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Government of Madras.

Financial **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 13th June 1867.

No. 33. To the Right Honorable FRANCIS BARON NAPIER, K. T.,
Governor of Madras.

The humble Petition of Mrs. MARGARET BARTON, widow of the late Mr. Robert Barton.

Most humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioner is the widow of the late Mr. Robert Barton, deceased 19th July 1866, leaving your petitioner with two little boys, one aged three years and the other one year old.

2. Your petitioner's late husband was, up to the month preceding his death, a Driver in the 2nd Company of East Indian Drivers, attached to the C. Battery, 23rd Brigade, Royal Artillery, stationed in Trichinopoly, and on the disbandment of that Corps on the 30th June 1866, agreeably with the provisions of G. O. G., No. 194, of the 21st May 1866, he received a donation of twelve months' pay, and the same generosity was extended by your Lordship's Government to your petitioner and children, which she requested her husband to have remitted to Saint Thomas' Mount, per Treasury Order on the Sydapett Treasury for Rupees 346, as your petitioner feared she may have been robbed on the road. Captain (Major) Lawson, Commanding the Battery, kindly obtained the order for that amount and delivered it to her husband, who, unfortunately was attacked with cholera on the day after his arrival at the Mount, and succumbed from it unexpectedly and intestate.

3. When your petitioner presented the Treasury Order for payment after the demise of her husband, Mr. Locke, the then Deputy Collector of Sydapett, declined to pay her other than one-third the sum, or Rupees 115-5-4, retaining the balance, or Rupees 230-10-8, in deposit for her children in the name of the Collector, until they attain the age of manhood. Should this rule be enforced, your petitioner will be entirely deprived of the means of supporting herself and family, which she could do were the money paid to her, as she would then be in a position to realize a greater amount of interest on it monthly than that paid annually by Government, by her advancing the sum on security of household or landed property, which would obviate the necessity of herself and children appealing to the public for eleemosynary assistance should the money be withheld from her.

4. Your petitioner begs very respectfully to state that the money was *bonâ fide* private, and that Mr. Locke not having understood the whole circumstance regarding it treated the subject as if deceased had, at the period of his casualty, been still a soldier, and which your petitioner has shewn was not the case, he having been discharged on the 30th June 1866.

5. Your petitioner appealed on this subject to E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector, Sydapett, on the 10th instant, and he expressed his opinion that your Lordship would sanction the deposit money being paid to her from the Treasury under his charge.

6. Your petitioner very respectfully craves the indulgent consideration of your Lordship to the painful condition of her present situation, and earnestly begs for a favorable decision to her prayer.

Your petitioner will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

Saint Thomas' Mount,
30th April 1867.

(Signed) MARGARET BARTON,
Widow of the late Mr. Robert Barton.

From Mrs. M. BARTON, widow of the late R. BARTON, a Driver in the 2nd Company C. Battery, 23rd Brigade Royal Artillery, to the Collector and Magistrate, Sydapett; dated Saint Thomas' Mount, 10th April 1867.

I beg to be excused in troubling you with these few lines.

2. On the 19th July last my late husband, Robert Barton, formerly an East Indian Driver in the C. Battery, 23rd Brigade, Royal Artillery, died intestate and unexpectedly at Saint Thomas' Mount. Immediately subsequent to this event an order was received by Mr. Locke, your late Deputy Collector, for Rupees 346 in favor of deceased, which was forwarded by Captain Lawson, Commanding the above Battery, in Trichinopoly. Mr. Locke declined to pay me other than one-third this sum, or Rupees 115-5-4, the balance, viz., Rupees 230-10-8, was deposited by him in

your Treasury. The money given to me has been wholly expended for my husband's funeral expenses and for the support of myself and two children, during the recent prevailing high prices of provisions, and we are now literally in very straitened circumstances, not having the means of procuring the common necessaries of existence, and not having a pension from Government.

3. I very humbly solicit that you would, respected Sir, kindly direct the amount now in your Treasury to be paid to me, which will place me in a position to realize interest on it, by advancing it on loan on landed or household property, which interest I could confidently recover monthly for our support.

4. Should you, respected Sir, deem this my application requiring the sanction of superior authority, I would very humbly beg that you would kindly obtain it for me, and for which act of condescension I will be for ever sincerely grateful.

The Accountant General having ordered the amount of the Transfer Receipt herein referred to to be held in deposit, the Collector advises the petitioner to address the Government on the subject.

(Signed) E. G. R. FANE,
Collector.

The Accountant General has ruled in letter, No. 6156, dated 14th March 1867, that the principal in question, belonging to Mrs. Barton's children and not to herself, cannot be drawn. Interest can be drawn *annually*, and the principal must remain lodged in the name of the Collector until the children come of age.

11th April 1867. (Signed) A. J. B. ATKINSON,
Assistant Magistrate.

No. 34.

ORDER THEREON, 13th June 1867, No. 258.

The Governor in Council resolves, under the circumstances of the case, to authorise the payment to Mrs. Margaret Barton, widow of the late Robert Barton, an East Indian Driver in the C. Battery, 23rd Brigade, Royal Artillery, of the sum of Rupees 230-10-8, which is lodged in the name of the Collector of Madras, without the production of any Probate or Letters of Administration; but being of opinion that the interests of the widow, Mrs. Barton, and her children will be more effectually protected if the sum at her credit be disbursed to her in monthly instalments, than if the whole amount be paid to her in a lump sum, His Excellency in Council directs that the balance in question, together with interest, shall be paid to Mrs. Barton through the Cantonment Magistrate, Saint Thomas' Mount, by instalments of Rupees 5 per mensem.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To Mrs. Margaret Barton.
To the Accountant General.
" Collector of Madras District.
" Military Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

E. S. B. [illegible]

Guadras 29th May 67.

My dear Mr Arbuthnot

I return the Petition
we received with your
note of the 17th instant,

The Off[illegible] the
Mount considers
Mr Barton of "irreproachable
character"

The Lieut at the
Mount with her Father
Pensioner Canty, also
bears a good character

They are very badly
off, having only the
pensioners 1 Shilling a day

to support the Pensioner
this family, & Mrs Burton
& her two children (!)

The Offr commanding
the Mounk suggests
that the money be
paid by monthly
instalments of Rs. 5
to the mother for the
maintenance of the
children.

I also wrote to
Capte Clementson,
Cant Magistrate, a
Sharp fellow on whom
I know I could depend,
to corroborate the
foregoing, and adds,
"The plea of investing
"the money in I think a
"suggestion of the writer
"of the petitioner whose
"hand writing I recognize
"his name was also on
"the docket but has been
"erased - he is a notorious
"bad character, but a
"very clever fellow, and
"if he has any thing to do
"with the money will
"cheat her out of every
"sixpence - again
"if the money is given
"her in a lump She

will be a great catch
for a Soldier, and
is not unlikely to marry
in consequence, when
of course her Children
would derive no
benefit =

Capt. C is of opinion
that if the money was paid
to Mrs Barton, it would be
used for the immediate
necessities of the Mother &
Children, but there wd
be no probability of its
being invested - & therefore
it would be better to pay
it by monthly instalments
thro the Staff officers

Yours Sincerely
H Marcy

To
E. J. B. Faur, Esqr.
Collector and Majistrate
Sylhet

Respected Sir

I beg to be excused in troubling you with these few lines.

On the 19th July last my late husband, Robert Barlow, formerly an East Indian Driver in the C. Battery 23rd Brigade Royal Artillery died Intestate and unexpectedly, at Saint Thomas' Mount. Immediately subsequent to this event an order was received by Mr Locke, your late Deputy Collector, for Rupees 346 in favor of deceased, which was forwarded by Captain Lawson, Commanding the above Battery, in Trichinopoly. Mr Locke declined ~~to pay~~ to pay me other than 1/3 this sum or Rupees 115-5-4, the Balance, viz, Rs 230-10-8, was deposited by him in your Treasury. The money

given to me has been wholly expended for my husbands funeral expenses and for the support of myself and two children, during the recent prevailing high prices of provisions, and we are now literally in very straitened circumstances, not having the means of procuring the common necessaries of existence, and not having a Pension from Government.

I very humbly solicit that you would, Respected Sir, kindly direct the amount now in your Treasury to be paid to me, which will place me in a position to realize Interest on it, by advancing it on loan on landed or household property, which interest I could confidently recover monthly for our support.

Should you, Respected Sir, deem this my application requiring the Sanction of Superior authority I would very humbly beg that you would kindly obtain it for me and for which act of condescension I will be for ever sincerely grateful.

I beg to be, Respected Sir,
Your Humble Servant
Margaret Barton
Widow

Saint Thomas' Mount
10th April 1867.

the Battery, kindly obtained the

To The Right Honorable Francis Baron Napier. K.C.
Governor of Madras &c

The Humble Petition of Mrs Margaret Barton
Widow of the late Mr Robert Barton.

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner
is the Widow of the late Mr Robert
Barton deceased 19th July 1866 leaving
four Petitioner and two little boys
viz Robert Barton aged 4 years and
Edward Barton aged 2 years.

That your Petitioners late husband was up to the month previous to his death, a Private in the 2nd Company of Sappers Bridges 2nd Brigade Bengal Artillery stationed in Vizianagram on the Chicacole Road.

That your Petitioner with the children left Vizianagram on the 3rd June 1866, proceeding with the Brigade of Artillery to Secunderabad.

That your Petitioner's husband was taken ill on the 12th May and died the same day.

That your Petitioner was informed by your Lordship's Secretary that your Lordship's Sanction would be given to your Petitioners and children receiving the usual Pension allowed to the Widows and children of Soldiers who die in the Service.

That your Petitioner has been informed that the Pension cannot be drawn at Vizianagram but must be drawn at Madras.

That your Petitioner is left entirely destitute and without any means of support for herself and children.

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Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays that your Lordship will be pleased to grant her the usual Pension allowed to the Widows and children of Soldiers who die in the Service.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c &c

Madras 10th April 1867

Mrs Margaret Barton

No. 30 Mis Petn

From
Mrs Margaret Barton
St Thos Mount

Dated 10th April 1867
Rec'd 13th

The Accountant General having ordered the amount of the transfer Receipt hereinbefore referred to be deposited with the Collector at this Presidency, the Petitioner is hereby informed that she must address the Collector on the subject

Fort St George
13th April 1867

for Accountant General
Collector

Memorandum!
Petitioner must
be informed that
she must address
the Collector
of this District
and not the Accountant
General as
stated in the
Petition.
11.4.67.

Transmitted with Petition No 189/67 dated 10th June 1867 to the Collector of Vizagapatam for disbursement of the amount now in deposit in the Treasury to enable her & two children to be supported which was left by her late husband

Fort St George
13th June 1867

for Secretary to Government

order for that amount and delivered it to her husband, who, unfortunately was attacked with Cholera on the day after his arrival at the Mount and succumbed from it unexpectedly and Intestate.

When your Petitioner presented the Treasury Order for payment after the demise of her husband, Mr. Lock, the then Deputy Collector of Sydapett declined to pay her other than ⅓ the Sum or Rupees 115-5-4, retaining the Balance or Rupees 230-10-8 in deposit for her Children, in the name of the Collector, until they attain the age of manhood. Should this rule be enforced your Petitioner will be entirely deprived of the means of supporting herself and family, which she could do where the money paid to her, as she would then be in a position to realize a greater amount of Interest on it monthly than that paid annually by Government, by her advancing the Sum on Security of Household or Landed property, which would obviate the necessity of herself and children appealing to the Public for Eleemosynary assistance should the money be withheld from her.

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Your Petitioner will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

Margaret Barlow
Widow of the late Mr.
Robert Barlow.

Saint Thomas's Mount
5th April 1867

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following ~~letter~~ Petition from Mrs M Barton widow of the late Robert Barton a Driver in the 2d Co 1 Battery 23d Brigade Royal Artillery.

Rec'd 30 April 1867

ORDER THEREON No 258 of 13th June 1867.

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of opinion that the interests of the widow, Mrs Barton and her children will be more effectually protected if the sum at her credit be disbursed to her in monthly instalments, than if the whole amount be paid to her in a lump sum, His Excellency in Council directs that the balance in question together with interest shall be paid to Mrs Barton through the Cantonment Magistrate, St Thomas Mount, by instalments of Rupees 5 per mensem.

26 Feb 00

To Mrs Margaret Barton
— Accountant Genl
— Collector of Madras &c
— Military Depart.

Sep 18/6

Mr Barton.

Financial 1867. Department.

No. 250

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated. 13 June 1867.

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