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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers :—

G.O., No. 982, Financial, dated 25th November 1897.

Abstract.—Directing the publication in three consecutive issues of the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the resolution of the Government of India stating that the Secretary of State has sanctioned certain concessions to officers employed on duties connected with famine relief or the plague.

G.O., No. 95, Financial, dated 3rd February 1898.

Abstract.—Ordering publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the resolution of the Government of India interpreting the phrase "full pay" in clauses (i) (*b*) and (ii) (*b*) of paragraph 2 of its Resolution, No. 5047-P., dated 15th November 1897, sanctioning certain concessions in respect of leave to officers employed on duties connected with famine relief and the plague.

G.O., Mis. Nos. 147, 148, Financial, dated 16th February 1898.

Abstract.—Enquiring of the Government of India whether the concessions granted in Resolution, No. 5047-P., dated 15th November 1897, to officers employed on famine relief duties were intended to apply to duties in the Secretariat connected with famine work though not in the field.

G.O., No. 477, Financial, dated 21st May 1898.

Abstract.—Communicating to the departments of the Secretariat and to all heads of departments under the Chief Secretary endorsement of the Government of India forwarding copy of letter to the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, sanctioning the relaxation of the condition of extra expense prescribed by the note to article 162 of the Civil Service Regulations in the case of men drawing less than Rs. 100 per mensem who are allowed the concessions admissible to officers on plague and famine duties.

Read—also the following paper :—

From J. B. BRUNYATE, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 5th July 1898, No. 2964-P.

In reply to your letter, No. 148, dated 16th February 1898, inquiring whether the concessions granted in the Resolution in this department, No. 5047-P., dated 15th November 1897, to officers employed on duties connected with famine relief, were intended to refer to duties such as those in the Secretariat which entailed famine work other than in the field, I am directed to refer you to the Resolution in this department, No. 2852-P., dated 29th June 1898, paragraph 4 (*b*) of which deals with the question raised by you.

Enclosure.

Resolution of the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department (Leave and Leave Allowances), dated Simla, 29th June 1898, No. 2852-P.

Read again—

Financial Resolutions No. 5047-P., dated 15th November 1897, and No. 315-P., dated 22nd January 1898.

Read also—

Telegram to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, No. 2293-P., dated 17th May 1898.
Telegram from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, dated 14th June 1898.

Resolution.—The Government of India have had under their consideration a number of further references regarding the scope and interpretation of the orders in the resolution of the 15th November 1897, granting certain concessions to officers employed on duties connected with famine relief or the plague. The following are the chief questions raised :—

(1) Whether concessions in excess of those allowed for famine or plague service of five months only are admissible in cases in which the service has been exceptionally arduous and meritorious, but has fallen short of the full period of ten months by an inconsiderable time ;
(2) Whether the concessions sanctioned for officers employed on plague duty in the Bombay Presidency may be extended under the same conditions to officers who have been similarly engaged outside that Presidency ; and
(3) Whether the concessions are admissible in the case of officers such as Secretariat officers and heads of certain departments whose office work has been materially increased in consequence of plague or famine, but whose duties have not involved constant active service in the field.

2. The Governor-General in Council observes that the proposals involved in these references go beyond the intention of the original orders. These orders were liberally framed with the previous sanction of the Secretary of State, in the first instant, and cannot be modified to meet all the cases which may seem to lie just outside the limits prescribed. On the first point raised the instructions laid down are explicit, and in accordance with them the Governor-General in Council is pleased to rule that officers who have not been employed on duties connected with famine relief or plague for the full period of ten months prescribed by the resolution of the 15th November 1897, are not eligible for any extension of the minimum concessions admissible under the resolution. Similarly officers who have not been so employed for five months do not come within the terms of the resolution at all.

3. As regards the second question, the case is somewhat different. Since the issue of the resolution of 15th November 1897 numerous outbreaks of plague have occurred beyond the limits of the Bombay Presidency, in combating which some officers have been strenuously employed for prolonged periods. Thus circumstances no longer require the limitation of the plague concessions to officers of the Bombay Presidency, and the Government of India accordingly sanction their extension, subject to the conditions laid down in the resolution, to other parts of India where plague has occurred.

4. The third question under consideration, if answered in the affirmative, would have involved an important extension of the original orders, and was accordingly referred to the Secretary of State for consideration and decision. With his sanction His Excellency the Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct as follows :—

(*a*) In the case of administrative officers ordinarily serving at the head-quarters of the Government of India or of a Local Government whose duties have brought them into actual contact with famine or plague, the concessions may be granted at the discretion of the Government of India or of the Local Government, as the case may be, if the conditions laid down in the original resolution are fulfilled.
(*b*) Secretariat and other officers whose additional work in connection with famine or plague has been office work, are not regarded as having been employed on duties connected with famine or plague within the meaning of the resolution, and are not eligible for the concessions.

No. 622, FINANCIAL, 18TH JULY 1898.

Order—Ordered, that this resolution be communicated to the departments * of the Government of India, to the several Local Governments and Administrations, to the heads of departments under the Finance Department, and to all Accountants-General and Comptrollers.

* Original papers returned.

(Signed) J. B. BRUNYATE,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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