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AUGUST.

Indian Military Service Family Pension Regulations.

Communicating to the Venerable the Archdeacon endorsement of the Government of India forwarding copy of certain correspondence on the question of Archdeacons being allowed the option, already conceded to Military and Medical officers, of subscribing, after completing five years' service as Archdeacon, in Class I of the —, provided that they have attained the age of 49 years on promotion to that class.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

Endorsement of the Government of India, Home Department (Ecclesiastical), dated Simla, 14th July 1898, No. 344.

Read—the following papers:—

From the Right Hon'ble Lord GEORGE F. HAMILTON, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council,—[No. 3-Financial (Funds), dated India Office, London, the 31st March 1898].

With reference to paragraph 18 of your General letter, No. 21, dated the 10th of February last, I have to inform Your Excellency in Council that there does not appear to be any actuarial objection to Archdeacons being allowed the option, already conceded to Military and Medical officers, of subscribing, after completing five years' service as Archdeacon (excluding any officiating period), in Class I of the Indian Military Service Family Pension Regulations, provided that they have attained the age of 49 years on promotion to that class.

2. When these Regulations were first framed there were in India only three Archdeacons, Calcutta, Madras and Bombay. It appears that the present Archdeacon of Lahore and his predecessor have been allowed *in India*, without reference to the Secretary of State, to subscribe in Class II, and that in like manner the Archdeacon of Rangoon was refused this privilege in 1880. I am not aware of the reasons which led to these two decisions, or whether they were made with the consent of the Government of India. Probably they rest on the ground that no separate allowance is attached to the office of Archdeacon of Rangoon, whereas an allowance is assigned to that of Lahore. If this be the case, I am not sure that there is good ground for excluding an Archdeacon who receives no archdeaconal allowance. His position is not analogous to that of Military officers with brevet rank. All the Archdeacons in India are appointed in virtue of the several Episcopal Letters Patent, and each of them discharges the duties of an Archdeacon, including the administration of the diocese during the absence of the Bishop.

3. Moreover, under the former system of the old Military Funds, relative rank with combatant officers governed the subscription of the Archdeacons of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, and this principle was adopted on the formation of these Family Pension Regulations. The existing Warrant of Precedence ranks the Archdeacons of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay above Brigadiers-General, and the proposed new Warrant places the Archdeacons of Lahore, Rangoon and Lucknow in the class above Lieutenant-Colonels.

4. It appears to me that, unless you take exception to the proposal, all the six Archdeacons in India should enjoy alike the benefits conferred by these Regulations. Of course the promotion donations for Classes II and I must be paid. The present Archdeacons of Rangoon and Lucknow however may remain in Class III, if they desire to do so, but not their successors. If a Chaplain is subscribing in Class IV, when appointed an Archdeacon, he will be required to pay the promotion donations for classes II and III, and to subscribe in Class II.

From F. TREVOR, Esq., Director of Funds, India Office, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department,—(No. 416-Funds, dated Whitehall, London, S.W., the 1st April 1898).

With reference to the Secretary of State's Financial (Funds) despatch to the Government of India, No. 3, of the 31st ultimo, it may be convenient to indicate how it affects the present Archdeacons in India.

Archdeacons MacCarthy and Spens having completed five years' service in Class II in August and October last, respectively, the prescribed health certificate will be necessary, and if they elect to subscribe in Class I, the date on which that certificate is furnished should be taken as the date of promotion. Archdeacon MacCarthy being on furlough, I will communicate with him on the subject. Archdeacon Elwes does not complete five years until the 13th instant, and if within three months from that date he exercises the option, a health certificate is not necessary, but he will be liable for the donation and increased subscription from the 13th instant as laid down in the Secretary of State's despatch, dated the 3rd of June last, No. 2. Archdeacon Scott entered Class II only last year, so that no action is now necessary.

If the Government of India offer no objection to the suggested extension of the concession to Archdeacons Chard and Watkins, and they desire to avail themselves of it, they should forthwith enter Class II paying the prescribed donation and subscription of that class.

No. 1552-F., Military Dept.

Copy of the above forwarded to—

The Home Department.

The Finance and Commerce Department.

The Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, in continuation of Military Department letter, No. 439-F., dated the 14th February 1898.

2. An Army Circular on the subject will shortly issue.

(By Order.)

SIMLA,
10th June 1898.

(Signed) W. FAURE FIELD,
Asst. Secy. to the Government of India.

Endorsement—No. 344, Home Dept. (Ecclesiastical), dated 14th July 1898.

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(By Order.)

(Signed) N. BONHAM-CARTER,
Offg. Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Communicated to the Venerable the Archdeacon.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Venerable the Archdeacon.
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