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3. It is perhaps not quite clear in what sense the words "for any relative" in the above paragraph were intended to be used. But taking them in what appears to me to be their ordinary meaning, I am of opinion that the orders of Government do prohibit the acquisition or holding of land for agricultural purposes by a Covenanted Civil Servant for a son or other relative, but that they do not prohibit the acquisition or holding of land for such purposes by a son or other relative, even although the land be acquired with money furnished by the Civil Servant, provided that the money was given as an absolute gift, and that the Civil Servant has *bona fide* no interest whatever, legal or equitable, in the land or its produce.

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