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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
25th August 1868.

No. 45. Proceedings of Government, Pension Department.

Read the following papers :—

From the Mint Master, to the Accountant General ; dated 19th December 1867, No. 436.

DOCKET.—Has the honor to enclose the accompanying letter from the Acting Assay Master, forwarding application and medical certificate for superannuation pension for the Head Fireman and Maistry of the Assay Department, and requests that he will have the goodness to submit it to Government with his report.

From Surgeon H. E. BUSTEED, Acting Assay Master, to the Mint Master ; dated 18th December 1867, No. 128.

I have the honor to forward, for the favorable consideration and sanction of Government, the accompanying application for pension, with testimonials in support thereof, from Monalah Parthasarathy, Head Fireman and Maistry of the Operative Department of the Assay Office.

2. M. Parthasarathy has served in the Mint for a period of 28 years and 7 months (10 years of which were in the grades not entitling him to pension). He has always borne the highest character for efficiency and good conduct from the several Officers under whom he served.

3. I regret to add that, after this long and faithful service, he is now in a very enfeebled condition, suffering from a painful chest affection and the complete loss of the sight of one eye, and partially that of the other—effects, I have but little doubt, which are mainly due to the peculiarly distressing nature of his duties, such as the inhalation of noxious lead fumes, and the exposure of the naked eye to the intense heat of the assay furnaces while regulating their temperature and examining the musters, &c.

4. Under these circumstances, I trust that Government will be pleased to take a favorable view of his case, and sanction the pension herein solicited for M. Parthasarathy, as a reward for his long, trying, and faithful services.

Copies of Testimonials.

I hereby certify that Parthasarathy performed the duties of Assistant Assayer in the Assay Office for two years and two months, and during that time I had every reason to be satisfied with the care and attention which he evinced.

MADRAS,
23rd September 1836.

(Signed) W. MIDDLEMASS,
Late Asst. Assay Master.

Parthasarathy is one of the oldest servants connected with the Assay Office and is very attentive to his duties.

(Signed) G. J. SHAW,
Late Assay Master.

No. 254.

This is to certify that I have examined Monalah Parthasarathy Naidoo, Head Fireman and Maistry of the Assay Office, and find that he is unfit for further service from advanced age and consequent infirmity ; and, so far as I have been able to ascertain, his incapacity has not been produced by intemperance or other irregular habits.

MADRAS,
16th November 1867.

(Signed) W. J. VANSOMEREN, M. D.,
Surgeon Major, 1st District.

(Countersigned) J. KENNEDY, M. D.,
Depy. Inspr. Genl., Indian Medl. Dept,
Presidency Division.

No. 4391.

Confirmed.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
22nd November 1867.

(Signed) W. MACKENZIE, M. D.,
Inspr. Genl, Indian Medl. Dept.

No. 129.

Register of an application for superannuation pension, under Pension Rules published under date 3rd May 1864, *from the Establishment of the Assay Office of the Madras Mint.*

1	Full name of pensioner...	Monalah Parthasarathy Naidoo.
2	Sect or caste...	Buljay.
3	Residence...	Washermanpettah.
4	Present post...	Head Fireman and Maistry.
5	Date of commencement of service...	26th September 1833.
6	Date of retirement from service..	1st January 1868.
7	Abstract of the grounds of application.....	Inability to serve longer.
8	How long unemployed, and under what circumstances.	*Reduction of Establishment from December 1835 to July 1841.

		YS.	MS.	DS.
9	Total of service before 22 years of age...	0	0	0
10	Total of service not in pension grades	10	6	20
11	Total of leave other than privilege and preparatory leave...	0	0	0
	Total...	10	6	20
12	Total period in pension grades counted as service...	18	0	16
13†	Age of the applicant at the time of this application...	59	4	0

		Feet.	Inches.
14	Height...	5	7
15	Descriptive marks— Three large moles on the back of the right temple. A small mole on the back of [illegible] Blind of the right eye and afflicted with hydrocele.		

		RS.	A.	P.
16	Average salary of past five years...	28	0	0
17	Proposed amount of pension...	9	4	0
18	Date from which to commence...	1st January 1868.		
19	Place of payment...	Madras.		

* It is hereby certified that no gratuity was drawn by the applicant on reduction of establishment in the year 1835 prior to the abolition of the Mint.

† I do hereby certify that, to the best of my belief, the applicant's age above stated is correct.

(Signed) H. E. BUSTEED,
Acting Assay Master.

Statement of total period of Service.

Establishment.	Post.	Pay. RS.	A.	P.	Period. From	To	Yrs.	Ms.	Ds.	Accountant General or Controller of Military Accounts' remarks.
Assay Office.	Assistant Assayer.	8	0	0	26th Sept. 1833	30th Nov. 1835.	2	2	5	Verified from the records of this office. (Signed) T. TREVOR, *Offg. Examiner of Claims.*
	Do. ...	10	0	0	2nd Aug. 1841.	31st Aug. 1841.	0	0	30	
	First Assistant Fireman.	10	0	0	1st Sept. 1841.	15th Dec. 1849.	8	3	15	
	Head Fireman and Maistry.	28	0	0	16th Dec. 1849.	31st Dec. 1867.	18	0	16	
						Total...	28	7	6	
						YS. MS. DS.				
					Deduct service not in pension grades ...	10 6 20	10	6	20	
						Net period of service...	18	0	16	

Explanation of Column 8, with quotations of orders of reinstatement.	*Explanation of any degradation.*
Unemployed from December 1835 to July 1841 in consequence of the abolition of the Mint	Nil.

Detail of leave on half-pay and full stoppage of pay.

From	To	YS.	MS.	DS.
Nil.	Nil.			
	Total of leave...			

Remarks by the Head of the Office on past character and conduct of the applicant throughout the service.

Characterized by uniform good conduct, skill, and attention to his duties.

H. M.'s Assay Office,
18th December 1867.

(Signed) H. E. BUSTEED,
Acting Assay Master.

MEMORANDUM.

1 Register of application for pension for M. Parthasarathy Naidoo, dated 18th December 1867.
1 Medical Certificate dated 16th November 1867.
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The undersigned has the honor to return the papers connected with the pension case noted in the margin, received with Docket No. 436, dated 19th December 1867, for want of Nos. 21 and 23.

21. Explanation why the applicant was retained in Government service from 16th November 1867 to 31st December 1867, when the medical certificate was dated 16th November 1867—vide Government Notification published at page 603, 1st Volume, and page 473, 2nd Volume, of the Official Gazette for 1866.

23. Further information as to the nature of the applicant's duties as Head Fireman and Maistry in the Assay Office, as the same is necessary to be given in this office report to Government upon the case.

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office.
15th April 1868.

(Signed) W. DONALD,
Examiner of Claims.

No. 194.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The Assay Master has the honor to furnish, herewith, the information called for by the Examiner of Claims in his letter dated 15th instant.

Twenty-one—As the cupellation process on the date of the medical certificate was still carried on, and the humid method not fully introduced, it was found indispensably necessary, in order to obtain accurate assays of bullion tendered, to retain the services of the Head Fireman and Maistry Monalah Parthasarathy Naidoo for a short time longer, to regulate the assay fires, and to allow of the other firemen being occasionally employed in the humid method of assay.

Twenty-three—Prepares the assay muffle by putting a thick arch of clay and sand over it to protect it from the intense heat of the upper part of the furnace; superintends the preparation of "mouth-coals", and shapes them so, that when put together they would allow the heated air being passed into the furnace through the grooves cut in them. The bone ash cupels also are prepared under his superintendence; they are arranged inside the furnace, which is gradually heated for three hours until the proper degree of temperature is obtained, after which, the cupels in the furnace being charged with the musters, he then has to be perpetually on the watch, and for the space of three hours his eyes are exposed to the intense heat and glare of a fire at a white heat, which has to be regulated and modified in order that the musters of bullion be properly worked off; all this time he is also exposed to the inhalation of noxious Carbonic Acid and Carbonic Oxide vapours. When the musters have all been completely worked off, the furnace is closed, the top luted on, and musters allowed to cool; after a certain time the furnace is re-opened, and the cupels with the musters are taken out.

HER MAJESTY'S ASSAY OFFICE, (Signed) H. W. GRAHAM,
20th April 1868 *Assay Master.*

To the Mint Master.

No. 420.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINER OF CLAIMS.

Applicant is not eligible to pension, but to a gratuity of Rupees 168, equal to six months' salary for his total period of service of years 28-7-6, under Section 1 of Rules of 1831, as his duties as Head Fireman and Maistry appear, from the explanation given by the Assay Master, in paragraph 3 of his letter dated 18th December 1867, No. 128, and in his Official Memorandum of the 20th instant, No. 194, herewith accompanying, to have been those of a menial, and not such as are required from servants of a superior class in pension grades. The Revised Pension Rules of 1864, Clause I, Section 1, also debar "*Artificers*" from benefits of pension.

2. Should, however, Government consider that the nature of the applicant's duties as Fireman and Maistry were such as to entitle him to the benefits of the Revised Pension Rules of 1864, he will become, as a special case, or on the approval of the Government of India, eligible to a pension of Rupees 9-4-0, equal to one-third of his salary for the last five years under Clause II of Section 6 of the Revised Pension Rules.

3. It is observed that the applicant was retained in Government service from 16th November to 31st December 1867, whereas his medical certificate is dated 16th November 1867. The explanation by the Assay Master of the cause of retention in service is given in the 1st paragraph of his Official Memorandum, dated 20th April 1868, No. 194, herewith accompanying.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) T. TREVOR,
ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, *Offg. Examiner of Claims.*
1st May 1868.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George,
Civil Pension Department.

Order, 8th June 1868, *No.* 173.

M. Parthasarathy Naidoo, late Head Fireman and Maistry in the Assay Office of the Mint has been upwards of 28 years in the service of Government, and is now stated to be unfit for further service. The late Assay Master, Dr. Busteed, attributes his unfitness for duty to the nature of his occupations, which have, as he states, caused distressing chest affections and the total loss of one eye and great diminution of power of the other. The Medical Officer (Dr. vanSomeren) who examined the applicant, and granted him a certificate of incapacity for service, does not mention these points, but speaks only of general infirmity.

2. The Government resolve to forward Dr. Busteed's letter and the Medical Certificate to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, with a request that he will assemble a Committee to report whether, as is affirmed, the applicant's eyesight has been seriously and permanently injured by the work on which he was employed under Government.

(True Extract).

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Under Secy. to Govt.

From the Deputy Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency Division, to the Secretary to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 16th June 1868, No. 1913.

Your docket Memorandum, No. 2083, dated 11th June 1868.

Proceedings of the Medical Committee called for in the above Memorandum is herewith forwarded.

The enclosures received with the above Memorandum are herewith returned.

PROCEEDINGS of a Committee directed, under Orders of Government, No. 173, dated 8th June 1868, to assemble for the purpose of reporting on the case of M. Parthasarathy Naidoo, late Head Fireman and Maistry of the Assay Department, Madras Mint.

Surgeon Major G. Smith, M. D., *President.*
Surgeon W. H. Harris, M. D., } *Members.*
Do. H. King, A. B. & M. B., }

The Committee constituted, under the Orders of Government, No. 173, dated June 8th, 1868, by the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, for the purpose of reporting "whether, as is affirmed, the eyesight of M. Parthasarathy Naidoo, late Head Fireman and Maistry in the Assay Department of the Mint, has been seriously and permanently injured by the work on which he was employed under Government," assembled at the Eye Infirmary on Tuesday the 16th instant, at 7 A. M.

2. The Committee having carefully examined the above named candidate for pension, find that he is suffering from fully formed nuclear cataract of the right, and from advanced cataract of the left eye, a condition which incapacitates him from any further service. The Committee are further of opinion that the nature of the employment in which this candidate for pension has been engaged during the last 28 years, in the Assay Department of the Mint, is such, that injury to his eyesight has very probably resulted therefrom.

(Signed) G. SMITH, M. D., Surgeon Major, *President.*
,, W. H. HARRIS, M. D., Surgeon, } *Members.*
,, H. KING, A. B. & M. B., Surgeon, }

No. 217.

MEMORANDUM.

Submitted to the Secretary to Government, Pension Department, with reference to their Proceedings, No. 173, of 8th June 1868. Enclosures are returned.

FORT SINT GEORGE, (Signed) W. MACKENZIE, M. D.,
27th June 1868. *Inspr. Genl., Indian Medl. Dept.*

No. 46. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort Saint George, 25th August 1868, No. 387.

I am directed to submit the following case for the orders of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council.

2. Monala Parthasarathy Naidoo was for upwards of 28 years employed as Head Fireman and Maistry in the Assay Office of the Madras Mint, and has now been certified to be unfit for further service. The late Assay Master, Dr. Busteed, attributed his unfitness for duty to the nature of his occupations, which he stated had caused distressing chest affections, and the total loss of one eye, and great diminution of the powers of the other.

3. The Medical Officer who examined the applicant, and declared him disqualified for further service, having, however, based his opinion on grounds of general infirmity alone, this Government deemed it advisable to refer Dr. Busteed's letter to the Inspector General of the Indian Medical Department, with a view of obtaining a report of a Board of Medical Officers whether the late Head Fireman's eyesight had been seriously and permanently injured by the work on which he had been employed under Government. The Medical Committee who examined the applicant have now reported that M. Parthasarathy Naidoo "is suffering from fully formed nuclear cataract of the right, and from advanced cataract of the left eye, a condition which incapacitates him from any further service," and have expressed it as their opinion "that the nature of the employment in which this candidate for pension has been engaged during the last 28 years, in the Assay Department of the Mint, is such, that injury to his eyesight has very probably resulted therefrom."

4. Under the opinion expressed by the Committee, which partially confirms that given by Dr. Busteed, and looking to the fact that the loss of his sight seems attributable to the nature of the duties which M. Parthasarathy Naidoo was required to perform for a long number of years in the Mint, the Madras Government are of opinion that there are sufficient grounds for treating his case exceptionally, and granting him a pension in lieu of the gratuity to which he is entitled as being only an "artificer." In reference to this point, I am to observe that, although engaged in handicraft, still, as his pay has been Rupees 28 for more than 18 years, he can hardly be styled "an inferior servant," and to request, therefore, that, as a special case, the Government of India will be pleased to sanction the grant to M. Parthasarathy Naidoo of a pension of Rupees (9-4-0) nine and Annas four per mensem, being one-third of the salary of which he was in receipt for the last five years.

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

Ead. J. H. Boras.

Pension Department.

Memorandum.

The Medical Committee appointed under G.O. No 173 dated June 8th 1868 to report whether the eyesight of Mr. Parthasarathy Naidu late Head Fireman and Maistry in the Assay Department had been seriously and permanently injured by the nature of his work, Examined him on the 16th of June last and give their opinion that he is incapacitated from further service and also that the injury to his sight has very probably resulted from the nature of his employment.

He is only entitled to a gratuity of six months pay (Rupees 168) as he comes under Rule 1 Clause 1 of the Revised Rules of 1864. He has served in grades entitling to pension for 18 years and if exempted from the above disqualification

disqualification (Rule I clause I) would be entitled to one-third of his average salary during the previous 5 years, i.e. Rupees 9-4 under clause II Section 6.

As it appears that he has + injured his eyesight in the service of Government, the Government might possibly be inclined to apply to the Government of India for sanction of a pension. It is observed that although he comes under the designation of an "artificer" or "a person engaged in handicraft" still as his pay has been R. 28 for more than 18 years, he can hardly be styled an "inferior servant."

+ The Committee are not clear on this point. They are the word "Inferior".

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Fin^l Department.

No. 387.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India,
Financial Department

Sir,

I am directed to submit the following case for the orders of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council.

2. Monaka Parthasaradhy Naidu was for upwards of 28 years employed as Head Fireman and Maistry in the Assay Office of the Madras Mint, and has now been certified to be unfit for further service. The late Assay Master Dr. Bostead attributed his unfitness for duty to the nature of his occupations which he stated had caused distressing chest affections, and the total loss of one eye, and great diminution of the powers of the other.

3. The Medical Officer who examined the applicant, and declared

declared him disqualified for further service having however based his opinion on grounds of general infirmity alone, this Govt. deemed it advisable to refer Dr. Busteed's letter to the Inspector General of the Indian Medical Dept. with a view of obtaining a report of a Board of Medical Officers on the points therein mentioned. The Medical Committee who Examed the applicant have now reported that In Parthasarathy Naidu "is suffering from fully formed Nuclear Cataract of the Right, and from advanced cataract of the Left Eye a condition which incapacitates him from any further service", and have expressed it as their opinion, "that the nature of the employment in which this candidate for pension has been engaged during the last 28 years in the Mint Depart. of the Mint is such, that injury to his Eyesight has very probably resulted therefrom".

Under the opinion expressed by the Committee which quite partially confirms

Whether the late Head Furnaceman's Eyesight had been seriously & permanently injured by the work and he has been employed under Govt.

confirms that given by Dr. Busteed and looking to the fact that the loss of his sight is directly attributable to the nature of the duties which In. Parthasarathy Naidu was required to perform for a long number of years in the Mint, the Madras Govt. are of opinion that there are sufficient grounds for treating his case exceptionally and granting him a pension, in lieu of the gratuity to which he is entitled as being only an "artificer". In reference to this point I am to observe that although engaged in handicraft, still as his pay has been Rupees 28 for more than 18 years he can hardly be styled "an inferior servant" and to request therefore that, as a special case, the Govt. of India will be pleased to sanction the grant to In. Parthasarathy Naidu of a pension of Rs. 9-4-0 (nine and annas four) per mensem being one third of the salary of which he was in receipt for the last 3 years.

I have &c.

Fort St. George
25th August 1868.

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No. 387.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India.
Department.

Dated 25 August 1868.

Recommending, as a special case, the grant of a pension of Rs 9. 4. - per mensem to M. Parthasarady Naidu, late Head Fireman & Janitory in the Mint Dept of the Madras Mint.

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