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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
23rd June 1873.

No. 70. Read the following extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department (Public), dated Simla, 23rd May 1873, No. 1789 :—

Read again the under-mentioned papers :—

Office Memorandum from the Military Department, No. 864, dated 24th October 1872, suggesting the desirability of devising some rule for securing a record of the qualifications and merits of Military Officers in civil employ.

Resolution of the Home Department, No. 4420—30, dated 30th November 1872, calling upon Local Governments and Administrations for information as to the system adopted for recording the character and qualifications of officers.

Read also the under-mentioned replies :—

From Government of Fort St. George, No. 1403, dated 20th December 1872.

Ditto Bombay, No. 4774—146-G., dated 16th December 1872.

Ditto Bengal, No. 2662-R., dated 7th December 1872.

Ditto North-Western Provinces, No. 3814-A., dated 30th December 1872.

Ditto Punjab, No. 450, dated 3rd February 1873.

From the Chief Commissioner of Oudh, No. 24, dated 2nd January 1873.

Ditto Central Provinces, No. 4457—236, dated 19th December 1872.

Ditto British Burmah, No. 2379—507, dated 24th December 1872.

Ditto Coorg, No. 5169—38, dated 10th December 1872.

From the Resident at Hyderabad, No. 5, dated 4th April 1873.

Read also—

Office Memorandum from the Military Department, No. 91, ^{Service}_(Officers), dated the 5th May 1873.

RESOLUTION.—On a careful consideration of the views entertained by the Local Governments and Administrations as to the necessity of recording in character books kept for the purpose the merits and qualifications of officers in civil employ, the Governor-General in Council is of opinion that any such formal practice is not, for various reasons, a desirable one. The ordinary records of Government will always show if an officer has been markedly inefficient, and he himself may usually be relied upon to keep a note of all special recognition of his services. If nothing of the kind exists, it may be assumed that he has done his duty, but has either been unable to distinguish himself, or has had no opportunity of doing so.

2. His Excellency in Council, however, desires that, in future, when an officer leaves a Civil Department to return to Military duty, he shall be furnished, if he require it, or if the Department to which he returns require it, with a statement of his services, and with a note of the opinion of the Local Government, or the Department under which he has served, as to his character, ability, and efficiency.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Military Department and to the other Departments of the Government of India for information and guidance.

Ordered, also, that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations, and to the Superintendent of Port Blair and

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the Nicobars, and the Director-General of the Archæological Survey of India, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) TREVOR PLOWDEN,
for Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 71.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd June 1873, No. 652.

Communicated to all Departments of the Secretariat.

(True Extract.)

Shirrell
As Secy. to the Govt.
for Chief Secretary.

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Communicating Resolution of the Government
of India relative to the system to be adopted for
recording the character and qualifications of
officers in civil employ.

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