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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 1st June 1865.

No. 1. Read the following letter from Mr. A. MENEAUD, Pensioned Surveyor and Draftsman, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 18th May 1865.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, No. 71, dated 3rd February 1865, containing extract of letter to your address from the Secretary to the Government of India, No. 183, dated 17th January 1865, and with reference to the 2nd paragraph of the same, I beg most respectfully to submit a Memorial, in triplicate, with 11 enclosures, addressed to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, and solicit that you will be pleased to lay it before His Excellency the Governor in Council, with my humble request that it may be transmitted to England by the first opportunity. In availing myself of this last resource, I entreat that His Excellency in Council, in forwarding this Memorial to the Home Government, will be graciously pleased to recommend my peculiarly distressing case to the benevolent consideration of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, and for which act of kindness, I shall ever feel exceedingly grateful.

To the Right Honorable Sir CHARLES WOOD, Bart., G. C. B.,
Secretary of State for India.

The humble Memorial of AUGUSTUS MENEAUD, Pensioned Surveyor and Draftsman, late 1st Class Sub-Assistant Surveyor and Draftsman, Surveyor General's Department, Topographical Branch, and Head Draftsman, Government Lithographic Press Department, D. P. W., Madras,

Most Respectfully Sheweth,

That your Memorialist, feeling that he was not treated with due consideration on his retirement from the public service, addressed the Government of India, and solicited a re-consideration of the rate of pension allowed him. In reply to this request, your Memorialist was informed that the Government of India did not see any grounds for compliance therewith; but that should he still desire to appeal to the Home Government, it was open for him to do so, through the Local Government, in a Memorial addressed to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, which would in due course be transmitted with an expression of opinion.

2. In availing himself of this permission, which he would have done sooner, but for domestic afflictions and troubles, your Memorialist begs most respectfully to appeal to Her Majesty's Secretary of State in Council, and to solicit the grant of that boon which he has unfortunately been unable to obtain from the Supreme Government of India. Your Memorialist would have bowed with submission to the decision of that Government, but for the conviction on his mind that his claims—founded on past faithful and meritorious service, enfeebled health, and premature decay, caused by arduous duty in unhealthy Districts, and precedents of *higher* pensions granted to other Surveyors in the Department of the Surveyor General of India—have not received the same liberal consideration that has been extended to his brother Surveyors.

3. Your Memorialist would humbly solicit attention to the letter from Lieutenant Colonel Horsley, Chief Engineer, Department of Public Works, dated 6th June 1862, No. 1370 (which forms one of the enclosures to this Memorial), from which it will be seen that your Memorialist's service extends over a period of 32 years (less by a few days); that he had been employed on the establishment of the Surveyor General of India for upwards of 25 years; and that he had subsequently served under the Chief Engineer at Madras for nearly seven years, with credit and satisfaction to his superiors. Considering the laborious and trying nature of the duties your Memorialist had to perform for many years in the field, when engaged in the Topographical Survey in Malabar, resulting in premature old age, and debilitated state of health, also deficiency of sight, the Chief Engineer strongly recommended that a special pension of Rupees 125 per mensem might be granted to your Memorialist.

4. The Government of India having, however, sanctioned the grant of only Rupees 72-4-0 per mensem, the ordinary rate of pension, which was not applicable to the case of Surveyors employed in the Department of the Topographical Survey, necessitates this appeal to Her Majesty's Government at Home. Your Memorialist feels aggrieved at this decision of the Supreme Government, and humbly submits that due consideration has not been shown for his past arduous services. He would entreat attention to the copies of correspondence, &c., connected with his services and conduct, and to the circumstances of his case, as set forth in his Memorial to Colonel Horsley, the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department; and, from these papers, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India in Council, will be enable to judge of the hardship inflicted on your Memorialist, by the grant of a pension so much below that allowed to his brother Surveyors.

5. Your Memorialist, therefore, ventures with the greatest deference, to submit his case for the generous and benevolent consideration of the Home Government, in the humble and fervent hope that the very favorable mention made of his conduct and services, and the high testimony borne to his merits, as well as the arduous duties cheerfully performed by him, even when suffering from sickness and pain, while out in the field of survey, exploring, in the years 1825 to 1829, the wild and uninhabited forest regions of the extensive Plateau of Wynaad, in the District of Malabar, will strongly plead in his behalf, and induce Her Majesty's Government at Home to grant to your Memorialist, as a special case, such an addition to his present pension, as will raise it to 100 Rupees per mensem, which will still be less by Rupees 25 than that recommended by Colonel Horsley, the Chief Engineer. It is the only and last boon which your Memorialist craves may be conferred upon an old and faithful servant of the British Government of the Indian Empire.

For this act of charity, your Memorialist as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed) A. MENEAUD,
Pensioned Surveyor and Draftsman.

MADRAS, 18*th May* 1865.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1865, No. 272.

Resolved that the Memorial and its enclosures, submitted with the foregoing letter, be forwarded to the Government of India, with a view to its being transmitted by them to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

2. Ordered that the following letter be despatched:—

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

No. 3. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort Saint George, 1st June 1865, No. 273.

With reference to your letter of the 17th January last, I am directed to submit, for transmission to the Home Government, the enclosed Memorial, addressed to the Secretary of State, by Mr. Meneaud, Pensioned Surveyor and Draftsman.

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

To,

The Right Honorable Sir Charles Wood. Baronet. G. C. B.
Secretary of State for India.

The humble Memorial of
Augustus Meneaud
Pensioned Surveyor and Draftsman
late 1st Class Sub Assistant Surveyor and Draftsman
Surveyor General's Department Topographical Branch
and Head Draftsman,
Government Lithographic Press Department, D. P. W. Madras.

Most respectfully Sheweth,

1 That your Memorialist, feeling that he was not treated with due consideration on his retirement from the Public Service, addressed the Government of India, and solicited a reconsideration of the rate of Pension allowed him.—In reply to this request, your Memorialist was informed, that the Government of India did not see any grounds for compliance therewith; but that should he still desire to appeal to the Home Government, it was open for him to do so, through the Local Government, in a Memorial addressed to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, which would in due course be transmitted with an expression of opinion.—

2. In availing himself of this permission, which he would have done sooner, but for domestic afflictions and troubles, Your Memorialist begs most respectfully to appeal to Her Majesty's Secretary of State in Council, and to solicit the grant of that boon which he has importunately been unable to obtain from the Supreme Government of India.— Your Memorialist would have bowed with submission to the decision of that Government, but for the conviction on his mind, that his claims founded on past faithful and meritorious service, infeebled health, and premature decay, caused by arduous duty in unhealthy Districts, and precedents of higher pensions granted to other Surveyors in the Department of the Surveyor General of India, have not received the same liberal consideration that has been extended to his brother Surveyors.—

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For this act of charity, your Memorialist as in duty bound, will ever pray.-

Madras
18th May. 1865

Augustus Menéaud
Pensioned Surveyor and Draftsman.

To.

The Honorable A: J: Arbuthnot.
Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

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With Sentiments of the greatest respect,
I beg leave to remain,
Sir,
your most Obedint and humble Servant,
Augustus Meneaud.
Pensioned Surveyor and Draftsman.

Madras
18th May 1865

Memorial from
Augustus Meneaud
Pensioned Surveyor and Draftsman

To.

The Right Honorable Sir Charles Wood
Baronet. G. C. B.
Secretary of State for India

Dated 18th May } 1865.
Received

Enclosures 11.

Praying that in consideration
of his past faithful and arduous
services, and on other grounds set
forth, an addition may, as a
special case, be made to his
Pension 25£ per annum

Pension, raising it to 100
Rupees per: Mensem; which
will still be less than that
received by his brother
Surveyors, who were similarly
with himself employed in the
Topographical Survey Depart:
ment, and also declaring that
recommended by the late Chief
Engineer Department of
Public Works.—

Financial Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read letter from Mr A. Menaud, Pensioned Surveyor and Draftsman.

(Dated 18th May 1865)

Order thereon 1st June 1865. No. 272

Resolved that the Memorial and its enclosures, submitted with the foregoing letter, be forwarded to the Government of India, with a view to its being transmitted by them to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

2 Ordered that the following letter be despatched:

To the Secretary to the Government of India
Financial Deptt.

To Mr. A. Menaud. Dated 6/6

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From Financial Deptt.

Augustus Menaud
Pensioned Surveyor and Draftsman

No. 272

The Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Dated 18th May 1865.
Received 1st June 1865.

Enclosures 12.

Submits a Memorial to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, praying that an addition may be made to his Pension, and solicits that it may be transmitted to its address, supported by the recommendation of the Madras Government.

despatch

Financial Department.

No. 273-

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

Financial Department.

Sir,

With reference to
your letter of the 17th January
last, I am directed to submit
for transmission to the Home
Government the enclosed
Memorial addressed to
the Secretary of State by
Mr Meikle and Pensioned
Surveyor and Draftsman.

Fort St. George.
1st June 1865

Financial 1865 Department.

No. 272

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 1st June 1865

Financial 1865. Department

No 273

To

The Secretary to the
Govt of India

No 584

D/ 1 June 1865

Memorial of W. A.
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and Draftsman Departmen
Public Works praying for an
increase of pension forwarded
to the Govt of India for
transmission to the Secretary
of State