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for the month of May 1860.*

No. 19. Read the following letter from W. KNOX, Esq., Civil Service, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Masulipatam, 20th April 1860.

I have the honor to forward for submission to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, a supplemental Memorial* signed by 58 Members of the Civil Service who have not yet completed their 22 years' actual service, and who earnestly deprecate the proposed extension of service from 22 to 25 years' actual residence. Only those who were affected by the proposed measure were invited to sign the Memorial.

To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE HER MAJESTY'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR INDIA IN COUNCIL.

The Memorial of the undersigned Covenanted
Civil Servants on the Madras Establishment.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH,

That your Memorialists whilst hailing with satisfaction the general support accorded to their prayer* for retiring pensions after fixed periods of service lately submitted to the Madras Government for transmission to your Honor in Council, have perused with deep anxiety that portion of the Madras Government's proceedings† in which it is proposed that the period of actual service in India entitling to pension be extended from 22 to 25 years.

That your Memorialists trusted that the strong expression of opinion in the letter‡ to the Madras Government which covered their Memorial, would have saved them from the proposition of any compulsory extension of service; but, as this has not been the case, they have now most respectfully but most earnestly, alike on grounds of simple justice and sound policy, to deprecate it's farther entertainment by the Home Government.

That your Memorialists when they enter the service are bound by Covenant to serve for a period of 25 years (including 3 years furlough), after which they are entitled to an annuity when one becomes available, whether they remain in the service or retire at once: that although from the abolition of some, and reductions in many, of the best paid appointments, the Civil Fund has not answered the expectations of its founders, and retirement is seldom or never possible at the end of 22 years actual service, still none of your Memorialists are bound to stay one day beyond that period; and they submit that the idea of compulsorily extended service is obnoxious in the extreme to their body.

That therefore whilst your Memorialists thankfully acknowledge that the grant of a pension after a definite period of service, in lieu of an annuity; claimable after a definite period but not available till an indefinite one; is a valuable boon, they respectfully submit that it is one so correct in principle, and so reasonably hoped for, that its concession should not be saddled with a condition which would prevent many from availing themselves of its offer.

That your Memorialists would farther remark that to insist on an agreement to an extended period of service in return for the grant of pensions is not in their humble opinion, apart from considerations of liberality, called for by the necessity of the case; and would be in itself impolitic, as tending greatly to lessen the attractions of the service, without really increasing its efficiency. Because pensions are available at the end of 25 years (including 3 years furlough) it by no means follows that they will be immediately taken. Few of your Memorialists will be in a position to retire on such a pension as they may expect at the end of their present Covenanted Service, and those who have sufficient strength and energy left to make their services worth retaining, will

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seldom fail to render of their own accord more than 3 years extra service which the Madras Government has suggested should be indiscriminately exacted.

That your Memorialists allow there may be room for some difference of opinion as to the precise amount of pension, but considering the prospects under which the men in the service entered its ranks; the services required; the conditions under which those services are rendered; and the almost utter absence of avenues to distinction or remuneration apart from their own service, or after they have left it; your Memorialists respectfully submit that £300 per annum is not more than a liberal view of their case will lead Government to grant: and feeling sure that their circumstances past, present, and prospective, will receive full consideration, and that they will be dealt with in the same liberal spirit that characterized the transactions of their late Masters with their servants, they confidently lay this supplemental Memorial before Her Majesty's Government.

That should it however finally appear to your Honor in Council that a pension of £600 a year is too extravagant a recompence for 22 years of tropical labor, your Memorialists respectfully suggest that a Pension of £500 a year be offered to all present Members at the completion of their Covenanted period of service; the higher Pension being obtainable after the longer period recommended by the Madras Government. And your Memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) J. J. COTTON.

(") W. KNOX.

and 58 others.

MASULIPATAM, 20th April 1860.

No. 20.

ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1860, No. 190.

Ordered that the Memorial received with the foregoing letter be transmitted to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, in continuation of that forwarded with the Despatch of this Government, dated the 24th February last, No. 2. The Government regret that they are unable to support the prayer of the Memorial or to recommend any more favorable conditions for the grant of Civil Pensions than those specified in the Order of the 24th February last.

2. They deem it however proper to explain, that they did not, in that Order, contemplate the revised rules respecting Pensions which they had recommended being made compulsory, but intended that all Civil Servants now on the establishment should be allowed the option either of accepting the new rules or of adhering to those now in force. This will be distinctly stated to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State in sending home the present Memorial.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

My dear Pycroft

I send two more
names for the Memo-
rial in case it has
not been sent to-

You will be sorry I
know to hear that

W. Knox is very

M. & Mrs. Holt
be my excuse for
my shortcomings. I
really have been
unable to give you
much to write
lately first came

My father & mother
deaths & now my
poor sister illness
Yours sincerely
Mrs.

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I *Edward F. Smith* Member
of the Madras Civil Service do hereby autho-
rize W. KNOX, Esq., to attach my name to the
Supplemental Memorial, prepared at Masulipatam.

Edw. F. Smith
Member of the C. S.
Belton
10th April 1860

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I *J. S. Robinson* Member
of the Madras Civil Service do hereby autho-
rize W. KNOX, Esq., to attach my name to the
Supplemental Memorial, prepared at Masulipatam.

J. S. Robinson

April 5th Member of the C. S.
1860.

J. Pycroft Esq.

Chief Clerk

Sir,

If allowable I have the honor
to request that you will add the
two enclosed names to those

~~at~~ already affixed to the

Supplemental Memorial under
date 20th inst

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Yours most obed^t
Wm.

30th April

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W. Knox Esq-

(Here enter 20th April 1860

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the order of the 24th Feb^y
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Establishment should be al-
lowed the option either of
accepting the new Rules or
of adhering to those now
in force. This will be
distinctly stated to the
Right Hon^{ble} the
Secretary

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Secretary of State in
sending home the pre-
sent Memorial -

JP

Commanded
Vide separate Order
Order thereon.

Ordered that the Memorial
received with the foregoing letter
be transmitted to the R. S. the Secy
of State for India, in continuation
of that forwarded with the Lr.
patent of this Govt dated the 26th of
February last. It will be
explained to the Secretary of State,
in forwarding the present Memorial,
that the Govt never supposed that
the various Rules respecting Pen-
sions which they had sanctioned
and would be made compulsory
but intended that Civil Servants
should be allowed the option of
adhering to the present Rules if
so disposed.

H. H. Russell Esq
for com. to the Memorialists.

Financial Department.

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(Dated 20th April 1860.)

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⊕ The Govt repeat that they are unable to support the prayer of the Memorial or to recommend any more favourable conditions for a present of Civil Pensions than those specified in the order of 11th Feb 53.

They are however prepared to explain in that way the order in that order.

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No. 2474/60. 629
Dated 18th May 1860.
No. 190.
From Mr. Knox.
To the Secy of State.
In reference to the Memorial of the Civil Servants of the Madras Government, dated the 24th February last, No. 2, and the order of the Govt of Madras, dated the 11th February 1853, in relation to the proposed extension of the Civil Pensions to the Civil Servants of the Madras Government.

Memorandum

Servants now on the establish-
ment should be allowed the
option either of accepting the
new Rules or of adhering to
those now in force.

J.P.

(Dated 22 April 1860)

W. Knox Esq.

Ordered that the
Memorandum received with
the foregoing letter be
to the effect that the
of State for which in
the intention of that for
with the object of this
not dated the 22nd day
of April 1860.

To W. Knox Esq.

For Com^{rs} to the Memorialists

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W. Knox Esq.
1860

W.K.

No 1906 to 1907
Municipal 1900 Defunct

No 190

Recordings of 1901

2/5 May 1900 -

Meeting that the
Municipal Board of
Councils Civil Servants
of the Municipal
Establishment the proposed
extension of service from
22 to 25 years actual
residence in London as
known to the day
of date in continuation
of that forwarded with
the Report of the Govt
dated the 24 February
last etc.

27th Dec 1898 8th May
No 9 of 1898 -
Refused to pay
No 45 of 1901.