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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 2nd April 1868.

No. 1. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 25th March 1868, No. 1247.

Communicating Resolution to the effect that the Indian Government should be charged with annuities and pensions paid to Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers on account of meritorious services and the Victoria Cross. (Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 25th March 1868, Nos. 715 & 716).

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1868, No. 181.

Communicated to the Accountant General.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant General.

Exd F. B. Bantleman.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

No. 1043.

Read Military Department's extract, No. 441, dated 9th January 1868, forwarding, for favorable consideration and orders, a memorandum from the Controller General of Military Expenditure, soliciting orders on the question whether the "annuities of Serjeants for distinguished or meritorious services" and "pensions to Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates holding the Victoria Cross" should be debited to England or to India.

RESOLUTION.—The decision arrived at by Colonel Broome is approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, as being in accordance with Government General Order, Military Department, No. 898, dated 26th June 1856.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Military Department, for information—the original papers being returned.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMEMT, FORT WILLIAM, 21*st February* 1868.

(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 4TH MARCH 1868.

No. 204.

Copy of the above, and of Colonel Broome's memorandum, No. 1012, dated 3rd January 1868, forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Military Department, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

(By order.)
(Signed) W. M. LEES, Major,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Memorandum by the Controller General of Military Expenditure, Military Department, Account Branch, 3rd January 1868, No. 1012.

Consequent on the reference made in this office memorandum No. 576F of 3rd September 1866, Financial Department's Resolution No. 2833, dated 22nd October following, decided, in modification of the previous ruling in Resolution No. 5540 of 10th November 1863, that the gratuity for long service and good conduct, under the good conduct warrant, is debitable to the British Government, even on account of British Regiments serving in India.

2. No orders were however passed on the two other questions submitted in the above memorandum from this office, regarding—

1*st*.—"Annuities to Serjeants for distinguished or meritorious services."

2*nd*.—"Pensions to Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates holding the Victoria Cross,"

which the Financial Resolution of 10th November 1863 decided were chargeable to the capitation rate of £3-10-0 per annum.

3. The object of the subsequent Resolution was to conform to the ruling of the War Office, and, as in pursuance of such object, the Indian Government is debitable with annuities and pensions for Victoria Cross, for which no provision was made in the English Army estimate of 1866-67 and 1867-68, the undersigned has the honor to report having directed the Controllers of Military Accounts in the several Presidencies to charge such expenditure to Indian revenues, under the provisions of Grant 16 of the Military Budget estimate of India.

4. A copy of his instructions to the Controllers on the subject is annexed, for communication to the Financial Department, and the undersigned trusts his proceeding will meet with the approval of Government.

(Signed) ARTHUR BROOME, Colonel.

From the Controller General of Military Expenditure, 3rd January 1868, No. 1009; to the Controller of Military Accounts, Bombay.

In reply to your letter No. 5322 of the 13th December 1867, with annexures, I have the honor to intimate that the War Office* letter under reference, in requiring the Home Government to be relieved of a charge for the annuity awarded to Hospital Serjeant Laine, of Her Majesty's 109th Foot, which is tantamount to such charges being required to be defrayed by Indian revenues, is not in the least at conflict with the decision of the Financial Department, communicated to you in this office docket, No. 752E of 8th November 1866, regarding the debit to the British Government of gratuities for long services and good conduct under the good conduct warrant, and that this Resolution does not seem to have been modified or superseded by any subsequent order.

*No. $\frac{32\text{-}109\text{th}}{22}$, *Foot, dated 19th September 1867, to the Paymaster of Her Majesty's 109th Regiment, Bombay.*

2. The object of this Resolution was to conform to the ruling of the War Office regarding gratuities, and in pursuance of this object, the Indian Government is debitable with the charges marginally specified, for which it will be seen no provision was made in the English Army estimate of 1866-67 and 1867-68, I have to request, pending further orders, that such expenditure may be charged to Indian revenues, under the provisions of Grant 16 of the Military Budget estimate of your Presidency.

1st.—Annuities to Serjeants for distinguished or meritorious services.
2nd.—Pensions to Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates holding the Victoria Cross.

Nos. 1010 & 1011.

Copy forwarded to the Controller of Military Accounts, $\frac{\text{Calcutta}}{\text{Madras}}$, in continuation of this office docket, No $\frac{753E}{751E}$ of 8th November 1866, and with a request that the charges incurred in $\frac{\text{this}}{\text{his}}$ Presidency, on account of annuities and pensions to holders of the Victoria Cross, may be adjusted in the manner directed in the concluding paragraph of the letter under transmission.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) W. M. LEES, Major,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER, No. 1247, 25th March 1868.
Recorded.
(True Extract.)

Sent 7 April 1868

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H Marchale Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Military Accounts,
" Adjutant General,
" Financial Department,
for information with 5 spare copies

Exd. A. W. Cooke.