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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras ...ment, *Financial Department,*
4th July 1868.

Read the following papers :—

No. 9. From Mrs. CAMILLA FRENCH, Widow of the late Mr. H. A. FRENCH, 1st Uncovenanted Assistant, Government Office, Chief Secretary's Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 9th March 1868.

I beg respectfully to forward the accompanying Memorial to the address of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, praying for a re-consideration of my case, with reference to a decision of the Home Government declining to grant a small pensionary provision to myself and family.

2. I humbly trust that his Excellency the Governor in Council will be pleased to view my case favorably, and give his kind and able support to the application herewith forwarded.

To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

The humble Memorial of CAMILLA FRENCH, widow of the late H. A. French, First Uncovenanted Assistant, Chief Secretary's Department,

SHEWETH,

That your Memorialist received with deep sorrow a copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, noted in the margin, communicating an extract from your, Despatch, dated 24th July 1866, declining to comply with her earnest prayer for a small pensionary provision for the suppo... of herself and family, who are now left in almost utter destitution and distress.

Dated 29th August 1866, No. 326.

2. Your Memorialist had cherished every expectation that some small aid would have been extended to her by Government, as they had dealt very considerately and liberally with the families of other servants similarly situated, although they held less responsible posts under the State than that filled with great credit by your Memorialist's late husband.

3. Your Memorialist's former appeal enlarged on the meritorious services rendered by her late husband, and to that appeal the testimonials granted to him by the highest officials were appended for your information. On this point, therefore, it would be superfluous for your Memorialist at present to dwell.

4. Your Memorialist's late husband risked both health and stren... interests of the State. He labored unremittingly, even when suffering under severe bodily ailment. Although advised by his Medical Attendant as regards the dangers consequent on close application to his desk, and the sedentary nature of his work, if continued for any lengthened period, he still worked on, his sole aim and object being to discharge his duties without detriment to the Government.

5. Your Memorialist would respectfully observe that in your Despatch referred to above, Your Excellency states that "it is contrary to the general practice to grant pensions to the families of Uncovenanted Servants." It will, however, be seen from the cases specified in the margin that pensions have been awarded to the families of such servants, and that your Memorialist's case is similar to those who have enjoyed the bounty of the State, and were thus rescued from all the miseries attendant on poverty. The family* of the late Mr. Thomas French, an Uncovenanted First Assistant in the Revenue Department ... on the receip... liberal pen..., and your Memorialist humbly submits that her case corresponds in all respects with that of the late Mr. T. French's family.

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CIVIL AUDITOR'S OFFICE.			
In 1846. Pension granted to Mrs. Charlotte Vint, widow, and her four sons and a daughter.....	50	0	0
GENERAL POST OFFICE.			
In 1850. Pension granted to Mrs. Rose Neale, widow, and her four daughters, and three sons.....	20	0	0
CIVIL ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.			
In 1857. Pension granted to Mrs. Sarah Gaynor, widow, and her son and two daughters.	16	8	0
CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.			
In 1859. Pension granted to Mrs. Jane Oliver, widow.....	35	0	0
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, NORTH ARCOT.			
In 1859. Pension granted to Mrs. Mary Anne Stafford, widow, and her son and daughter.	17	0	0
SEA CUSTOMS OFFICE.			
In 1866. Pension granted to Mrs. P. Drysdale, widow, and her two daughters.....	25	0	0

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* Mrs. A. French.....	50	per mensem.
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Miss B. French.....	15	do. do.

The eldest daughter has since the grant of the pension been married.

6. Your Memorialist has at present four daughters solely dependent on her for support, and a young son whom she has still to educate. Having been suddenly deprived of the prop and

stay of the family, your Memorialist and her children are, and have been since February 1866, sorely tried in the school of adversity. It is very difficult indeed for her, and those dependent on her for support, to live under their present painfully reduced condition.

7. Under these circumstances, your Memorialist entreats that your Excellency will graciously re-consider her hard case, and grant to her that indulgence which the benevolence of Government has not denied to those placed in the same unfortunate and painful situation as herself.

8. Should your Excellency still consider that her case is not entitled to be treated in all respects as the case of the family of the late Mr. T. French, your Memorialist would humbly implore that your Excellency will be pleased to award to her alone such a stipend as your Excellency may deem to be adequate to save her and her children from absolute want.

9. Your Memorialist places her fullest trust in your Excellency's benevolence, and she humbly beseeches that the helpless widow and orphans of an old and faithful servant may receive some consideration at the hands of Government, whose interests were held by that servant so precious that neither health nor life, nor the pressing admonitions of his Medical Adviser, could induce him to swerve from what he deemed his sacred duty to the State ; and

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

MADRAS, *9th March* 1868. (Signed) CAMILLA FRENCH.

No. 10. From Mrs. CAMILLA FRENCH, Widow of the late Mr. H. A. FRENCH, 1st Uncovenanted Assistant, Government Office, Chief Secretary's Department, to the Under Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 22nd June 1868.

In reply to your Official Memorandum, dated the 18th instant, I beg very respectfully to state that my Memorial therein referred to has been signed by me as directed, and that, my late husband having left no property whatever, I am solely dependent on the pension I receive from the Madras Widows' Fund, as stated in my Memorial.

Trusting you will kindly enlist your sympathy in behalf of the widow and orphans of the late H. A. French, I remain, &c.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1868, No. 313.

Mrs. French's Memorial will be forwarded to the Secretary of State, through the Government of India, with a recommendation that her case may be re-considered and some pensionary provision be granted her.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To Mrs. C. French.

Exd. J. H. Burns,

Madras 22nd June 1868.

C. G. Walker Esqr.
Under Secretary to Government
Public Dr. Department.

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I remain
Sir
Your most obediently
Camilla French

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To

The Chief Secretary to the Government
of Bombay.

Financial Dept Sir,

With reference to your letter No 314 dated the 4th Ultimo, forwarding for transmission to the Secretary of State, a Memorial by the widow of Mr A. A. French late 1st Uncovenanted Assistant in your Office, praying for the grant of Special pension to herself and her Children, I am desired to request that a Copy of the Correspondence regarding the grant of pension to the family of the late Mr F French may be forwarded to this Department.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

Simla
The 21st August 1868

J Wm Hatten
Under Secy to the Govt of India

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Financial Department

Bombay Castle 29th August 1868

Forwarded to the
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of
Madras for whom this letter appears
to be intended.

By order
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Ag Under Secy. to Govt.

Madras.
February 1868.

To

The Honorable R. S. Ellis. C. B.
Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort Saint George.

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I beg to remain.
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.
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9th March 1868.

Financial Dept. 1868 No 168

From
Mrs C. French
Madras 4th July 1868
Rec'd 9th July

Ans 9 July

No 1229

Forwards Memorial to
Govt Secretary of State
Recommending grant of
Extraordinary Pension to
Lieut H Franklin a
Lieut Pensioner of Bengal

Financial Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from

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Assistant Government Office.
(Here enter 9 March 1868 —)
to 22 June —

Order thereon. 4 July 1868 No. 313

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 4th July 1862.