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Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department (Establishments),—under date Simla, the 20th October 1875.

READ again—

Letter from Government, North-Western Provinces, No. 1544 A, dated 16th June 1873, submitting a memorial from the Junior Civilians attached to those Provinces regarding their position and prospects in the service.

Letter from Government, North-Western Provinces, No. 2235 A, dated 30th August 1873, on the same subject.

Despatch to Secretary of State No. 76, dated 30th October 1873, forwarding the above papers.

Despatch from Secretary of State No. 9, dated 5th February 1874, replying to the above.

Letter from Government of India to Governments, North-Western Provinces, Punjab and Bengal, No. 661, dated 22nd July 1875, directing that on the occurrence of vacancies in certain offices the preferential claims of Covenanted Civil Servants may be considered.

RESOLUTION.

THE Government of India have for some time had under their consideration the stagnation which has occurred in the advancement of certain North-Western Provinces Civilians consequent mainly on the large number of Civil Servants sent to those Provinces in the years 1861, 62 and 63.

2. From the enquiries instituted it is clear that the case of the North-Western Provinces Civilians cannot be dealt with independently, because some officers of the Bengal Civil Service employed in the Punjab, Oudh and elsewhere do not appear to be differently situated from those employed in the North-Western Provinces; and the same causes which have affected the prospects of some of the Bengal officers may also at some future time affect the Civil Servants of other provinces. It is therefore necessary to consider carefully the principle upon which any measures which may be adopted to meet the present difficulty shall be determined.

3. The Governor General in Council has therefore resolved to refer the subject to a Committee consisting of—

The Hon'ble SIR W. MUIR, K. C. S. I., *President*.

" " SIR ALEXANDER ARBUTHNOT, K. C. S. I.

" " ASHLEY EDEN, C. S. I.

" " T. C. HOPE.

J. WESTLAND, Esq., *Secretary*.

4. The Committee will consider and report upon—

(I) The facts relating to the grievances urged by the North-Western Provinces Civilians and the nature of the remedy which it may be possible and proper to apply to such grievances as may be established. The conclusion of the settlements of the land revenue and the consequent return of the Settlement Officers to regular duty should be taken into consideration.

(II) The extent to which similar measures may be required as regards members of the Bengal Civil Service employed in the Non-Regulation Provinces.

(III) The number of Covenanted Civil Servants that should annually be indented for from England for each Presidency, and their allotment, as well as any other arrangements which are necessary for the purpose of preventing the recurrence of future stagnation of promotion.

5. In considering the last question the Committee will take into account the rules recently made under 33 Vic. Section 6, for the admission of Natives of India to appointments formerly reserved to Covenanted Civil Servants.

6. The Committee are authorised to correspond direct with Local Governments and Administrations and examine any Covenanted Civil Servant or other officer whose evidence may be considered to be likely to promote the object for which the Committee is appointed.

7. If the Committee should be satisfied that the position of certain officers of the Bengal Civil Service requires action to be taken immediately and as to the best mode of dealing with the case, they are requested to report on the first two questions referred for their consideration, leaving the third question for further report.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be forwarded for information and guidance to the gentlemen named above and to Local Governments and Administrations for information.

(True Extract)

(signed) Arthur Howell.

Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Order thereon, 30 October 1875, No. 7310

Communicated to the Revenue Department and Board of Revenue for information.

(True Extract)
Chas. Lucchesi,
Ag Under Secy.

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