

as you are aware — from a Secretary of State to a dockyard mechanic — some retiring provision is secured. Nevertheless, *because* you have not cost me so much as others, and *because* I can therefore better afford to be liberal and just to you than to any of my other servants, I will neither treat you liberally nor justly. I have availed myself of your services, but repudiate the claims which spring from thence, and admit those of all my other officers.' Can it be said that the above is an unfair inference, '*ad absurdum*,' from an argument which would except Governors, when worn out in the service of the Crown, from a privilege extended to all its other servants, on the singular ground that, whilst able to work for the Crown, and in actual employment by the Crown, the latter had been so fortunate as to get either the whole or a portion of its Governors' salaries paid by other parties?

9. As if to render the injustice more conspicuous, it should be added that, while all the civil servants of the State in Great Britain are secured in a prospective right to some retiring allowances, almost all colonial officers are now similarly provided for. In Ceylon, the Australian colonies, Demerara, Canada, and many others, a system of superannuation allowances more or less liberal is now established; whilst since June 1849, by a Treasury Minute (No. 14,182), power is given to Colonial authorities (where the Crown has jurisdiction) to determine the amount of retiring allowances of certain minor officers paid from colonial funds. In those and in most other cases the provisions of the English Superannuation Act are applied. Hence it would follow that, whether we look at home or abroad, the position of Governors is unaccountably and peculiarly anomalous.

10. Of course we must expect to hear of some financial difficulty. How are we to get over that? Fortunately, a 'financial difficulty' can be gauged, and simply means a difficulty of paying just so many pounds, shillings, and pence as may be equitably required. If a man owes one hundred pounds, the effort to pay it is a financial difficulty of precisely that amount. In this sense, Great Britain finds a financial diffi-