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[Despatch Abstract.]

Declining to with-
draw prohibition in
P.O. quoted to the refer-
ence of certain present
made to D. Arjuna
Jilloy of Cuddapah

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, dated
188 No. MISCELLANEOUS.

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From

Mr. R. R.

S. Srinivasa Chariar

Chairman of the Meeting
held in Cuddapah, on
24th December 1888.

To

The Honorable J. F. Price

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort. St. George.

Through the Surgeon General
with Government of Madras.

Sir,

In virtue of the authority
contained in the enclosed Resolution
passed at a Meeting of the personal
friends of Doctor Jayasamy Pillai,
Rai Bahadur, held at the premises
of the Literary Association, Cuddapah,
on the evening of 24th Instant, I
have the honor to request that you
will be good enough to obtain the early
orders of Government thereon.

2. Imprimis I beg to observe that the gift to which objection is taken in G. O. No. 641, dated 25th June 1888, Public Department, was never intended as a testimonial, much less as a pecuniary recognition, of services rendered in a public capacity. Whatever doubts there may exist as to the meaning of "body of persons" in rule 5 of G. O. No. 1107 Public Department, dated, 6th August 1887, the worthy Doctor's friends never for a moment thought that they were even unwittingly contravening the spirit of the rules in congratulating, in a purely oriental fashion, the recipient of a well-merited distinction - Doctor Syaramy Pillai - the leading native gentleman as contra-distinguished from District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

* Communicated to Dr. Syaramy Pillai by the Secy to Surgeon General on 17th Decr 1888.

They were with No. 1561 on 16th Decr 1888.

The distinction between the private gentleman and the Government Officer must, I submit, under no circumstances be lost sight of, for, it would be an anomaly to hold that a person, by the mere accident of his service under Government forfeits all rights of a private citizen and should deny himself even the common amenities and courtesies of ordinary daily life in his intercourse with friends, e.g., reciprocal exchange of presents of trifling value customary in his community on the joyous occasions of marriages and festivities.

3. It is scarcely necessary for me to reiterate in extenso the various reasons which prompt the donors of the gift in question to beseech His Excellency the Governor in Council to save them from the unenviable plight of having to take back the elect

-phated articles of paltry value,
and I shall therefore content myself
with assuring the Government that
it would give unalloyed pleasure
to all concerned, if the Government
could see their way to withdraw
the prohibition.

H. Should the Government
still adhere, even after this
explanation, to their former opinion,
I respectfully venture to request
that His Excellency the Governor
in Council will be pleased to move
the Government of India to
relax the severity of the rules
in this instance as a special case.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Cuddalore
31st December
1888

Your most obedient servant

Srinivasaiah
Chairman

Extract from the Proceedings
of the Meeting of Doctor Jayasamy
Pillai's Friends held at the premises
of Literary Association, Cuddalore,
on 24th December 1888.

The following resolution was
carried Unan.

This Meeting begins with deep
regret that the action of a few
friends, who, in congratulating
Doctor Jayasamy Pillai, on the
joyous occasion of the bestowal
of a well merited title of Rai
Bahadur, by the Government of
India, presented him with a
"silver cup and spoon" of the paltry
value of Rs. 156 should be construed
by Government, in the light of present-
ing a testimonial which it in no
sense was.

This Meeting further begs
to assure the Government most

emphatically that the gift in question was made not as a recognition of the Doctor's services or other testimonial to a public servant but more as a personal congratulation in a purely oriental fashion of his private friends on the above said occasion of the Government of India honoring a native gentleman as distinguished from an officer of Government.

That this meeting authorises its Chairman to address the Government of Madras through the Surgeon-General conveying its respectful request to allow Doctor Jayasamy Pillai to retain the silver articles presented to him on 9th June last (obtaining the sanction of the Government of India if still deemed necessary) for the following reasons:-

(1) The delay in communicating to Dr. Jayasamy Pillai on 17th Decr 1888 by the Secretary to Surgeon-General

which the Doctor's friends came to know on 20th Instant only renders it well nigh impossible to dispose of in a legal manner the returned articles of gift at this distance of time, as some of the subscribers have left the station.

(2) The loss of self-respect, apart from repugnancy to all oriental notions of etiquette involved in taking back gifts once made irrevocably and that too after the donee had been more than 6 months in possession thereof, is well known to all conversant with the manners and customs of the country.

(True Extract)

J. Jayasamy Pillai
Chairman.

G.O. No. 641
25.6.88

Public Department

x Communicated
to Dr. Jayasamy Pillai
on 17th Decr 1888 by the
Secretary to Surgeon-General

No. 13.

bannamore, 17th January 1889.
Fort St. George,

From

H. Bidie Esq. M.B. C.S.E.
The SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of Government the enclosed letter from certain native gentlemen in Cuddapah begging that His Excellency in Council may be pleased to withdraw the prohibition conveyed in G. O. Public Department No. 641 of 25th June 1888 regarding the retention by M. R. Rajayasan Pillai Rao Bahadur of certain articles presented to him by some members of the public in C. Cuddapah. Failing this it is requested that the Government of India may be asked to relax the severity of the rules regarding testimonials in this instance as a special case. The articles, it may be mentioned, have been returned to the donors.

2- The delay in communicating the order

No 47 1887
From
The Chairman of
the Committee on
Education in
24th Decr 1888

To
The Chief Secretary
to Govt of Madras.
Received
in Decr 1888
Received

Enclosed with Encl 1.

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Received at the meeting
and suggesting the Govt
to allow Mr. Rajayasan
Pillai, Raj Bahadur,
to retain the articles
presented to him by
his friends.

Lu P. C. No 225/89

order requiring the return of the
presents was due to an accident which
I very greatly regret, but was rectified
the moment it was discovered.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt.

Edie M.B.C.S.E
Surgeon General
with the Govt of Madras

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reference to
his friends.

Publ. (1889) DEPARTMENT.

From G. Bidie Esq. M.B., C.S.,
THE SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Fort St. George.

Cannanore.

In order.

The petrs themselves admitted
that the presentation does not
come, was not meant to
come, within the scope of the
exception allowed in the case
of medical officers by sec. 5 of
the rules published in G.O. 6485/1107

Admitted that there is no
ground for departing from
G.O. 25 June 88 or for addressing
India

been
m/1

I agree. The case seems to me
clearly within the prohibition.

Self
26 Jan

No. $\frac{5}{13}$

Dated 17th } January 1889.
Reed. 19th }

No.

SUBJECT.

Submits a
letter from certain native
gentlemen in Cuddapah
begging that H. E. the Gov.
may be pleased to withdraw
the prohibition conveyed
in G.O. No. 6485/1107
regarding the retention
of presents in this case



PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper

From the Secy. Genl. with
Govt. dated 17th January
1889. No. 7/13.

Order. 8th Feb/89. No. 135
H.S. Mr. Gov. in C.

having carefully considered
the petition received with
the foregoing letter, reports
his inability to with-
draw the prohibition
conveyed in G.O. 25th
June 1888. No. 6485/1107. He
also sees no ground for
addressing the Govt. of
India as the presentation

petrs, since the presentation to Dr. Sivasami
Pillai falls clearly
within the rules pro-
hibiting the acceptance
of testimonials by
public servants.

Secy. Genl. with Govt.
Mr. S. Sivasami Pillai
Chairman

28/2/89

(From Secy. Genl.)

D. O. No. $\frac{2}{9}$

Office
with the Govern.

PRINCE SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
17 JAN 1871

~~That St. George, 17/1~~

My Dear Sir,

I am very
for the delay that occurred
in carrying out the order
of forward requiring Mr.
Aiyasamy Pillay to
return the articles referred
to in the accompanying
letter. It occurred in
this way. Mr Aiyasamy
wrote me direct on the
subject after receiving
the articles, instead of
through the Madras Office.

for
Communications
I was sent on
^{by} home to find & in
light of the order it
was forwarded as usual
to the Madras office
for communication &
registration. Unfortu-
nately the Madras office,
as the whole of the
correspondence had
been carried on by
me, assumed that I
had also sent a copy
of the order to Mr. Digby.

although I
to show this.
The mistake was
when I was mis-
at Luddepost Hill
& I am very sorry
for it & the delay
which it involved.

Yours sincerely
Edie