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23rd November 1863.*

No. 57. Read the following letter from Colonel THOMAS MCGOUN, Controller of Military Finance, Fort Saint George; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated 22nd October 1863, C.

In the original constitution of the Military Finance Department, the duties of the Pay Examiner were entrusted to two Officers, having jurisdiction independent of each other. As the duties were one and the same, and carried on in the same office, the arrangement seemed theoretically objectionable, and practically it was found to lead, in some instances, to diversity of action.

2. When therefore the 1st Pay Examiner retired from the service on the 1st January 1862, I did not suggest the nomination of an Officer to take the place of 2nd Examiner, and gave my reasons in a report which I submitted to Government on the 30th May 1862, B.

Proceedings of Government, No. 2135, dated 16th June 1862.

3. The suggestion I there offered was in effect that I considered one Pay Examiner sufficient if aided by one or two able Uncovenanted Assistants; in offering this opinion I was influenced a good deal by the fact that the Head Uncovenanted Assistant in the office, Mr. Greenfield, had special and unusual qualifications for the office, as shown in the able manner he compiled the present Pay Code.

4. Government in paragraph 2 of the Order above quoted doubted the sufficiency of one Pay Examiner and required a report on the subject after the arrangement had been practically tested.

5. I have the honor now to submit that report.

6. The result of the arrangement has upon the whole been satisfactory; the audit has all along been current; there are no arrears in the office; the duties have been carried on smoothly, and there have been very few appeals against the decisions of the Pay Examiner; the latter circumstance, the more notable from the great changes which have taken place in the constitution and pay of a large portion of the Army during the past two years.

7. But while these results practically bear out the opinion which I expressed, I am at the same time bound to admit that I did not fully consider the contingency of the Pay Examiner, or his Assistant, or both, being obliged to go away on account of health or otherwise, without having any reserve in the office to fall back upon; this contingency has arisen in Mr. Greenfield, the Assistant, being obliged to proceed to Europe on Medical Certificate, and the Pay Examiner, Captain Rideout, being necessitated to take short leave to the Neilgherry Hills on account of ill-health. I had no one in the office to take Mr. Greenfield's place, nor did I know any Uncovenanted Officer whom I considered equal to the duty; but from the Staff Corps I obtained the services of an experienced Officer, Major Ritherdon, of business habits, who had aptitude for the work, and much application. When the Pay Examiner quitted, I had to entrust his duties to the Compiler, Major Touch.

8. But while the duties of the office have been satisfactorily carried on under these temporary arrangements, and the interests of Government have in no respect been injured, still the necessity for the make-shifts, shows that the Department of the Pay Examiner is short-handed in supervising Officers, when contingencies, such as those above adverted to, occur. The extra work which such temporary arrangements involve cannot be satisfactorily performed for any length of time.

9. While adhering therefore to my original proposition that a Pay Examiner and an able Assistant are equal to the duties of the Examiner's Department under ordinary circumstances, I am of opinion that to meet such contingencies as those adverted to, two or three Probationers ought to be attached to the Department generally, and should be specially employed where their services are most wanted—the Staff Corps can afford an ample supply of Officers for this purpose, and at a trifling expense to the Government; as a general rule they have a more varied

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experience than can be obtained from mere office work, and are therefore better suited for supervising duties.

10. I would therefore earnestly recommend that two or three Officers be appointed Probationers in the Department to meet the defect in the arrangements which I previously proposed for the Pay Examiner's Department; I believe it would be for the interests of Government to have a small reserve of competent Officers, to fall back upon in cases such as those above alluded to.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
24th October 1863.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

The Controller of Military Finance is requested to state what number of Probationers he would propose to appoint, and whether he would assign to them any salaries in addition to their Staff Corps pay, and if so what; and whether their Staff Corps pay would be debitable to the Military or to the Financial Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
26th October 1863.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Controller of Military Finance.

A.
MEMORANDUM.

In reply to the requisition of the Chief Secretary to Government as contained in his docket of the 26th October 1863, the Controller of Military Finance has the honor to state, that, he considers that three Probationers would be sufficient for the Military Finance Department in this Presidency; that they should be taken either from the Local Service, the Line, or the Staff Corps, that their Staff Corps pay or Regimental pay and allowances should be debitable to the Military Department, and the salary only debitable to the Financial; that the salary should be Rupees 100 per mensem, after passing the preliminary Probationary examination.

OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF MILITARY FINANCE.

OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF MILITARY FINANCE,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
27th October 1863.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 58. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort Saint George, 23rd November 1863, No. 746.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to submit, for the consideration and orders of the Government of India, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Controller of Military Finance, proposing that three Officers, to be selected either from the Local Service, the Line, or the Staff Corps, be appointed Probationers for the Military Finance Department in this Presidency; and that a salary of Rupees (100) one hundred per mensem be assigned to each, after passing the preliminary Probationary examination, in addition to their Regimental pay and allowances, or Staff Corps pay, the latter being debited to the Military Department, and only the salary to the Financial.

2. The Governor in Council considers that the Controller of Military Finance has given sufficient reason for the arrangement proposed by him, and he accordingly solicits the sanction of the Government of India for entering the salary of the Probationers in the Budget for the ensuing official year.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

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Forwarded for sanction to the Financial Department of the Government of India.
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Office of Contr. of Mily. Finance,
Fort St. George, 27 October 1863.

R. R. R. Lieut. Colonel,
Controller of Military Finance.

TO

THE Chief Secretary to Government.

OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF MILITARY FINANCE.
FORT SAINT GEORGE, 27th Oct^r 1863,

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From The Controller of Military Finance,
Fort St. George,

To The Secretary to Government,
Military Department,
Fort St. George.

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From

The Controller of Military Finance,

Fort Saint George,

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government

No.

Dated 27 Oct^r 1863. A.
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Enclosure. 11 Oct^r 1863

Transmitted 1863

Reduction in military
for the pay of the
Military on salaries
for 1863

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May 1862 **B.**

Proc. of Court
20/354/16
June 1862.

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I have the honor to be Sir
Your most Obedt Servant

W. A. R. M. Colonel
Comdr of Mil. Finance

F.F.
 P/g 16 June 1862 hrs 228-233
 - 15th - 1863 - 263-264
 - 3rd Nov 1862 - 17-18

Fort Saint George
 24 October 1863.

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 Financial Department

A. Marshall
 Secy to Gov.

Financial
 Mily. 1863 Dept.
 No 4539

From
 The Controller of Military Finance,
 Fort St. George,

To
 The Secretary to Government,
 Military Department,
 Fort Saint George.

Dated 22 Oct 1863.
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Enclosure N-419

Submits his re-
 port relative to the
 necessity of having
 a few Probationers from
 the Staff Corps to assist
 in the duties of the Ex-
 aminers Office!

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 from military or from Finance
 Dept.

Fort St. George,
 26 October 1863

L. J. Cunningham
 Chief Secretary

To the Controller of Military Finance Dept. 26

in the name of
the Mod. Law

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Financial Dept.

Sept 14/6.

To Secretary to the Govt of India
Financial Dept.

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or the Staff Corps, be
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for the Military Finance
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Residency, and that
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be assigned to
each, after passing the
preliminary Probationary
Examination, in ad-
dition to their Regi-
mental pay & allowances.

Original 23rd Oct. 1860 with
Mem. D dated 27th idem.

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and only the salary
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2. The Government ^{in Council}
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For L. St. George
23rd November 1863

W. A.

Mail 1863. Depart

No 746

To
Messrs. J. & C. L. L. L.
Bond of India
Calcutta. 9th March 1864
26-29
By 23rd November 1863

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