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RESOLUTION.—With advertence to the above letter, the Governor General in Council desires that it may be intimated to the local Governments that it is the earnest desire of the Government of India to leave them with as much freedom to act in such cases as is consistent with the duty which attaches to the Supreme Government in exercising the control enjoined upon it by the Court's Despatch of the 24th June 1857, No. 43, in reference to this special subject, and also to the general control which it must exert over the finances generally; and believing that this duty need not be practically interfered with by conceding the request made by the Government of Madras in the letter abovementioned, and relying upon the discretion with which the duty will be exercised by the local Governments, the Governor General in Council is pleased to authorize the local Governments to grant gratuities in ordinary cases on the scale specified in the margin,* subject, however, to the following restrictions which are in accordance with the instructions received from the Home authorities:—

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To the Civil Pension Department,
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