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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

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Service Lists of Gazetted Officers.

Read the following paper :—

No. 48. *Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department (Establishments), dated Simla, 9th Oct.* 1878, *No.* 10—1048-64.

Read again—

Public Proceedings, November 1872, No. 469.
Home Department Resolution, No. 4420-30, dated 30th November 1872.

Public Proceedings, May 1873, No. 304.
Home Department Resolution, No. 1789—1807, dated 23rd May 1873.

Establishments B. Proceedings, July 1876, No. 116.
Financial Department Endorsement, No. 1675, dated 20th July 1876.

Establishments B. Proceedings, December 1876, Nos. 122-24.
Home Department letter to Government of Bombay, No. 749, dated 7th November 1876.
Letter from Bombay Government, No. 6721, dated 21st November 1876.
Home Department Circular, No. 6—837-47, dated 14th December 1876. (To all Local Governments and Administrations, except Government of Bombay.)

Read also the following replies from the Local Governments and Administrations with other papers :—

From Government of Bengal, No. 2877CS., dated 20th December 1876.
To Government of Bombay, No. 27, dated 18th January 1877.
From Government of Bombay, No. 869, dated 12th February 1877.
From Government of Madras, No. 8, dated 2nd January 1877.
To Government of Madras, No. 795, dated 24th September 1877.
From Government of Madras, No. 1344, dated 9th October 1877.
From Government of Madras, No. 1524, dated 10th November 1877.
From Government of Madras, No. 831, dated 17th May 1878.
From Government, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 264—A—I 328, dated 8th March 1877.
To Government, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 248, dated 20th March 1877.
From Government, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 1112—I—228, dated 28th May 1877.
From Government, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 2624A, dated 6th December 1877.
From Government of the Punjab, No. 2210, dated 21st May 1877.
To Government of the Punjab, No. 796, dated 24th September 1877.
From Chief Commissioner of Assam, No. 2237, dated 28th August 1877.
From Chief Commissioner of British Burmah, No. 74—95, dated 24th January 1877.
From Resident at Hyderabad, No. 129, dated 8th February 1877.
From Chief Commissioner of Mysore, No. 11494—G. 51, dated 12th February 1877.
From Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, No. 369—227, dated 3rd February 1877.

RESOLUTION.—On the 30th November 1872 a circular was issued by the Government of India to all Local Governments and Administrations, observing that in a recent case it had been found that no record whatever existed in one province of the qualifications of a Military officer who had served for a considerable time in civil employ, and no information was available as to the manner in which he had discharged his civil duties. In the circular this state of things was declared to be undesirable, and each Local Government and Administration was requested to report its present practice and the system which it proposed to adopt for keeping up a complete record of the character and qualifications of all its officers.

2. On receipt of replies to the above-mentioned circular, the Government of India reconsidered the subject and came to the conclusion that the formal practice of recording in character books the merits and qualifications of public officers was not desirable for various reasons, and should not be prescribed for general adoption. In Home Department Resolution, dated the 23rd May 1873, this decision was communicated to the Local Governments and Administrations. It was remarked in that Resolution that the ordinary records of Government would always show if an officer had been markedly inefficient, and that an officer might himself be usually relied upon to keep a note of all special recognition of his services. It was, however, requested that on the occasion of a Military Officer leaving the Civil Department to return to the Army, he should be furnished, on applying for it, with a statement of his services, and with the opinion of the Local Government as to his character, ability, and efficiency.

3. In May 1876 the Bombay Government applied for sanction to the entertainment of certain additional establishments to assist in the collection and publication of a history of the services of each officer in civil employ in that Presidency in accordance with the instructions of the Government of India, as contained in the Home Department communication, No. 4420, dated 30th November 1872. In the orders passed on the application the attention of the Bombay Government was invited to the decision of the 23rd May 1873 to modify the original proposal for keeping up a confidential record of the ability and character of officers of Government. But when the first "History" brought out by the Bombay Government reached the Government of India, it appeared to be a very useful publication, and not of the nature of a character book to which objection could be taken on the grounds stated in the decision of the 23rd May 1873. The Government of India thought that similar compilations for the other provinces would be equally useful, and this led to an inquiry being made of all the other Local Governments and Administrations in the circular of the 14th December 1876 whether a similar volume could be annually prepared for each province, what it would cost, and how long it would take to compile. A letter was subsequently addressed to the Government of Bombay, calling for a report of the cost of bringing out their "History of Gazetted Officers," the annual cost of keeping up the work, and the funds to which the charge was debited.

4. The Bombay Government report the cost of preparing and printing their first "History of Gazetted Officers" to have amounted to Rupees 4,161-10-0. They show that the annual expense of keeping up the history will consist of the pay of an additional clerk on Rupees 80 rising to Rupees 100 per mensem in the office of the Accountant-General of Bombay, and the printing charge, estimated at Rupees 1,200, the pay of the clerk being debited to Imperial, and the cost of printing to Provincial Funds.

5. In Madras the practice already is to publish a history of the services of Covenanted Civil Servants, and a separate account of the services of Military Officers in Civil employ and of Gazetted Uncovenanted Officers in the Civil Department has been prepared. The Madras Government have not furnished any information as to the expenditure entailed by the undertaking.

6. The Bengal Government report that a volume similar to that published at Bombay could be prepared for the Lower Provinces at a cost of Rupees 2,000 for the first edition, the cost of each subsequent edition being estimated at Rupees 500. They add that a period of six months would be necessary for the compilation of the

first edition. It is not quite clear whether the amounts mentioned include the cost of printing, or whether the printing is proposed to be done at the Bengal Secretariat Press without any additional charge.

7. A History of the Services of Gazetted Officers in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh is under preparation in connection with the local Quarterly Civil Lists. The work has been undertaken by the Secretariat Establishment. The Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, however, solicit instructions on the following points:—

(1.) Whether the History of Uncovenanted Officers should commence from the date of their appointment as Gazetted Officers or from the date of their entering Government service in any capacity? The latter alternative would necessitate numerous references to these officers themselves and would involve considerable expense and some delay.

(2.) As to what class of Uncovenanted Officers should find a place in the history. The Bombay Government in their return seem to have omitted second-class Subordinate Judges (Munsifs in the North-Western Provinces), Assistant Surgeons, and Upper Subordinates of the Public Works Department; but it is to be noted that in these Provinces the classes referred to are Gazetted Officers of the Civil Department. There is, moreover, in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh a class of officers departmentally gazetted, viz., Tahsildars, certain Head Masters of Zillah Schools, Police Inspectors, Lower Subordinates of the Public Works Department, &c.; and the Local Government inquire whether the names of all such officers should find a place in the history, or whether any and, if so, what restrictions should be observed.

8. The Punjab Government have already taken steps to compile the required history, and they promise to submit a full report when the cost of the work and the time requisite for its completion can be estimated.

9. The Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces has also ordered the preparation of a similar compilation. He does not say what the cost of the first edition will amount to, but he adds that the annual revision and printing would be done in less than two months, the cost of printing not exceeding Rupees 200.

[illegible] Chief Commissioner of British Burmah expresses his readiness, if required, to order the preparation of a volume like the Bombay one, but he is unable to say how long it would take to complete, or what the cost of printing would be, until the particulars of each officer's services have been ascertained.

11. The Chief Commissioner of Mysore and Coorg is of opinion that a history of the services of Gazetted Officers in those Provinces could be prepared by the employment of two extra clerks for six months at an estimated cost of Rupees 600. The Chief Commissioner of Assam says that a history for his province could be compiled by the entertainment of two extra clerks for four months at a total cost of Rupees 400. Both of them are silent as to the cost of printing and annual expenditure of keeping up the history.

12. The Resident at Hyderabad has issued orders for the compilation of the required history for Berar by his own establishment. He expects to get it printed at the Residency Press without any additional cost.

13. The Governor-General in Council is glad to find that several Local Governments and Administrations have already anticipated the wishes of the Government of India in this matter and have undertaken the compilation of annual volumes like those published by the Bombay Government, and His Excellency in Council hopes that the other Local Governments and Administrations will lose no time in initiating so useful a work for their respective Provinces.

14. As regards the questions asked by the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, His Excellency in Council leaves it entirely to the Local Governments to decide on what principle the annual volumes should be compiled. There is no desire to secure uniformity by laying down a hard-and-fast rule on the points mentioned by the North-Western Provinces and Oudh Government. It will be enough if each Local Government tries to make the history as complete and useful as may be conveniently possible, and issues the proposed history of its officers, either yearly or half-yearly with its Civil List. It should be added that in the case of officers serving temporarily or permanently with the Government of India the

record should be kept by the Local Governments or Administrations to whose services the officers may belong. In this way a continuous record of such officers' service will be maintained.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. BERNARD,
Offg. Secretary to Govt. of India.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, 17th October 1878, No. 1529.

Copy to all the Departments, the High Court, and Heads of Departments to whom G.O., dated 2nd January 1877, No. 7, was communicated.

2. The Supervisor of the Government Press will be requested to ascertain and report for the information of Government the charge incurred for printing the List of Gazetted Officers at the Press.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Honorable the Judges of the High Court.
" Revenue Department.
" Military Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Inspector-General of Police.
" Inspector-General of Jails.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Judges of the Madras Court of Small Causes.
" Inspector-General of Registration.
" Government Astronomer.
" Accountant-General.
" Supervisor of the Government Press.

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Service Lists of Gazetted Officers.—Resolution of the Government of India regarding the maintenance of these lists by local Governments communicated to all Departments, and the Supervisor of the Government Press requested to report the charges incurred for printing the List of Gazetted Officers at the Press.

With Order

No 2766 16 November 1878

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