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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

12th September 1877, No. 2295.

Mr. H. B. Grigg, Madras Civil Service.

Read the following paper:—

No. 87. From A. P. HOWELL, Esq., M.A., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Simla, 30th August 1877, No. 1635.

I am directed to forward the enclosed letter* from the Accountant-General, Madras, regarding the temporary appointment of Mr. H. B. Grigg.

* No. 2194, dated 30th May last.

2. The practice of notifying in the local Gazette temporary appointments for which the Accountant-General contends is, no doubt, that adopted generally by other Administrations in India, and it has the advantage that in case of any action taken by an officer so temporarily appointed being questioned in any Court of Law such Court would be bound to accept the notification in the Gazette as sufficient evidence of the officer's authority to act in his temporary capacity which might not always, especially after some lapse of time, be otherwise capable of easy proof.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, to the Financial Secretary to the Government of India, dated Fort St. George, 30th May 1877, No. 2194.

Audit Department.

I have the honor to submit for instructions a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin which has passed between the Madras Government and myself regarding the necessity for a formal notification in the Government Gazette of the recent appointment made with retrospective effect of Mr. H. B. Grigg, Acting Under Secretary to Government, to be considered as Acting Revenue Secretary to Government during the temporary vacancy of the office caused by the deputation of Mr. Carmichael to act as Chief Secretary and the non-arrival of Mr. Master, who stands gazetted to act as Revenue Secretary to Government, and to report that there is, so far as I am aware, no positive rule on the subject in the Codes of the Financial Department or in any separate order of the Government of India; but in the other parts of India where I have served it certainly is the general practice to notify in the local Gazette all orders relating to Covenanted Civil Servants and other officers appointed directly by the Government, and this certainly seems the most convenient and correct arrangement.

2. I beg to add, however, that in this Presidency the power to sanction the arrangements under which Covenanted Civil Servants in direct subordination to Collectors are placed in charge of, or appointed to act in, superior offices temporarily vacant, has been delegated to the Board of Revenue, and these appointments too are not gazetted.

3. I beg permission to explain that this communication is not submitted through the local Government, because it appears doubtful whether it was the intention of the Government of India to prescribe any definite rule in this Presidency in accordance with my view of the case and the practice elsewhere.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
6th September 1877.

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

No. 88.

ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1877, No. 2295.

In reply to this letter it will be explained that an Acting Secretary is always gazetted as such forthwith, except when, in the absence of an officer of the usual standing, some very junior officer is temporarily directed to take up the duties. To evoke discussions and correspondence of an undesirable nature. There would not be the same objection to inserting a notice in the Gazette at the termination of his temporary incumbency that he had acted from such a date to such another; and this course will accordingly be followed in future.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

(True Copy)

W. B. Figg
As Under Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

To the Revenue Dept.

Ed. T. D. Ryan.

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To
THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL.

Dated September, 1874.

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Mr. H. B. Grigg, Madras Civil Service.—
Orders passed on letter from Government of India
forwarding, with observations, letter from Account-
ant-General, Madras, regarding the necessity for
a formal notification in the Government Gazette
of the recent appointment of Mr. H. B. Grigg as
Acting Revenue Secretary to Government; and
copy of these Proceedings forwarded to Govern-
ment of India.

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