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G.O., No. 742, 7th June 1898.

JUNE.

Acceptance of Commission by Government Servants.

Declining, with remarks, to sanction the — for securing business for Life Assurance Companies.

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Mr

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From A. L. HANNAY, Esq., Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 18th April 1898, Ref. on Cur. No. 841.

With reference to a letter from the Acting District Judge of Kurnool, No. 29, dated 25th March 1898, enquiring whether a Government servant can receive remuneration from the Oriental Government Security Life Assurance Company in the shape of a percentage for getting other persons insured in that company, I am directed to state that the Honourable the Judges consider that the benefit of encouraging assurances generally and especially among Government servants is so great that they have decided to refer the papers to Government.

2. I am accordingly directed to forward a copy of the District Judge's letter, together with its enclosures, and to request that you will be so good as to obtain the orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council as to whether Government servants may receive the honoraria offered by the company in its printed circular.

ENCLOSURE.

From H. O. D. HARDING, Esq., Acting District Judge, Kurnool, to the Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Madras, dated 25th March 1898, No. 29.

With reference to Rule 81 of "the Rules regulating the Personal Conduct of Government Servants," I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to obtain the opinion of the High Court whether a Government servant can receive remuneration from the Oriental Government Security Life Assurance Company in the shape of a percentage for getting other persons insured in that company. A clerk of the Nandyal munsif was insured in that company and has been offered such a percentage. I do not see that it would be objectionable in any way unless an official became so interested in getting all his friends to insure that he neglected his legitimate work. Such a condition of things seems hardly likely to arise. However the question is one for an authoritative ruling.

ORDER—No. 742, Public, dated 7th June 1898.

His Excellency the Governor in Council, while recognizing the desirability of encouraging life assurance, considers that to permit Government servants to accept commission for securing business for assurance companies would expose them to temptation to misuse their official influence for this purpose. He therefore regrets that he cannot sanction the acceptance of fees in such cases.

(True Extract.)

Acknowledged.

For Chief Secretary.

To the Honourable the Chief Justice of the High Court (with C.L.)
Copy to all Departments of the Secretariat. (Pension)