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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th November 1862.

No. 329. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 20th November 1862, No. 823 :—

Communicating an Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India resolving to forward to the Home Government the proposition of the Committee of Secretaries that every Officer of the Staff Corps should be allowed the pay of his rank in that Corps so long as he is required to remain in India even when holding a Civil appointment, the emoluments of which may be inferior.

(Vide Financial Proceedings, 20th November 1862, Nos. 67, 68.)

No. 330. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1862, No. 2,492.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, Acting Conservator of Forests and Acting Director of Revenue Settlement for their information.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 14th October 1862, No. 689G.

Read also Extract from the Military Department, No. 2, dated 1st September 1862, with enclosures, regarding the allowances to be passed to Major J. J. Hamilton, Junior Assistant Commissioner, Mysore.

REMARKS.—Major J. J. Hamilton is the incumbent of an appointment, the consolidated salary of which is 500 Rupees a month, while the pay of his rank as Major in the Staff Corps is Rupees 640-14. Major Hamilton claims the full pay of his rank. The Military Department forwards the case to the Committee of Secretaries, requesting an opinion as to the best means of adjusting the pay of an Officer, in a case where the Staff Corps pay of his rank is higher than the consolidated salary of his Civil appointment. In the opinion of Government, in the Military Department, Major Hamilton is entitled to the Staff Corps pay of his rank.

The Committee of Secretaries reports its opinion that under Her Majesty's Warrant, every Officer must be held to be legally entitled to the Staff Corps pay of his rank in the Staff Corps, so long as he is required to remain in India, even when holding a Civil appointment, the emoluments of which are inferior to such pay. But as in the Civil Department, fixed salaries, proportionate to the duties to be performed, are attached to appointments, the Committee considers it would not be right to increase those salaries as a Civil charge. Any excess of Staff Corps pay above Civil salary should, in the Committee's opinion, be treated as an item of Military expenditure. The Committee further recommends that the Military Department should consider each case as it arises, and should determine whether, with reference to the special circumstances involved, it is expedient to employ such Officer in a situation whereby a non-effective charge against the Military Department is created.

ORDER.—The Governor General in Council considers it objectionable in principle that Officers should receive different rates of pay for doing precisely the same duties, and His Excellency in Council observes that under the proposed arrangement, there would be no check in the tendency to appoint to subordinate offices, Officers drawing by reason of their rank higher pay than that attached to those offices, because the charge for the increased pay would not fall on the Department employing the Officer, but on the Military Department which would view it as a temporary saving.

His Excellency the Governor General in Council accordingly resolves that the proposition of the Committee of Secretaries shall be recommended to the Secretary of State, with the remark that the Government of India advocates its adoption only to meet the case of Officers who have received unusual promotion in the Staff Corps in consequence of recent events.

Care must, His Excellency in Council remarks, be taken that this rule be not made an excuse for keeping up the numbers of the Staff Corps at a higher figure than is requisite. To this end, His Excellency in Council directs that a report be made by the Local Government whenever a Staff Corps Officer in Civil employ by Army promotion obtains higher allowances than the salary sanctioned for his office, in order that each case may be specially inquired into by the Government of India and decided on its merits.

Every case like Major Hamilton's will, His Excellency in Council remarks, be treated, pending the approval of the Secretary of State, in accordance with the suggestions of the Committee of Secretaries as applied in the case of Major Hamilton, after the report submitted by the Local Government has been considered by the Government of India.

Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Military Department, with reference to its Extract, No. 2, of 1st September 1862.

Ordered, also, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Foreign Department, and several Local Governments and Administrations, for information and further necessary orders; to the Auditor General of India, and to all Civil Paymasters.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) E. DRUMMOND,
Secretary to the Government of India.

ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1862, No. 823.

Ordered to be communicated to the Deputy Auditor and Accou ntant General, and to the undermentioned Departments for information and guidance.

To the Military Department.
" Public Works do.
" Revenue do.
" Judicial do.
" Public do.
" Educational do.
" Political do.

(True Extract.)

G. J. Cumbhurst

Chief Secretary.

To the *Revenue* Department.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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Communicating an Extract from the Pro. of the Govt of India relating to forwarding to the Army Govt the proposition of the Commander of Reserves that every officer of the Staff Corps should be allowed the pay of his rank in that Corps so long as he is required to remain in India even when holding a Staff appointment the emoluments of which may be inferior.

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Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Rev., the Conservator of Forests and the Director of Rev. Settlement for their information.

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