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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th October 1862.*

No. 45. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated 8th September 1862, No. 409G:—

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Home Department, No. 4,383, under date the 21st August 1862.

READ Extract, No. 4,061, dated the 18th of June, from the Proceedings of the Financial Department forwarding certain papers relative to the question whether service in Zamindári Estates, under the Court of Wards, at Madras, should reckon as service towards pension.

Read Office Memorandum, No. 3,356, dated the 5th ultimo, addressed to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, making an inquiry as to the practice in Bengal in this respect.

Read the reply of the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, No. 274, dated the 11th instant.

1. The Governor General in Council observes that it has never been found necessary in Bengal to allow pensions for service passed under the Court of Wards in the management of private Estates.

2. The practice in Bengal is believed to be when a manager is required for an Estate under the Court of Wards, to offer the appointment to the Public, and from among the candidates to select one recommended by his previous character, and who is at the same time able to give satisfactory security for his good conduct, and His Excellency in Council believes there is never any difficulty in finding a fit person at a reasonable salary.

3. The difference adverted to in paragraph 3 of the Board's letter, between the practice of the Court of Wards in Bengal and in Madras, lend, perhaps some support to the system adopted at the latter Presidency of employing Government servants, and allowing their time passed under the Court of Wards to count as service for Government pension. But the Governor General in Council considers that the system is certainly an unsound one, and that it can hardly be possible under it to tell whether or not the State is unduly charged with pensions for service not rendered to the State.

4. On the whole, it would seem very desirable to the Governor General in Council in this Department, that, if practicable, the Bengal system should *for the future*, be followed in Madras; service which has heretofore been passed under the Court of Wards by Government servants being of course allowed to reckon as part of their service for pension.

ORDERED, that a copy of these observations be transmitted to the Financial Department, in reply to the reference therefrom, and that the papers received from that Department be returned.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 8TH SEPTEMBER 1862.

ORDER.—COPY forwarded to the Government of Madras, for information and guidance, with reference to its report, No. 1,132, dated the 22nd May last.

No. 81, dated the 14th February 1862.
" 98, dated the 24th idem.

Copy also sent to the Civil Paymaster, Madras, for information and guidance, with reference to the question raised by him in his letters noted in the margin.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. BERNARD,

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1862, No. 2,143.

From Government of India, dated 31st March 1862, No. 2,316.
To do. do. dated 22nd May 1862, No. 1,132.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for their information and guidance. Copies of the papers noted in the margin will also be furnished to them.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 409 *h*

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, d. 8th September 1862.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Home Department, No. 4383, under date the 21st August 1862.

READ extract, No. 4061, dated the 18th of June, from the Proceedings of the Financial Department, forwarding certain papers relative to the question whether service in Zemindary Estates, under the Court of Wards at Madras, should reckon as service towards pension.

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Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

