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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 408.

FROM

THE HONOURABLE R. S. ELLIS, C. B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to submit copy of the Proceedings of this Government, Pension Department, No. 274, dated 25th August 1869, and to request that, under the circumstances stated, the sanction of the Government of India may be accorded to the grant of pension therein made.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
8th September 1869.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chief Secretary.

Proceedings of Government, Pension Department.

Read the following papers :—

From the Acting Civil and Session Judge of Vizagapatam, to the Examiner of Claims, Madras dated Vizagapatam, 29th April 1869, No. 312.

I have the honour to forward a Register of Application for pension for Safhar Narasinga Ravu, late Record-keeper of this Court, together with a medical certificate.

2. His service has been verified from the records of the different offices in which he has served.

3. He has never been under the treatment of any European Medical Officer, and, as stated in the medical certificate, is unfit for further service, as his general health, by reason of advancing years, is broken down.

4. He was relieved from duty from the 17th June 1867 as he was found unable to perform his duties any longer ; but, as the records were in such a state as to prevent charge being given and received in a formal manner, and the records of no less than fifteen pending appeals were then missing, I was obliged to postpone taking the necessary steps for his pension until he had delivered the greater part of the charge, and to submit his register now as he completed it. Hence the medical certificate is dated some time after his retirement.

5. I must, however, in justice to him, bring to notice that while he was so engaged in arranging them, there were unexpected heavy rains, that several records had got wet as the Engineer Department were then making certain improvements to the Court House, and that his work was in consequence greatly retarded, but he has to blame himself for not keeping them in an arranged state previous to it.

6. There is nothing on record against his character, and the difficulties he had to contend with for not being able to conduct his duties satisfactorily subsequent to June 1863 are stated in the register.

7. There is a break of nine years and ten months in his service, and, though the Government might see it fit, under the circumstances stated in the register, to deal with him as an abolished servant, (in which case alone he will be entitled to half instead of one-third pension,) yet, in consideration of the wretched way in which he has worked for several years, I cannot recommend that he be allowed more than the one-third to which he is strictly entitled.

N. B.—The draft of the above letter was signed by my predecessor on the 15th instant, but the fair copy could not be signed by him as he delivered over charge of the Court to the Principal Sudder Ameen on the 16th idem.

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Acting Civil and Session Judge.

From the Acting Civil and Session Judge, Vizagapatam.

Register of an application for Superannuation Pension in behalf of Safhar Narasinga Ravu, late Civil Record-keeper, borne on the establishment of the Civil and Session Court of Vizagapatam. } (Here enter 29th April 1869).

No. 608.

Report of the Examiner of Claims.

Service qualifying for pension is proved for a total period of..... Y. M. D. 23 10 10

In the last five years of his service the pay of the applicant's permanent post was..... Rs. A. P. 35 0 0

Applicant will be eligible to a pension of Rupees 11-8-0 per mensem, equal to one-third of his salary during the last five years, under Clause 2 of Section 6 of the Revised Pension Rules, should Government be pleased to accept the explanation given in the letter of the Acting Civil and Session Judge of Vizagapatam of the 29th April 1869, No. 312, herewith accompanying, with reference to the cause of delay in the submission of application until 29th April 1869, and to the applicant's submission of medical certificate dated 3rd August 1868, instead of on or before his retirement from Government service. The sanction of the Government of India to the grant is necessary.

The applicant's service of two years, one month, and twenty days in in eligible grade, viz., from 18th August 1831 to 6th October 1833, has not been deducted by the Civil Judge from the total period of twenty-six years at foot of the statement of service : the correct period is, however, given in this report.

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
9th June 1869.

(Signed) T. TREVOR,
Officiating Examiner of Claims.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

I, Hunter Adam, Civil Surgeon of Vizagapatam, do hereby certify that Safhar Narasinga Ravu, late Record-keeper, Civil Court of this place, is, by reason of old age and debility, unfit for further service. He is by statement 60 years of age, by appearance I judge him to be no less. He suffers from asthenia, dyspnœa on slight exertion, digestion impaired, general health by reason of advancing years broken down, unfitting him for the discharge of his duties. He is unfit for further service, and, to the best of my judgment, such disqualification is not the result of intemperate or irregular habits.

Vizagapatam,
3rd August 1868.

(Signed) H. ADAM,
Surgeon.

Extract from column of "Remarks regarding Punishments, severe and formal Reprimands, and all special Commendations or marks of Approbation," as regards Safhar Narasinga Ravu, in Register of Uncovenanted Servants kept in the Civil and Session Court of Vizagapatam.

This individual was removed by C. P. Brown, Esq., in October 1833 in consequence of the permanent incumbent having been restored to his office.

Mr. Copleston, the late Acting Sub-Judge, in the annual report for 1844, stated that his official qualifications are good and he knows English a little.

Mr. Rohde, the late Sub Judge, in the annual report for 1845, stated that he seems intelligent and qualified as regards his capabilities.

Has always performed his duties to my entire satisfaction.
1st February 1859.

(Signed) J. BLAIR,
Sub-Judge.

I have a high opinion of S. Narasinga Ravu's capabilities, and during the three months I have had charge of the Rajahmundry Sub-Court he has shown great aptitude for business and has given me entire satisfaction.
4th May 1859.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Acting Sub-Judge.

An efficient public servant who understands his duty and does it.

(Signed) C. R. PELLY.

I concur with Mr. Pelly.
17th April 1862.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL.

He is intelligent and attentive to his duties, and his conduct is good.
29th June 1863.

(Signed) పా॥ వెంకటాచి,
Acting Principal Sudder Ameen

I regret that I cannot speak favourably of this officer. I have had occasion to fine and reprimand him more than once, and have been not at all satisfied with the manner in which the business of the Record room has been done.
3rd February 1866.

(Signed) C. COLLETT,
Civil and Session Judge.

(True Extract).

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Acting Civil and Session Judge.

Order, 25th August 1869 *No.* 274

The foregoing is an application for pension submitted on behalf of Safhar Narasinga Ravu, late Record-keeper in the Civil Court of Vizagapatam, who ceased to serve on the 16th June 1867, having then served for pension twenty-three years, ten months, and ten days. The application is supported by a medical certificate, dated 3rd August 1868, and was submitted on the 29th April 1869. The applicant's character during service appears to have been, on the whole, good, although the circumstances about to be noticed seem to show that he was grossly inefficient during the latter years of his service.

2. The delay in obtaining the medical certificate and in the submission of the register is accounted for by the Civil Judge, in paragraph 4 of his letter to the Examiner of Claims, dated 29th April 1869, as follows :—

"He was relieved from duty from the 17th June 1867 as he was found unable to perform "his duties any longer ; but, as the records were in such a state as to prevent charge being given "and received in a formal manner, and the records of no less than fifteen pending appeals were "then missing, I was obliged to postpone taking the necessary steps for his pension until he "had delivered the greater part of the charge, and to submit his register now as he completed "it. Hence the medical certificate is dated some time after his retirement."

3. The Government observe that the man should not have been relieved from duty until medically certified to be unfit, and that, even had it been necessary to take this step on a sudden, he should have been at once sent for medical examination, and the certificate used or not according to the determination ultimately arrived at regarding the submission of an application for pension in his favour.

4. It appears also from Mr. Thompson's letter that he had been aware of the applicant's inefficiency and the "wretched way in which he worked for several years." Under these circumstances steps should have been taken to have him pensioned before the state of things described in the Judge's letter came to pass.

5. Having regard to the circumstances under which the applicant was relieved from duty, and his age, fifty-eight years, at that time, His Excellency in Council cannot doubt that he was then really unfit for further duty. He accordingly resolves to overlook the delays which have occurred, and, in consideration of the applicant's nineteen years of good service, to grant to him, subject to the confirmation of the Government of India, a pension of 11 Rupees and 8 Annas per mensem, being one-third of his salary for the last five years of his service.

(True Extract).

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under Secy. to Govt.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated 8th September 1869.

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No. 408.
Enclosure.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 14-15.

Submitting, for confirmation, Proceedings of this Government, granting a monthly pension of Rupees 11-8-0 to Sellar Narasinga Rau, late Record-keeper in the Civil Court of Vizagapatam.

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