Circular 17/1932:- Use of Influence of Civil Servants

A Dhuine Uasail,

I am directed by the Minister for Finance to refer to the Circular of the 18th December, 1922 (E.25) from this Department regarding applications by Civil Servants relating to their personal position and advancement in the public service. The Circular drew attention to the regulation by which Civil Servants were forbidden to make application, directly or indirectly, for personal concessions in their favour, except through the heads of their Departments, and were given a warning as to the consequences of any infringement.

Cases have recently come to notice where such infringements have taken place and where Civil Servants have made or caused representations to be made to Ministers direct or through channels other than the Heads of their own Departments.

The Minister for Finance apprehends that, through lapse of time, the Circular of 1922 may have been lost sight of, or in the case of members of the staffs recruited since that date is as yet unknown. He has accordingly directed that the warning then issued should now be renewed, and that it should be clearly understood that any breach of the regulation in future will not only render the applicant ineligible for the concession he is seeking, but will also make him liable to disciplinary action.

It is requested that the terms of this Circular be brought to the notice of each officer serving in your Department.

Mise, le meas,

H.P. Boland