write off deficiencies in hospitals to the extent of Rs. 100 instead of Rs. 20 as at present allowed. In the Military Department the Surgeon-General is authorized to write off store deficiencies to the extent of Rs. 500.

(*f*) The Surgeon-General may be authorized to sanction the execution of ordinary repairs to civil buildings and the construction of petty or temporary buildings subject to a limitation of Rs. 1,000 in each case.

It may be observed that such power is granted to the Inspector-General of Police and other heads of departments and executive officers—*vide* G.O., No. 1317, Financial, dated the 30th December 1893.

(*g*) As medical subordinates of the Civil Apothecary and Hospital Assistant class are not gazetted officers, the Surgeon-General may be given full powers as regards their fine, suspension and dismissal subject in the last case to an appeal to Government. This will have a very healthy influence on the department and obviate many difficulties and troubles which now exist.

II. Powers reserved by the Head of the Department to be relegated to Subordinate Officers.—(*a*) Medical officers in charge of Presidency Hospitals, District and Civil Stations may be authorized to fine medical subordinates employed under them to the extent of Rs. 5 for misdemeanour.

At present every trivial matter is reported to the Surgeon-General for orders and entails unnecessary correspondence.

(*b*) They may be empowered to write off deficiencies in hospitals to the extent of Rs. 5 after due and searching enquiry.

In either case a report should be made for the information of the Surgeon-General.

ORDER—dated 6th September 1894, No. 653, Public.

In G.O., dated 22nd January 1894, No. 49, Revenue, His Excellency the Governor in Council directed that the standing orders and codes in force in the several departments should be examined with the object of considering what powers, thereby reserved to Government, could be delegated to heads of departments, and what powers, thereby reserved to heads of departments, could be similarly delegated to their subordinates. Replies from heads of departments under the Chief Secretary to Government have been received and the following orders are passed on them :—

2. The Presidency Port Officer submits the following proposals :—

Present Powers.	*Proposed Powers.*
(1) To sanction expenditure up to Rs. 500 for new works.	(1) To sanction expenditure up to Rs. 1,000 for new works.
(2) To sanction expenditure up to Rs. 100 for contingencies.	(2) To sanction expenditure up to Rs. 200 for contingencies.
(3) To purchase books and periodicals not exceeding 1 rupee in price.	(3) To purchase books and periodicals not exceeding Rs. 5 in price.

Item (1) will be disposed of in the Financial Department with advertence to G.O., dated 27th November 1893, No. 1191, Financial; and items (2) and (3) will also be dealt with in that department.

3. The Right Reverend the Bishop and the Venerable the Archdeacon suggest that there should be no appeal against the Archdeacon's decision in the case of any church or cemetery servant in receipt of less than Rs. 12 *per mensem*. The subject of limiting the right of appeal in the cases of certain lower paid officers has been referred to the Government of India with the result * that it is considered undesirable to move in the matter at present. Existing regulations must therefore be continued. This will be held to dispose of the suggestion of the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, that inferior servants should have no appeal to higher authority against their dismissal. That officer already possesses the power to dismiss inferior servants in his office, which he asks may be conferred on him. The Resident in Travancore is of opinion that none of the political powers reserved to Government principally in pursuance of Treaties with Native States can be delegated to the Resident. The Government agrees in this view.

* *Vide* letter printed as an appendix to these Proceedings.

4. The British Consular Agent at Pondicherry suggests that the duties "of witnessing signatures and legalising French documents which are at present reserved to the Consular Agent might be delegated to the Chief Clerk in case of accidental absence or incapacity of the head of the office." The Government is unable to accept this suggestion. The existing practice should be continued.

The Superintendent, Government Press, requests that he may be given power to draw upon the Accountant-General for payment of all bills for plant and stores within the amount sanctioned in the budget, as he is at present permitted to do with regard to pay and contingent bills. The matter will be dealt with in the Financial Department. The Telugu Translator's letter No. 15 of the 9th March, which refers to certain matters connected with his office contingencies, will also be transferred to that department.

5. The Sanitary Commissioner's communication No. 892 of the 18th April refers solely to the right of appeal against fine, suspension, degradation or dismissal of Government servants. In the circumstances stated in paragraph 3 *supra*, the Government is precluded from considering the suggestions made by Dr. King.

It appears from the Canarese Translator's letter No. 45 of the 23rd June that he is under the impression that exemption from the 25-year age-bar rule can be granted by Government only. His attention will be directed to G.O., dated 19th December 1890, No. 985, Financial.

The Government Astronomer asks for power to pay certain bills without reference to Government. His letter will be dealt with in the Financial Department.

6. Of the replies received from officers of the Judicial Department, only those from the Inspectors-General of Police and Registration and the Commissioner of Police, Madras, call for orders. They will be dealt with in the Judicial Department.

7. The Protector of Emigrants is of opinion that power to permit the shipment of less than the prescribed proportion of female to male emigrants may conveniently be delegated to him. In support of the suggestion the Protector states that it frequently happens that the prescribed proportion suddenly varies at the time of embarkation owing to parents or guardians claiming emigrants or to the unwillingness of the latter at the last moment to embark. The result is that the excess males have to be detained for the next shipment, which not only puts the agents to inconvenience and loss but is undesirable.

The Government agrees with the Protector, but is of opinion that any reduction should be conditional on the deficiency being made up at all costs in the *next* shipment. The Government of India will be addressed on the point with reference to 77 and 78 of the Emigration Rules.

8. The Surgeon-General's recommendations are embodied in his letter printed above. The changes proposed in regard to Assistant Surgeons cannot be carried out as they are gazetted officers. The Government is of opinion that the existing procedure as regards Assistant Surgeons should be continued.

With reference to paragraph I (*d*) of his letter, it is observed that the Surgeon-General has apparently overlooked G.O., dated 19th December 1890, No. 985, Financial, which gives the power he applies for.

The suggestions in paragraphs I (*e*) and (*e*) and II (*b*) will be referred to the Accountant-General for report, and that in I (*f*) will be dealt with in the Financial Department.

The disposal of paragraph I (*g*) will depend on that of I (*c*) and must therefore be deferred.

The proposal in paragraph 2 (*a*) is unobjectionable.

9. The Commissioner for Government Examinations recommends that he should be empowered to order the re-examination of candidates suspected of malpractices, or, if he is satisfied of their guilt, to invalidate their examination and, if he thinks proper, to debar them from appearing again for a period to be fixed by him. The matter will be dealt with in the Educational Department.

10. It is probable that the recommendations made are not as complete as they might be. Replies have not yet been received from the High Court, the Director of Public Instruction, the Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland, the Government Pleader and the Meteorological Reporter. The Government desires to impress on all heads of departments the desirability of bringing to notice from time to time instances in which correspondence can be decreased or reports and returns abolished without loss of efficiency of administration.

[Here enter letter to Govt. of India, No. 654, dated 6th September 1894.]

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Financial Department, with C. Nos. 702, 714, 1199 and 1871.
„ the Judicial „ „ 611, 1377 and 1773.
„ the Educational „ „ 2097.
„ the other Departments of the Chief Secretariat.
„ Heads of Departments under the Chief Secretary to Government.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Moses.

APPENDIX.

From C. J. LYALL, Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 8th June 1894, No. 1017.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter,* No. 119, dated the 20th February last, enquiring whether, in view to curtailing the unnecessary length of official correspondence, as desired by the Secretary of State, the Government of India would approve of a rule laying down that no *second* appeal should lie to the Government in the case of an officer in the Revenue department drawing less than Rs. 50 a month, or to the Board of Revenue in the case of an officer drawing less than Rs. 25 a month. This rule (it is said) could be varied to suit the circumstances of other departments; every public servant would, however, be allowed the right of appeal once to one officer superior to the officer by whom an order prejudicially affecting him had been passed.

* To the address of the Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

2. In reply I am to say that the Governor-General in Council does not desire to move in the matter at present. The question will, however, not be lost sight of and will be duly considered at a fitting opportunity.

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Under Secretary to Govt.
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To

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P. W. CURRENT No. 7546

Govt. of {18} Madras.

To

The Public Works Dept.

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Requesting the Lucy Lawrence Asylum Press, to discontinue the supply of the Asylum Press Almanac to the Executive Engineers Gudevada & Penugonda No. II Divisions & to furnish a copy of the 1895 and subsequent Editions of the publication to the Executive Engineer Kistna Northern Division Bezwada and assigning reasons for the omission of certain periodicals from the Statement

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