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It is common practice all over the world that every Government makes necessary changes in its previous laws or orders - however one may call them - according to the change of time and of circumstances. Therefore, it is hereby laid down that no Government servant, whatever his position, high or low, whether employed in the Military or in the Civil or enjoying the distinction of being a Maashdar by official grant - no matter of what kind - can take part in political matters either inside or outside these Dominions nor join irresponsible political bodies in any capacity. Every such person will have, therefore to choose one of these courses according to his ^{own} discretion; otherwise, if he breaks this general rule, Government will by way of punishment be compelled to dismiss him and deprive him of such distinction as may have been conferred upon him.

2. In exceptional cases, however, where a particular line of activity is known to be free from any political tinge, or where it has for its object the promotion of the interests of the country, or which does not run counter to the policy of the Government in the sense of leading to trouble and agitation; or which is not likely to take the form of subversive activities or be used as a cloak for attacking the British Government; or which may sincerely aim at bringing about concord and harmony among people of different races and creeds; then in such exceptional cases it will rest with the discretion of the Ruler and his Government to decide, after completely satisfying themselves on these points, whether in the particular circumstances of the case an exception should be made to the general

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general rule. Such exceptions cannot of course be decided upon from now as they will depend upon the circumstances of individual cases. As regards the question what rules and regulations should be framed embodying these principles, the Council will submit detailed proposal at an early date to the Ruler for sanction.

3. In any case, these are critical times and it is, therefore, necessary to act after looking at things in their true perspective so that nothing detrimental may take place as the result of any false step, against which it is necessary to take every precaution.

4. This should be published in a Gazette Extraordinary.

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