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Public Servants.

Communicating, with remarks, to the departments of the Secretariat and to all heads of departments under the Chief Secretary resolution of the Government of India regarding the strict observance of the rules regulating the receipt of testimonials and addresses by Government servants, and directing that the resolution be republished in three consecutive issues of the *Fort St. George Gazette*. Copy to the Government of India (Home Department).

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper :—

G.O., No. 1107, Public, dated 6th August 1887.

ABSTRACT.—Recording revised rules prescribed by the Government of India for the receipt of testimonials and addresses by servants of Government.

READ—also the following paper :—

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department (Public), under date Simla, 6th May 1898, No. 729—53.

Read—

Home Department Resolution, No. 29—1629-1645, dated the 22nd July 1887 regarding the receipt of testimonials and addresses by servants of Government.

Resolution.—By the rules attached to the resolution above quoted, all servants of Government are prohibited, subject to stated exceptions, from receiving complimentary or valedictory addresses in any form, or testimonials of any kind, and from attending public meetings or complimentary entertainments of a formal and public character held in their honour. Several instances have recently occurred in which arrangements for the presentation of testimonials have been made and subscriptions collected apparently in ignorance of the fact that the proceedings were irregular and that the rules prohibit Government officials from receiving testimonials of any kind. It has also happened more than once lately that a formal character has been given to farewell entertainments, such as are permitted by rule 3, by the publication in the newspapers of speeches made at them. The Governor-General in Council, in these circumstances, finds it necessary to call the attention of Local Governments and Administrations to the rules, and to request that it may be again impressed on all officers that they must be strictly observed. With a view to bringing them to the notice of the public, the Governor-General in Council directs that they be republished in the *Gazette of India* and the Gazettes of Local Governments and Administrations. The rules do not apply to the receipt of addresses by the head of any Government or Administration.

1. Save as in these rules otherwise provided, all servants of Government, covenanted or uncovenanted, are forbidden to receive complimentary or valedictory addresses in any form ; or to accept testimonials of any kind ; or to attend public meetings or complimentary entertainments of a formal and public character held in their honour.

2. The Government views with disfavour all similar manifestations in the case of retired officers, when following immediately upon their retirement from active service, and designed as an acknowledgment of acts done by them while in the service of Government.

3. It is not intended to prohibit such an expression of regard for the private or official character of an officer retiring from service, or leaving his station or district, as is involved in a farewell entertainment supported by his personal friends, even though some of these may be his official subordinates. But it is expected that the proceedings on such occasions will be substantially of a private and informal character.

4. Local Governments and Administrations are authorised to forward to an officer who has left a station or district the resolution of any local public body recording a vote of thanks to him for help and advice afforded during his official connection with the station or district.

5. Medical officers are not prohibited from receiving pecuniary recognition of their services from a community or body of persons which may desire to acknowledge these, but the previous sanction of the Local Government or Administration must be obtained by medical officers before receiving any public complimentary address.

6. Nothing in the above rule is meant to prohibit compliance with the request of a public body that a Government officer should sit for his portrait, bust or statue in recognition of his public services ; provided that the portrait, bust, or statue is not intended for presentation to the officer concerned.

7. The participation of Government officers in the raising of funds for the foundation of scholarships, or for procuring a portrait, bust, or statue as a spontaneous recognition of the services of a Government officer is not forbidden ; but it should be clearly understood that any solicitation on the part of officers of Government for subscriptions from any person who does not voluntarily come forward to contribute is disapproved by the Government of India.

8. The previous sanction of the Government of India must be obtained to the relaxation of these rules in any special case in which the Local Government or Administration may think this desirable.

Order.—Ordered, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Local Governments and Administrations, all departments of the Government of India, and all heads of departments subordinate to the Home Department, and that the resolution be published in the *Gazette of India* for general information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. P. HEWETT,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To the Government of Madras.

ORDER—No. 711, Public, dated 1st June 1898.

Communicated to the departments of the Secretariat and to all heads of departments under the Chief Secretary, with the request that it may be again impressed on all officers that the rules regarding the receipt of testimonials and addresses by Government servants must be strictly observed.

2. The resolution will be republished in three consecutive issues of the *Fort St. George Gazette.*

(True Extract.)

for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Departments of the Secretariat. (Rev)
„ all Heads of Departments under the Chief Secretary.
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ENDORSEMENT—No. 712, Public, dated 1st June 1898.

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A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

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