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Circular No. 5R.

APPOINTMENT DEPARTMENT.

FROM R. H. WILSON, Esq.,

Offg. Under-Secy. to the Government of Bengal,

TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Fort William, the 29th July 1871.

SIR,

In forwarding to you the accompanying copy of a letter* and its enclosure† from the Government of India in the Home Department, I am directed to inform you that as the revised rule for the compulsory retirement of uncovenanted servants on their reaching the age of fifty-five years has been made applicable to ministerial officers, a list of such officers aged fifty-five years and employed under you or in offices subordinate to you will be furnished to you by the Accountant-General under instructions from this Government, to enable you to give effect to the rule. I am to request that you will report to Government the action which you may take in the matter, submitting for the specific sanction of Government every case in which you are of opinion that exemption from the rule should be allowed.

2. I am to draw your attention to the principle which the Government of India lays down, viz. that the rule should not be worked so as to force efficient officers to retire prematurely from the service.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

R. H. WILSON,

Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

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