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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 15th December 1857.

No. 1. From J. W. DALRYMPLE, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, dated the 20th November 1857, No. 1886.

Home Department.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to forward the accompanying copy of an Extract from the Proceedings in the Financial Department, dated the 13th Instant, on the subject of granting assistance to sufferers in consequence of the mutinies, and to request that the Government of Fort Saint George will be pleased to act upon the rules therein laid down in sanctioning aid to such sufferers.

(Signed) J. W. DALRYMPLE,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honourable the Governor General of India in Council in the Financial Department, under date the 13th November 1857, No. 4812 A.

READ AN Extract from the Proceedings of this Government, in the Home Department, No. 2321, dated the 9th Instant, forwarding for consideration copy of a Despatch from the Honorable Court, together with a Memorandum by the Secretary in the Department, on the subject of granting assistance to sufferers in consequence of the mutinies.

RESOLUTION.—The Honorable Court in their Public Despatch, No. 118 of 1857, dated the 26th August, having expressed an anxious desire that every measure of succour within the power of the Government should be promptly afforded to the survivors of those who have suffered from the loss of relations and property during the recent disturbances, especially to the widows and orphans of Civil and Military Officers, who have fallen victims to the outbreak, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council considers that the different ways in which aid may be available afforded by the Government are—

- 1st.—By grants of money to European and Native Civil and Military Officers of the Government, who have lost the whole or a large portion of their property by the mutinies.
- 2nd.—By Pensions to the families of Uncommissioned Officers of the Government who have been killed in the mutinies, and have not left means either in property or in claims on any Insurance or Charitable Fund.
- 3rd.—By the grant of relief to the Bengal Military Fund, to enable it to meet the liabilities thrown upon it in consequence of the mutinies.
- 4th.—By grants of money to Europeans and others not in the service of the Government.
- 5th.—By pensions to the destitute families of Europeans killed in the mutinies.
- 6th.—By free passages on board Government Steamers.

2. With regard to grants of money to European and Native Officers of Government, His Lordship in Council is of opinion that the following principle should be observed.

1st.—That grants to Military Officers should be adjusted according to the scale allowed under the Pay and Audit Regulations to Officers of Artillery and Infantry, as compensation for the loss of Baggage and Camp Equipage when on duty in the field, viz. :—

To a Colonel	Rs. 2,580
Lieutenant Colonel	2,137
Major	2,813
Captain	2,024
Subaltern	1,450
Deputy and Assistant Commissary	1,450
Conductors, Apothecaries, and Stewards	920 15 0
Assistant Apothecaries and Stewards	606 14 1

To Native Officers, one month's pay and full Batta :—

2nd.—That grants to Commissioned Civil Officers should be regulated on the same scale according to their relative rank.

3rd.—That grants to Uncommissioned Civil Officers should be awarded according to the uncommissioned scale.

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If on Salaries of Rs. 500 a month or upwards	Rs. 2,000
If on Salaries of Rs. 400 a month or upwards	1,000
If on Salaries of Rs. 300 a month or upwards	500
If on Salaries of Rs. 200 a month or upwards	300
If on Salaries of Rs. 100 a month or upwards	100
If on Salaries in excess of 10 Rs. a month	50

If being understood in every case, whenever the amount of the Officer's salary, that no donation or pension shall be sanctioned until it be ascertained that the applicant (whether European, East Indian, or Native,) has in no way been concerned in the mutiny.

2. In every case also a declaration on honor should be required from the Officer concerned, to the effect, that he has lost property to the full value of the sum available to him.

3. Claims to grants under this head should be preferred by Civil Officers and Military Officers in Civil employ to the authority of the Division in which the loss occurred, and submitted by him, after such enquiry and with such remarks as he may think necessary to the Commissioner of the Division, who should be authorized to admit or reject the claim subject, in the case of rejection, to an appeal to the local Government, whose decision should be final.

4. Claims to grants under this head by Military Officers on Regimental or Staff duty should be made to their Commanding Officer or the head of their Department, who after such enquiry as he may think necessary may admit or reject the claim subject, in the case of rejection, to an appeal to this Government.

5. No grant under this head will be made to the Estate or family of a deceased Officer, the object being to enable Officers to supply themselves with necessary equipment without incurring debt, and no grant will be made to any Officer whose loss may seem to have occurred through any fault or neglect of his own.

6. With respect to the Pension to be granted to the destitute widows and children of Unconvenanted Officers, who have lost their lives in consequence of the mutiny, the Government Council observes that no fixed Rule exists for the determination of the amount of pensions, provided for their families by the Subscribers to the Unconvenanted Service Family Pension Fund; but that the Subscriptions to the Fund appear to be for the most part in proportion to the salaries of the several Members; and His Lordship in Council is of opinion that it will be equitable to grant Pensions in the cases under consideration, to enable the applicants and claims with reference to the salaries drawn by the deceased Officers, in somewhat the same manner as is proposed for the regulations of donations to Officers who have lost property, and to award Pensions equal to the average amount of Pensions authorized for by Members of the Fund of each class.

7. The classes will be as follows:—

1st.—Cases in which the deceased men were drawing salaries of 500 Rupees a month and upwards.

2nd.—Cases in which the deceased men were drawing salaries of 400 Rupees a month and less than 500 Rupees.

3rd.—Cases in which the deceased men were drawing 300 Rupees a month and less than 400 Rupees.

4th.—Cases in which the deceased men were drawing 200 Rupees a month and less than 300 Rupees.

5th.—Cases in which the deceased men were drawing 100 Rupees a month and less than 200 Rupees.

6th.—Cases in which the deceased men were drawing less than 100 Rupees a month, will be decided with reference to the possible circumstances of each, on the understanding that, as a general rule, Pensions to widows shall not be granted in excess of 1/5th of the pay of the deceased Officers, or to children in excess of 1/4th of the Pensions of the widows.

7. In all cases the Pensions of widows shall cease on re-marrying, those of sons, on their attaining the age of 18 years, and those of daughters on marriage.

8. In exceptional cases Pensions will be allowed to other female relatives.

9. All applications for such Pensions must be submitted in the usual manner through the local Civil Authorities.

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12. As regards the grant of relief to the Military Fund, the Governor General in Council considers that it will be more advisable to undertake the annual payment of the Pensions of those who have become entitled to them, than to make over to the Fund a sum equal to the present value of those Pensions.

13. With reference to grants of money to Europeans not in the Service of the Government, His Lordship in Council considers that such grants should be given on the same principles as those allowed to the European and Native Officers of the Government; that is to say, to those who have lost all or nearly all their property in consequence of the mutiny, and who have not the means of setting themselves up again either in business or otherwise.

14. Similar grants will be made to those persons, not being Europeans, who may be certified, by any Officer authorized by Government to give the Certificate, to have sustained damage in consequence of, or whilst rendering active assistance to the Government.

15. In no case should a grant under this head exceed Rupees 2,000, the maximum allowed to Unconvenanted Officers, and the amount should be regulated according to the circumstances of each case.

16. Applications for grants under this head should be made to the local Civil Officers and submitted by them to the Commissioners of Divisions after such enquiry and with such remarks as may be deemed necessary. The Commissioners will submit a general statement of such claims for the final decision of the local Government.

17. Pensions to the destitute families of Europeans not in the service of Government, killed in the mutiny will be granted on the same terms as to the families of Unconvenanted Civil Servants of the Government, regard being had to the circumstances of life in each case, and special consideration being shown for the families of those who may have died in the temporary service of the State.

18. Free passages in Government and private Steamers have been granted already to all women and children, proceeding from the stations up the country to Bengal. A similar indulgence will be allowed to such persons returning to their homes when the prohibition against residence in the disturbed districts is removed.

19. This indulgence however will be restricted to passages on board Government Steamers or in private Steamers, taken up by the Government for the conveyance of Stores, on the understanding that it will not be allowed to interfere with the conveyance of troops or of persons proceeding up the country on the Public Service.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Home Department, for the issue of the necessary orders, and that the original Memorandum received therefrom be returned, with an intimation that a scale of Pensions to be granted to the Widows and Orphans of Unconvenanted Servants of Government killed in the mutiny, referred to in paragraph 7, of the Resolution, will follow.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,

Secretary to the Government of India.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. DALRYMPLE,

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

ORDER THEREON, No. 787, dated 20th December 1857.

No. 2.

Ordered to be communicated to the Military Department and the Civil Auditor and Military Auditor General, and also to be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette for general information.

For J. A. Wilson.

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FROM

J. W. DALRYMPLE, Esquire,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India,

TO

Handwritten signature: A. Forbes Esq.

Dated the 20th November 1857.

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I have the honor to be,

Fort Warren,
The 20th November 1857.

Yours most obedient servant,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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