

Throne, and shapes his course of action by instructions issued from a source *beyond the boundary of the colony*.

6. Still, it may be said by some, 'If Governors be paid by the colonies, how can they be pensioned from British funds?' There certainly is no abstract principle which should prevent such an arrangement, in case it be thought convenient and practicable. We make bold, however, to ask at once what possible connection the source of a Governor's salary, whilst working for the Crown, can have with his subsequent claim to a retiring allowance, when worn out in the service of the Crown? He goes where he is ordered, and does what he is ordered, without regard to the quarter whence his remuneration may be derived. He knows the Crown *must* always be responsible for his salary, because it cannot dispense with Governors so long as it retains colonies. If it can lighten that expense by making a good arrangement with a colony, '*tant mieux*;' if not, it must either defray the cost from the British Treasury, or *give up the colony*. Now, in twenty-four, or more than half of the forty-five colonies,\* great and small (omitting, for obvious reasons, Gibraltar and the Ionian Islands), which form the long and splendid list of British dependencies, Governors are paid, wholly or in part, by the British Treasury. In ten others, their salaries are paid from 'civil lists,' reserved by statute to the Crown out of proceeds of lands formerly British property, but now surrendered to various colonies on condition of defraying certain charges, including salaries of Governors. In fact, the Governor in twenty-four colonies is paid directly, and in ten others indirectly, from British funds. In the latter, those funds are a mortgage on old Crown property, the proceeds of which are annually accounted for to Her Majesty's Commissioners of Audit, and the unexpended balances of which are still carried on from year to year to the credit of the Crown, as being, at least theoretically, at its disposal.

7. So much for the popular misapprehension as to the source from which the salaries of many British Governors are paid; but it should be known that the real desire and

\* *Vide* Appendix A.