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Public Servants: Endorsement of the Govt. of
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testimonial addresses of Govt. Servants,
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Circular No. 8 Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

Simla, the 1st June 1898.

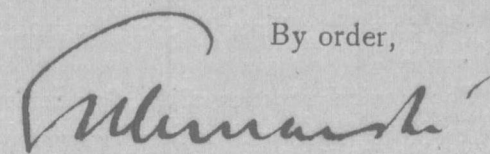
Rules for the receipt of testimonials and addresses by Government servants.

The undermentioned paper is forwarded to the Local Governments, Ad-

The Governments of Madras and Bombay, Public Works Department, General and Railway Branches.
The Governments of Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab.
The Government of Burma, Public Works Department, General and Railway Branches.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Assam, and Coorg.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor General for Rajputana, Central India, and Baluchistan.
The Accountant General, Public Works Department.
The Directors of Railway Construction and Traffic.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow and Assam.
The Director General of Telegraphs.

ministrations and Officers marginally noted in continuation of Public Works Department Circular No. 2 P. W., dated 3rd August 1887.

By order,


Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 729-53.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department (Public), under date Simla, the 6th May 1898.

READ—

Home Department Resolution No. ²⁹₁₆₂₉₋₁₆₄₅, dated the 22nd July 1887, regarding the receipt of testimonials and addresses by servants of Government.

RESOLUTION.

By the rules attached to the Resolution above quoted, all servants of Government are prohibited, subject to stated exceptions, from receiving complimentary or valedictory addresses in any form, or testimonials of any kind, and from attending public meetings or complimentary entertainments of a formal and public character held in their honour. Several instances have recently occurred in which arrangements for the presentation of testimonials have been made and subscriptions collected apparently in ignorance of the fact that the proceedings were irregular and that the Rules prohibit Government officials from receiving testimonials of any kind. It has also happened more than once lately that a formal character has been given to farewell entertainments, such as are permitted by rule 3, by the publication in the newspapers of speeches made at them. The Governor

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General in Council in these circumstances finds it necessary to call the attention of Local Governments and Administrations to the rules, and to request that it may be again impressed on all officers that they must be strictly observed. With a view to bringing them to the notice of the public, the Governor General in Council directs that they be republished in the *Gazette of India* and the *Gazettes of Local Governments and Administrations*. The rules do not apply to the receipt of addresses by the Head of any Government or Administration.

1. Save as in these rules otherwise provided, all servants of Government, Covenanted or Uncovenanted, are forbidden to receive complimentary or validictory 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 rule 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.

- (a) Government of Madras.
Government of Bombay.
Government of Bengal.
Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.
Government of the Punjab.
Government of Burma.
Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces.
Chief Commissioner of Assam.
Chief Commissioner of Coorg.
Resident at Hyderabad.
- (b) Foreign Department.
Finance Department.
Military Department.
Public Works Department.
Legislative Department.

- Department of Revenue and Agriculture.
(c) Superintendent of Port Blair.
Director General of the Indian Medical Service.
Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India.
Secretary to the Board of Examiners.
Registrar of the Calcutta University.
Bishop's Chaplain.
Registrar, High Court, Calcutta.
Officer in charge of the Records of the Government of India.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to (a) all Local Governments and Administrations, (b) all Departments of the Government of India, and (c) all Heads of Departments subordinate to the Home Department, and that the Resolution be published in the *Gazette of India* for general information.

To The Secretary to the Govt of Madras
P.W. Department

Cm 5119

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for the draft
Order on this paper,
it is proposed to
indulgent. "Recorded
with reference to go.
No 15-92W 2724-6-98.
The G. of I. Resolution
has already been
received through the
Finance Dept. &
communicated to officers
of the P. W. Dept.

G. of I. P. W. D. order
No 8 of 98 was received
at 003 & the draft
was written there. The
only kind check booklet
had not been the
Finance Dept go.

Approved, *W* C₂
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