

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	521	Press Mis.
Dated	16 - 8 -	19/858

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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 17th August 1858.

No. 34. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th August 1858, No. 1370 of G. A.

SIR,

I have the honor to subjoin copy of a letter which I addressed to the Civil Auditor and of this Officer's reply thereto.

2. I beg of you to submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council, that I deem it advisable not to enforce the strict letter of the sick and privilege leave Rules on the Ex-Sircar Officers now in charge of the Records.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk ; to J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Civil Auditor, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd August 1858, No. 1348 of G. A.

SIR,

It would not be prudent on my part to enforce amongst the elderly men, comprising generally the Temporary Establishment of Ex-Sircar Servants, in charge of the Records, the strict Rules of a regular Government laid down in the Gazette of 7th April 1858, pages 612 and 613, as an Order in the Financial Department of the Government of India of 19th March, No. 12 of 1858.

2. During the Nabob's time, Servants of the Carnatic Sircar were never subjected to such strict Rules as these and their attendance was then marked with extreme irregularity.

3. I have been able by care to obtain from them a greatly improved attendance compared with the Nabob's times, but it would be wrong to hope that the Government rules could be enforced, and it would not be prudent to try to do so, with elderly people the performance of whose duties are so temporary, and get much required for the short time.

4. I would also add my conviction that the Hamayoon Mahal, in which we are located, is not in a healthy site and that this is one cause of much absence.

5. I have not thought it prudent to adhere even to my own orders on the few rare instance , where I had latterly commanded the pay to be stopped for leave taken.

6. I find on now carefully going through these 34 Officer's names that 24 of them have already in the current half-year exceeded the 15 days per annum therein allowed, a point which was not discovered when sending in last returns, which were therefore not complete.

7. I therefore send in a monthly return for the month of July, similar to the last and if the Rule alluded to, be applicable to Temporary Servants of this class, I request the favour of your submitting the matter to Government for Orders.

From J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Civil Auditor ; to Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk, dated 4th August 1858, No. 178.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 1348 of the 2nd Instant, soliciting exemption on behalf of the "Elderly Servants," on your Establishment from the Rule restricting casual Sick Leave to 15 days in the course of the year, I have the honor to state that as this is a matter for the decision of Government, I am obliged to request conformity to the Rules as they now exist and cannot allow any deviation therefrom.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, No. 521 ; dated 16th August 1858.

The Government do not consider the Uncovenanted Service Absentee Rules to apply to the Servants of the late Nawaub, who are merely retained in Temporary charge of the Sircar Records.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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The Court do not
consider the ~~questioned~~ ~~Se-~~
~~vice Rules~~ ~~Admission Rules~~ to
apply to the ~~remains~~ of the late
Richard D. who are merely retain-
ed in temporary charge of the
Sinner records.

To Mr. S. George }
16 August 1858. }

JF

To the Court Agent at Chepauk }
Civil Auditor. } Dispt 19th