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19th April 1864.

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To be recorded.

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

Ed, J. Tulloch.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

From the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 28th December 1863, *No.* 689; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

With reference to your letter, No. 3984, dated 21st November 1862, and annexements, I am directed to transmit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, No. 5749, of the 21st November last, according sanction provisionally to the proposition for increasing the allowances of the Officers in charge of the disbursement of Military Pensions and Family Assignments in the Madras Presidency.

2. I am at the same time directed to forward copy of an Office Memorandum from the Financial Department, No. 5750, dated 21st ultimo, and to request that the Government of Madras may be moved, after careful consideration, and as early as convenient, to favor the Government of India with its opinion as to the feasibility of reducing the number of Officers employed in disbursing Pensions, as therein suggested.

3. The Controller of Military Finance at Madras will be able to obtain any necessary information as to the system followed in this Presidency direct from the Military Finance Department.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 21*st November* 1863, *No.* 5749.

Read the following papers relating to a proposition for increasing the allowances of the Officers in charge of the disbursement of Military Pensions and Family Assignments in the Madras Presidency :—

Extract from the Proceedings of Government, in the Military Department, No. 497, dated the 17th July 1863.

Office Memorandum from this Department, No. 3945, dated 21st August 1863.

Cover from the Military Department, No. 424, dated 4th September 1863.

Resolution.—The Governor General in Council observes, that the allowance for paying Military Pensions is on a Scale proportionate to the number of Pensioners and Family Certificate holders within the disbursing Officers' range ; but in no case is it, under existing rule, to exceed Rupees 105 monthly. This maximum limit it is proposed to remove to the benefit of three Stations, where it will rise, accordingly, to the sums shewn in the margin.

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2. In order to provide adequate remuneration at other Stations, it is proposed to form five groups of two Stations each, the disbursing Officer receiving the prescribed allowance on the total number in his group, and a sum of Rupees 40 per mensem, besides, throughout the year, to cover travelling allowances in visiting his Out-station for the payment of Pensioners, &c.

3. The proposed arrangements will, it is said, involve an increased expense of Rupees 281 per mensem, thus :—

	In the Military Department.	In the Civil Department.	Total.
Present monthly charge for paying Pensioners, &c..... ...	1,516	241	1,751
Proposed do.	1,797	241	2,038
Increase...	281	0	281

4. The Governor General in Council is pleased to sanction the proposition provisionally, pending a further consideration of the subject in the Military Department.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Military Department, and that the original papers received from that Department be returned, with a request that the Military Finance Department may be furnished with a copy of the letter from the Government of Madras, No. 3984, dated 21st November 1862, and its accompaniments.

Ordered also, that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the Military Finance Department.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Office Memorandum from the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, Fort William, 21st November 1863, No. 5750; to the Secretary to the Government of India Military Department.

In transmitting copy of Financial Resolution, No. 5749, dated 21st November, the Secretary in the Financial Department, is directed to point out to the Military Department, that in the arrangement of the Madras Government, to which provisional sanction has been accorded, the p[illegible]e cause of the revision to which the system of payment of Pensions and Family Money in [illegible]dras Presidency, has been subjected in the past three years, has been lost sight of, *viz*, [illegible]60, on the occasion of the relief by the Police, of the several Out-posts in the Southern Divisi[illegible]fective European Officers had to be left behind to take charge of Pension and Family payment[illegible] In the scheme, as settled by the Madras Government's Order of November 1862, this inconvenience is perpetuated, the Stations forming a range of payment having been grouped so as to afford adequate occupation to [illegible]fficer employed solely on such duty, *i. e.*, to an Officer detached from his Regiment, or not regimentally employed.

2. At present, with a reserve of Invalid Officers and of Supernumerary Officers, this source of inconvenience may not be felt, but it will be embarrassing ultimately, or at least very expensive when on the exhaustion of present reserves, the full pay and allowances of the Officers employed in Pension and Family payments will become a charge due solely to such employment.

3. In this view, it is suggested for consideration in the Military Department, whether the number of disbursing Officers may not be reduced by recourse to quarterly payments of Pensioners. In the Bombay Presidency, Native Pensioners are paid quarterly: in the Bengal Presidency, they are paid half-yearly; and it appears from the correspondence returned with the Financial Resolution, that even in the Madras Presidency, Pensioners do not always avail themselves of monthly payments, put appear for their stipends every three or four months. As Colonel Pritchard, who is intimately acquainted with the working of the Pension system, proposed quarterly payments of Pensioners, it may be concluded that such payments would not interfere, any more than in Bombay or Bengal, with the habits or occupation of the Pensioners.

4. His proposition was not entertained, because, possibly, quarterly payments of Pensions, by detaching the disbursing Officer on tours to out-Stations, would interfere with the regular monthly payments of Sepoy Remittances and Family Money.

5. But in the Bengal Presidency, Sepoy Remittances are, without the least inconvenience the payees, disbursed by Civil Treasuries, and there is no reason why the Madras Treasuries should be exempted from making similar payments.

6. Family money, too, is disbursed to payees by Civil Officers in Bengal, upon Draft granted by two Pension Paymasters in their capacity of Superintendents of Family money. The same course could be followed in the Madras Presidency.

7. By this transfer of payments of Family remittances and the Paymaster's Draft for Family money to Civil Treasuries, it would be practicable to introduce quarterly payments of Pensioners, and consequently to reduce materially the number of disbursing Officers by enlarging their circles of payment.

8. The necessity for keeping up the appointment of Superintendent of Pensions and Family Money under such a system would also apparently cease.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) B. E. BACON, Major,
Assist. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Referred to the Controller of Military Finance, with advertence to Proceedings dated 21st November 1862, No. 3983.

2. The Controller is requested to submit draft of a General Order for giving effect to the arrangement sanctioned by the Government of India; the increase authorised, of Rupees 281 per mensem, will be included in the Budget Estimate for 1864-65.

3. The Controller will, in commuication with the Adjutant General, favor Government with his views on the suggestions contained in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Memorandum from the Financial Department of the Government of India, 21st November 1863, No. 5750.

4. Reforred also to the Financial Department in view to the proposals contained in paragraphs 5 and 6 (of the Memorandum alluded to) being considered in that Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
16th February 1864.

Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Military Finance.
,, Adjutant General.
,, Financial Department.

Exd. R. Stephenson.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd March 1864.

No. 28. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Referring certain papers from the Government of India, in view to the suggestion offered, as to whether the number of disbursing Officers may not be reduced by recourse to quarterly payments of Pensioners, being considered. } (Here enter 16th February 1864, No. 103.)

Referred to the Revenue Department.

Fort Saint George,
27th February 1864.

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

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1864, No. 377.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for early report, with reference to G. O. 11th June 1862, No. 1,288, after communication with the Accountant General.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
„ Accountant General, } with Proceedings Military Department, No. 103

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From the Controller of Military Finance.

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(True Extract.)

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