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Registered, Home Department.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From C. H. A. HILL, Esq., Secretary to the Committee for revising the Warrant of Precedence, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 22nd September 1896, No. 1-P.C.—1.

With reference to the Home Department Circular No. 25-Public—1389-98, dated the 7th instant, forwarding, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a copy of the Resolution in that department, No. 21-Public—1257-63, dated the 5th August 1896, and intimating that the Committee, thereby appointed to discuss and report on the points in regard to which the Warrant of Precedence of 1877 may require revision, have been authorised to address Local Governments and Administrations direct on the subject, I am directed to request that the Committee may be favoured with any proposals which the Government of Madras may desire to make.

2. I am particularly to enquire whether any of the offices mentioned in the Warrant or in the supplementary list have undergone any change in name or have been abolished in the Madras Presidency since 1877.

3. In case it is proposed to add any new office to those comprised in the Warrant of 1877 and the supplementary list, or to alter the position of any office already shown, I am to say that the Committee would be glad to be informed in each case of the pay of the appointment, the class from which the incumbent is usually drawn, the nature of his functions, the position in the Warrant which it is proposed to assign to him, and such other details as may assist the Committee in formulating their recommendations.

4. The Committee would venture to suggest, for the consideration of the Governor in Council, that as the present Warrant has been in force for twenty years, and as the general basis upon which it is framed is accepted and understood by society in India, it might be well to leave that basis unaltered, and to confine proposals for change as far as possible to details.

5. I am to invite a reference to the first sentence of paragraph 3 of the Home Department Resolution of the 5th ultimo, in which the Committee are specially directed to take into consideration the question whether in the revised Warrant the omission of the fourth class of the Warrant of 1877 should not be recommended. I am to remark that the Warrant of 1871, which was superseded by the existing Warrant, regulated precedence down to, and including, Subalterns in the Army and newly joined civilians. In recommending to the Secretary of State the omission of the fifth and sixth classes which consisted of Captains and Subalterns, and those ranking with them, the Government of India observed—

The large number of non-official gentlemen in India, such as Barristers, Merchants and others cannot be included in the Warrant, and this fact renders the inclusion of all Government officials whose position is not less important than that of a Subaltern in the Army, invidious, as thereby an implied precedence is given to them over all other gentlemen not in the service of Government. Moreover, by the exclusion of the lower classes the difficulty of weighing the relative dignity of a large number of miscellaneous offices is avoided.

Since the Despatch of the 31st March 1876, of which the above is an extract, was written, the non-official community has increased both in numbers and importance, not only in the Presidency towns, but also in many of the Provincial capitals, where society twenty years ago was almost wholly official. I am to enquire whether, in the opinion of the Governor in Council, it is advisable to carry the process of exclusion still further by the omission of the fourth class of the Warrant of 1877.

6. I am in conclusion to say that the Committee propose to take the replies to this letter into consideration in December next, and it is, therefore, important that any proposals which it is desired should be considered should reach them at the latest early in that month.

ORDER—No. 1093, Public, dated 3rd October 1896.

Communicated to departments of the Secretariat with the request that any remarks or proposals in regard to the revision of the Warrant of Precedence may be forwarded to this department by the 1st November at the very latest.

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

- „ Public Works Department.
- „ Marine Department.
- „ Judicial Department.
- „ Educational Department.
- „ Ecclesiastical Department.
- „ Financial Department.
- „ Political Department.

Erd. Shaik Karim.

Registrar, Home Department.

Public (1894) Department.

CURRENT No.

From the Secretary to the Committee
for revising the Warrant
of Precedence.

Order No. 1093. of 3rd October 1896

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Requesting information on
certain points connected with
the revision of the Warrant of
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Public DEPARTMENT

C. No. 3173

Warrant of Precedence

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FOR ORDERS.

The Communication which was expected from the Committee appointed by the Govt of India to consider the subject of the revision of the existing warrant of precedence in accordance with India's letter in G.O. 1050 Pub d/22. 9. 96 is herewith submitted.

The Committee asks for any proposals this Govt may have to make and for information as to changes that have taken place since the warrant was published. It suggests that proposals for change maybe confined as far as possible to details. The opinion of this Govt is requested as to the advisability of including the 4th class of the existing warrant in consequence of the increase of the non-official members.

community both in numbers and importance. A reply is asked for early in December.

The following changes are noted in the existing warrant flagged G:-

N^o. 10. There is now no Comdr-in-Chief in all Madras.

N^o. 34. There is now no Military Secy to Govt.

N^o. 64. The S.G. of Jails is now the S.G. of Prisons.

N^o. 70. The Master Attendant - Presby Pot Officer.

The official order of precedence in Madras is flagged B. Orders are requested whether the other depts of the Secretariat may be asked if they have any proposals to make in regard to the revision of the warrant. The new Additional Secretary will come under N^o. 34 - "Secretaries to Govt".

The omission of the 4th class would keep civilians out of the warrant until the completion of 18 years' service, unless holding any of the app'ts specified in the first three classes. The

FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE, C.I.E.

Make this ref. &
await reply before
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other officers of the 4th class are not of any very great importance. The First Judge of the Small Cause Court is included in the first class, and it is submitted that the Chief Presidency Magistrate should be given a place in the warrant vide G.O. 632 Pbdy 9.4.78 flagged C. The present Registrar of the High Court is a civilian of less than ten years' standing. The Collector is now the Supdt. of Stamps and the local Supdt. of Telegraphs may be an officer of any grade in the telegraphs dept.

It will be seen from G.O. 421 Pbdy 31.3.77 (H) that when the present warrant was issued, the graded list attached to it was forwarded for the views of this Govt., and was referred by it to the Committee named in that G.O. It is for orders whether the Govt. are of the opinion that the questions now placed before it should first be ~~referred~~ dealt with by a Local Committee.