

Bombay Castle, 4th February 1886.

Memorandum from the Commissioner, S. D., No. S.R.—23, dated 9th January 1886—Submitting the following letter No. 5829, dated 23rd December 1885, from the Collector of Ratnágiri:—

“ I have the honour to enquire from what date Government Resolution No. 3625 of 5th May 1885 in the Revenue Department is to take effect in respect of devasthán allowances of the value of Rs. 5 and under described below.

“ 2. From the Resolution referred to in the preamble of this Resolution it was generally understood, and this understanding was also shared in by the Commissioner, N. D., when he made the recent report to Government, that these petty allowances were not subject to the provisions of Rule XI. of the Pension Rules, and owing to this fact several allowances have fallen in arrears, their holders not having duly applied for them.

“ 3. Now, if the recent Resolution were enforced at once serious hardship would result to the holders who have relied upon the general interpretation attached to the Government Resolution No 1892 of 10th April 1874 and who have been hitherto encouraged in their belief by the action of our department.

“ 4. I would therefore propose that before Government Resolution No. 3625 of 5th May 1885 is applied to the allowances under report, at least a three months' ~~time~~ ^{grace} be given to the holders so that they might claim the arrears within the notified time, ~~within which the allowances should be struck off.~~”

and recommending that the indulgence asked for by the Collector in paragraph 4 of his letter may be permitted.

RESOLUTION.—The proposal made by the Collector of Ratnágiri in paragraph 4 of his letter is sanctioned. The concession granted in the case of the Ratnágiri District may also be extended to similar cases in other districts.

J. MONTEATH,
Under Secretary to Government.