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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 17th June 1865.

Read the following papers :—

No. 42. Proceedings of Government in the Military Department.

Calling for the early submission of certain Reports required to revise the Pension Regulations. } (Dated 21st February 1865, No. 747).

Referred to the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, for his early report, on the proposals contained in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Memorandum from the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 21st November 1863, No. 5750, herewith sent.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Under Secretary to Government.

2nd March 1865.

No. 43. From F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Accountant General, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 13th March 1865, No. 215.

Book and Adjustment Department.

In acknowledging the receipt of the Order of Government, dated the 2nd instant, I have the honor to state that the proposition of the Government of India, contained in a Memorandum from the Financial Secretary, dated the 21st November 1863, paragraphs 5 and 6, that sepoy remittances and family payments should be disbursed directly to the parties themselves from the Civil Treasuries, may, in my opinion, be carried out in this Presidency also, provided the responsibility and duty of the Treasury officers do not extend beyond making the payments to the parties by whom such Remittance or Family Cash Receipts may be presented.

2. Under the present system, although separate Cash Receipts are granted for each sepoy remittance, they are usually drawn, not in favor of the individual entitled to the payment, but of the Station Staff Officer, and I am informed that this course has been considered necessary, to avoid the risk and uncertainty attending the delivery of the letter containing the cash Receipt to the payee residing in a small village, possibly remote from the Huzoor or Cusba station. I do not, however, myself see the necessity of this course, for, if the advice of the remittance having been made reach a party so situated, it may be inferred that the letter containing the cash Receipt would do so likewise. As regards sepoy remittances, therefore, no addition would be made in the number of the payments by the Treasury Officers, nor, so far as I can learn, would any additional labor be imposed upon by them by the proposed change.

3. But in respect to family payments, the case is altogether different, as the Superintendent at Madras now draws one or more bills for the whole of the certificates payable in a District, in favor of the officer in charge of the family payments, by whom the amount is finally distributed to the several holders. Under the proposed system, payment will have to be made by the Civil Treasury Officers directly to each individual Holder, and the labor imposed upon them in connection with these payments will be considerably greater than at present. Take for instance Ganjam, on the treasury of which District the Superintendent now draws but five bills, and consequently five payments only are made from that treasury on account of the whole of the Family Certificate holders in that District; but, under the proposed system, no less than eight hundred and forty payments will have to be made from the Civil Treasuries, on the same account, in the course of each month.

4. It follows, therefore, that, in those Districts in which the holders of Family Certificates are numerous, a considerable amount of additional labor will be imposed upon treasury officers by the transfer to them of the payments of these certificates. Still, I am of opinion that this duty may be undertaken by them, if, as I have before stated, their responsibility begins and ends with payment of the amount to the presenter of the certificate. I observe, however, from Colonel Pritchard's Report, paragraphs 15, 16, and 170 to 176, that the payment to the holders is a comparatively trifling portion of the duty of the officer charged with the disbursement of Family Certificates, and that the seeking out and identification of the holders is frequently a work of much labor and time, and entails much correspondence. Colonel Pritchard lays considerable stress

on the importance of these latter duties, and it cannot, I think, be doubted that any irregularity in the payment of these Family Certificates, would cause very great dissatisfaction among the sepoys. On the other hand, it must be obvious that the task of tracing out and identifying the holders cannot be satisfactorily performed by the Civil officers, whose duties are already sufficiently onerous, and if it be decided by Government that the course hitherto pursued in this respect must still be observed, I am of opinion that no change in the present system of paying Family Certificates can be effected in the Districts marginally noted. In all the other Districts, the payments would be comparatively light, and might be undertaken by the Civil Department.

Ganjam.	Kistna.
Vizagapatam.	Madras.
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No. 43A. ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1865, No. 302.

Communicated to the Military Department, with reference to the Proceedings in that Department under date the 21st February last, No. 747.

(True Extract).

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter :—

From the Superintendent of Pensions, Fort Saint George, 15th February 1865, No. 3789; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George.

Frequent applications from the Paying Officers having been received for copies of the Family Payment and Pension Regulations, I have the honor to request, that you will be pleased to inform me, when the same are likely to be furnished to this Office.

ORDER, No. 747, 21st February 1865.

The Governor in Council observes, that the publication of the revised Code of Pension Regulations has been deferred, pending the submission of the Reports called for in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the reference Order in the Military Department, dated 16th February 1864; the submission of which will now be expedited.

Revenue Department, No. 377, 2*nd March* 1864.
Military Department, No. 1208, 11*th April* 1864.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Pensions.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Financial Department. With 5 spare Copies
" Revenue Department.
" Adjutant General.

Exd. W. Regel.

Book and Adjts to Departs

No 215

Fort Saint George
Accountt Genl Office
13th March 1865.

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J. Lushington Esquire
Accountant General

To The Chief Secretary
to Government

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Letter, dated 21st November 1863 - Paras 5 & 6

Cash Payments to Sepoys Remittances

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Referred to the Deputy Paymaster & Accountant General for his early report on the proposals contained in paras 5 & 6 of the Financial Secretary's Letter dated 21st November 1863 - for 2nd March next.

G. Walker
Under Secretary to Govt.

2nd March, 1865.

Dept. 2nd March 1865

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
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F. Lushington
Accountant General

Comp[d] &c.
Geo. Arthur Harris

Financial Department

From

The Accountant-General

To The Chief Secretary to Government

Dated 13th

Rec? 16th March 1865.

No 140.

Stating that there is no objection to Sepoy Remittances & Family payments being disbursed by Civil Officers but recommends that in certain Districts there should be no change in the present system of paying Family Certificates — with an order

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