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14th March 1867.

No. 54. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 5th March 1867, No. 800.

Communicating a letter from the Secretary to the Military Fund, bringing to notice the services of the Clerks of the Fund Office. } (Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 5th March 1867, Nos. 127—130.)

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1867, No. 129.

To be recorded.

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Ag. Secy. to the Military Fund..... Here enter 25th January 1867.
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From Lieutenant Colonel A. RITHERDON, Acting Secretary in charge of Military Fund, on behalf of Government, Fort Saint George, 25th January 1867; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In forwarding herewith a copy of the final Proceedings of the late Directors of the Military Fund, I have the honor, under their instructions, to request the favorable consideration of Government, more particularly to the extracts therefrom as noted in the margin.

EXTRACTS.

The Directors are not aware of the system that may be introduced by Government for the future management of the Fund, but as one of their last acts, they resolve to bring to the notice of Government, for favorable consideration, the services of the good and trustworth clerks now employed in the office establishment, and they will consider it their duty to bring to the notice of Government, especially, the valuable and efficient services rendered by Captain Obbard, during the protracted period he has performed the onerous duties of Secretary to the Institution, and their hope, that his great ability and experience may be made available to the State in the management, under their orders, of the affairs of the Fund.

IV. The Secretary submits memorandum on behalf of the clerks of the Military Fund Office, relative to their position in the office and their past services, and begs that their claims may be recommended for the favorable consideration of Government.

RESOLVED.—That the Secretary address Government on the subject.

2. Accompanying is also a list of the present employés in the Military Fund Office, shewing dates of admission on the establishment, from which it will be seen that four of them have already reached that period of service, which, under the Uncovenanted Service Rules, would have entitled them to pensionary advantages had they served in any office under Government.

3. The printed rules of the Fund do not provide for the grant of pensions, but though this subject has not been expressly introduced into the rules, the question of the expediency* of holding out a "prospective reward" for "long and useful service," was some years back before the Board, but it does not appear at that time that any individual was desirous of quitting his employment in the office; later, however, two applicants† presented themselves for pension, but as negotiations for the transfer of the Fund to Government were then pending, no action in regard to their claims was taken.

* *Vide Directors' Minutes of Proceedings, 7th August* 1856.

† *One of whom has since died.*

4. I am instructed, therefore, now that the transfer has been completed, to urge the subject of pension for the favorable consideration of Government, with a request that while such of the employés as are now so entitled, may be granted, on application, pensions agreeably to the scale laid down by Government for their uncovenanted servants; the services of the others on the establishment may, at the same time, be recognized as qualifying for pension, from the dates they were respectively brought upon the strength of the establishment. On this subject I have only to add, that at present the widow‡ of a late manager of this office, continues to enjoy a pension from the Fund, and on reference also, it will be found that the Madras Medical Fund, as well as the Bengal and Bombay Military Funds, have granted pensions to their superannuated employés.

‡ *Mrs. A. Hart, pensioned on Rupees* 15 *per month from* 1*st January* 1860.

5. Should any difficulties arise in regard to this appeal on behalf of the good and trustworthy employés in respect of pensionary advantages, I would take the liberty of suggesting that, perhaps it might meet the views of Government, in preference to grant them compensation for *past* services, *with the advantage* of still continuing in service, and reckoning the same under Government from the date of the transfer of the Fund, *viz.*, 10th September 1866.

6. On the occasion of the transfer of the Fund in London in September last, to the Director of Military Funds, India Office, the Home Committee specially solicited the Secretary of State for India for the grant of an honorarium of £2,000 to Messrs. Grindlay and Co., the Fund Agents, for their past services: Government is not unmindful of the fact, that, in the transfer of the Fund, the considerable sum of Rupees 1,22,26,393 or £ sterling 1,375,469 was at once placed at its disposal by the subscribing members.

7. I am also particularly instructed to request that the present employés of the Military Fund Office may be considered in every respect as purely Government servants, eligible for any of the ordinary situations under it, without being subject to the ordeal of passing the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examination. In an establishment like the present—underpaid as it is—where its correspondence is as important, and its accounts as intricate as any under Government, the granting of the boon solicited cannot, I submit, prove disadvantageous to the State.

8. In conclusion, again soliciting, on behalf of the present employés, that Government will be pleased to accord favorable consideration to the claims of a body that has ever received the approbation (as recorded in the Directors Proceedings) of several Secretaries, for steadiness, intelligence, and regularity.

With report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 8th February 1867, R.

ORDER, No. 800, 5th March 1867.

Ordered to lie over, pending the instructions of the Government of India, regarding the future conduct of the duties of the Fund, with reference to paragraph* 7 of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State's Financial despatch, No. 126, dated 4th June 1866.

**G. O. G G., No. 3014 of 1866.*
Madras G. O. G., No. 426, dated 16th Nov. 1866.

Docket to the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, M. D. | Here enter 5th March 1867, No. 801.

(True Extract.)

H. Marshall — *Major General,*
Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary in charge of Military Fund.
,, Controller of Military Accounts.
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,, Adjutant General..... }
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Erd. J. E. Cashart.

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