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No. 11. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public (Separate) Department, dated 24th November 1857, No. 320.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot.

(Here enter 3rd November 1857, No. 75.)

Read also report of the Civil Auditor.

(Here enter No. 203.)

1. The Collector of North Arcot submits a Register of an application for pension on behalf of *Coyppa Row*, late Police Ameen of *Tripatty* "with reference to the recent orders of Government regarding the grant of Superannuation Pension to Uncovenanted Servants after a "period of 55 years' service, without Medical Certificate."

No. 186, *Circular, July* 21*st*, 1854.

2. The Collector has not quoted the order, and if he had referred to it, he would have discovered that the course he has taken in *Coyppa Row's* case is wholly erroneous.

3. In the first place the "good service Pension" is not *claimable as of right*. It's grant depends on the view Government, *not* the Head of the Office, may take of the records of the applicant's employment. Every applicant must produce "testimonials of a faithful and efficient discharge of his duties during a period of 55 years." If the Government consider these testimonials "unquestionable" proofs of merit, the individual is pensioned; otherwise he continues at his post, till superannuated in the regular way.

4. *Mr. Whittinghem* has reversed this order of things. *Coyppa Row* is permitted to resign his office on the 30th of *July*, and three months afterwards, as if the proposed arrangement were a matter *of course*, the Collector submits the application on his behalf, to be admitted to the benefit of a "good service" Pension, the same to take effect fom the date of resignation. A general statement is tendered that the applicant's conduct and character have been good, and the Collector "has been informed that he (*Coyppa Row*) was favorably known to *Mr. Bourdillon*." But no extracts from any orders of *Mr. Bourdillon* or other similar papers have been offered by way of testimonials to that effect, and it must be presumed that no such evidence is forthcoming.

5. The Collector was not authorized is permitting *Coyppa Row* to retire, on the understanding that a good service pension would be secured to him. He should have continued *Coyppa Row* as Police Ameen, and submitted his application accompained with copies of such Proceedings of himself and his predecessors as commented favorably on the applicant's character and attainments.

6. *Coyppa Row*, however, must not be allowed to suffer from the oversight that has occurred. His place has been filled up, and from the Collector's meagre description of them, it is extremely doubtful if his services have been periodically marked by the "unquestionable testimonials" required to entitle him to the privilege asked for. As the mistake, at the same time, is on the part of the head of the District, Government deem it but reasonable to admit this old servant, as a special case, to the benefits of a Pension. He has served more than 55 years,* and will accordingly receive a Pension of one half his allowances for the last 5 years, or as calculated by the Civil Auditor, 22-8 per mensem.

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7. Resolved to circulate this Extract from the Minutes of Consultation to the several departments, in order that it may be fully understood that, pending the sanction of Government to an application for a "good service" Pension, the Officer recommended for that privilege is to retain his appointment.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 12. Order thereon, No. 708; dated 15th December 1857.

To be recorded.

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Extract Minute Consulta-
tion in the Civil Pension
Department ——— 330.

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No 6081.

Communicating the opinion
of Govt on an application
for pension, addressed to
by the Collector of Moulmein
the Deputy of Coupon Row,
late Police Amuen of Perak
in order that it may be
fully understood that, in
deciding the question of
Govt to an application
for "good service" pension
the Superior Commander
has first power to
obtain his appointment

No 7918
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15 Jan 1857.

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