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To
The Resst in Dtc
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SC to G.O. dated 18-7-98

Officers employed on Duties connected with the Plague and Famine.

Communicating to the departments of the Secretariat endorsement of the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, forwarding, with remark, copy of a letter from the Foreign Department to the Agent to the Governor-General in Rajputana laying down the principles by which the claims of British officers in the employ of Native States to the concessions sanctioned to — should be decided.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 982, Financial, dated 25th November 1897.
" " 622 " " 18th July 1898.

Read—also the following paper:—

Endorsement of the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, dated Simla, 27th September 1898, No. 4157-P.

Read—the following letter from Captain H. DALY, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the Agent to the Governor-General in Rajputana, dated Simla, 27th August 1898, No. 2337-I.A.:—

From your Secretary, in the Public Works Department, to the Joint Secretary to the Government of India, in the Public Works Department, No. 749 S., dated the 24th March 1898.

I am directed to reply to the letter marked on the margin, recommending that Mr. J. A. Devenish, an Executive Engineer in the service of the Bhartpur State, should be allowed the concessions sanctioned to officers employed on duties connected with famine.

2. These concessions were intended as a recognition of the services of officers on whom a very severe strain had been put, and who had undergone continuous anxiety and almost unceasing labour with much exposure. Supervision of labour employed in road-making and the like falls within Mr. Devenish's ordinary duties, and the Government of India are not convinced, upon the information before them, that there actually existed in Bhartpur any such scale of famine organisation and of measures for the relief of suffering as would bring Mr. Devenish's case within the scope of the Resolution, in the Finance and Commerce Department, No. 5047-P., dated the 15th November 1897. In this respect, however, the Government of India leave the matter to your decision and will not, so far as they are concerned, object to the grant of the concession to Mr. Devenish by the Bhartpur Darbar, if, in your opinion, similar work in British India would have entitled him to the privilege.

3. The principle by which the Government of India desire that this and similar cases should be decided is that laid down in respect to the claims to exchange compensation allowance of officers in foreign service, namely, that, subject to the restrictions and rules from time to time prescribed by the Government of India in regard to officers in British service, the claims must be decided by the orders of the foreign employer, who may, at his absolute discretion, either refuse the allowance or grant it in whole or in part.

4. I am to invite your attention to the resolution, as marked in the margin, which conveys rulings in respect to the scope and interpretation of the resolution of the 15th November 1897; and, with reference to paragraph 3 of the later resolution, I am to say that cases in which British officers in the employ of Native States may appear deserving of concessions on account of arduous duties in connection with plague should be determined in accordance with the principles laid down in this letter.

Resolution of the Government of India, in the Finance and Commerce Department, No. 2852-P., dated the 29th June 1898.

No. 2338-I.A.

A copy of the foregoing letter is forwarded, for information and guidance, to the Agent to the Governor-General in Central India. / Agent to the Governor-General at Baroda. / Resident at Hyderabad. / Resident in Mysore.

No. 2339-I.A.

A copy of the foregoing correspondence is forwarded to the Finance / Revenue and Agricultural / Home Department for information (and for such further action as may appear necessary).

( ) To Finance Department only.

(By order, &c.)

Foreign Department,
Simla, 27*th August* 1898.

(Signed) E. H. S. CLARKE,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Ordered, that a copy of this letter be forwarded to all Local Governments and Administrations for information, with the remark that they and not the Political officers under their control should decide as Local Government the questions of fact involved.

Ordered also, that a copy of the above be forwarded to all Accountants-General and Comptrollers for information.

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

Order—No. 877, Financial, dated 12th October 1898.

Communicated to the departments of the Secretariat, in continuation of G.O., No. 622, Financial, dated 18th July 1898.

(True Extract.)

A Bolgington
for *Chief Secretary.*

To all Departments of the Secretariat. (Roll)
" the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. D'Moss.