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EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, d. 7th March 1864.

Read again the undermentioned papers regarding pensions to Officers and men of the Police organized under Act V. of 1861 :—

Extract, Home Department, No. 2090, dated the 24th April 1862, with enclosures.

Endorsement to the Civil Pay Master, Fort William, No. 3457, dated the 23rd May, and his reply, dated the 10th June 1862.

Ditto from the Board of Audit, No. 19, dated the 12th September 1862.

Resolution, No. 1332*g*, passed in this Department, on the 11th December 1862.

Letter from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces, No. 21*a*, dated the 8th January 1863, with enclosures.

Resolution, No. 1755, passed in this Department, on the 28th April 1863.

Memorandum from the Officiating Civil Pay Master, Fort William, No. 2197, dated the 7th May, and reply, No. 3536, dated the 1st August 1863.

Read the undermentioned endorsements from the Home Department on the same subject :—

No. 6084, dated the 28th September 1863.

No. 6215, dated the 30th September 1863.

No. 6479, dated the 14th October 1863.

Four questions are embraced in this correspondence, viz. :—

I. What classes in the Police should receive pension under the general Rules for Uncovenanted Servants, and what other classes in the Force should subscribe to the Police Superannuation Fund ?

II. Whether a Police Officer, on advancement to a grade in which he becomes eligible to pension under the Uncovenanted Service Pension Rules, should count towards pension his service in grades in which he subscribed to the Superannuation Fund ?

III. How pensions granted for mixed service of the above character should be adjusted in account, as between the general Revenues from which Uncovenanted Service Pensions are paid and the Police Superannuation Funds ?

IV. What conditions should be laid down for pensions from the Police Superannuation Fund ?

2. By the orders issued on the 11th December 1862, and the 28th April and 1st August 1863, it was decided that Officers of Police down to the grade of Inspector, as also Sub-Inspectors, should receive pensions from the State, under the Uncovenanted Service Pension Rules, and that all others should subscribe to the Police Superannuation Fund. Inasmuch, however, as the grade of Sub-Inspector of Police is peculiar, under that designation, to the Bengal Police, difficulty has been experienced in admitting to the same benefit those occupying a like position, but under a different title, in the Police of other Provinces. These latter claims cannot be adjusted by simply admitting to the benefits of the Uncovenanted Service Pension Rules, the classes in other Police Forces which are of corresponding rank to that of Sub-Inspector in the Bengal Police, because these classes are not always designated alike, nor where the designation is the same, are the duties alike in every particular.

3. But, besides the difficulty above noticed, there is the additional question of determining the principle on which the adjustment should be made of the claims of individuals to pensions under the Uncovenanted Service Rules, and only eligible to pension from the Police Superannuation Fund.

4. It is evident, on reconsideration, that only the most simple rules on this subject will work ; and at the same time it is very necessary to maintain the integrity of the Police Superannuation Funds by not expecting too much from them, as for example, the refund of past subscriptions of individuals who may be promoted to grades in which they become eligible to pension.

5. The Governor General in Council is pleased, accordingly, to direct that a money limit, rather than a departmental grade, be adopted for distinguishing the

Police Officers who may be pensioned under the Uncovenanted Service Pension Rules, and from the Police Superannuation Fund, respectively; and that, in this view, all Officers of Police Forces organized under Act V. of 1861, or Act XXIV. of 1859, who receive more than 20 Rupees a month, shall be eligible to pension under the Uncovenanted Service Pension Rules, and shall count towards pension under those Rules the time served in eligible grades, or as members of a Police Superannuation Fund, while all others in those Forces shall be required to subscribe to the Police Superannuation Fund.

6. It is not advisable to attempt any adjustment of account between the general Revenues and the Police Superannuation Funds, on account of individuals who may be promoted in the Police, to salaries exceeding Rupees 20 per mensem. The Police Superannuation Funds will be allowed the benefit of the subscriptions of the men so promoted, while their pensions will be charged to the general Revenues. On the other hand, the Funds will pay the pensions of all members of a Police Force who at the time of discharge, may be receiving not more than Rupees (20) twenty per mensem, although part of the service, in respect of which the pensions are granted from the Funds, may have been rendered in appointments unconnected with the Police, but eligible to pension.

7. In cases under the Resolution of 11th December 1862, the Government will aid the Superannuation Funds by grants on account of pensions given to men whose time for pension had been served partly as Soldiers, and partly as Policemen.

8. Pensions, whether granted under the Uncovenanted Service Rules, or from the Police Superannuation Funds, will be given with reference to the entire period of service, whether passed wholly in the Constabulary, in grades above or below Rupees 20 per month, or partly in the old Police in grades which were eligible to pension, or partly in the Army, provided in the last mentioned case, the men were entitled under any rule or special orders, to reckon their previous Military service, on their transfer to the Police.

9. The actual rates of stoppage for the Police Superannuation Fund and the periods of service which qualify for pensions from that Fund, of half pay, one-third pay, or other rate, are not fully known to the Government of India, in the Financial Department, and it is desirable that the Regulations, on these points, which have been framed by the Local Governments under Act V. of 1861, and by the Madras Government under Act XXIV. of 1859, may be considered, in the first instance, in the Home Department.

Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to the Foreign, Home, and Military Departments, to the several Local Governments and Administrations, the Auditor General of India, the Accountant General to the Government of India, and the several Deputy Auditors and Accountants General, and Civil Pay Masters.

Ordered, also, that the documents received from the Home Department be returned, a copy being kept for record.

(A true Extract)

Secretary to the Govt.

[Ed. H. D. Bysack.].