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FROM

THE HON. 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 the accompanying Proceedings of the Government in the Pension Department, and to request that, under the circumstances therein detailed, the Governor-General in Council may be pleased to sanction the grant of a half-pension, or Rupees 7 per mensem, to Ramaswami Ayyar.

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

OOTACAMUND,
12*th August* 1870.

Chief Secretary.

Proceedings of Government, Pension Department.

Read the following papers :—

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Order, 21*st July* 1870, *No.* 321.

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2. The Examiner of Claims reports that the applicant's dismissal, in 1860, entails forfeiture of his previous service, and that he can only be granted a gratuity of six months' pay, or Rupees 84.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council is, however, of opinion that the circumstances attending his dismissal and re-employment were such as practically to reduce it to a suspension. It appears that the then Civil Judge, Mr. Cotton, found in the Court of the Mufti Sudder Ameen, of which the applicant was Head Goomastah, several unauthorized volunteers among the Goomastahs, which was contrary to orders. Believing that it was in this way that forgeries of records, which had come to his notice, had been effected, the Civil Judge dismissed the applicant as a warning to the other clerks. Five days after he re-instated him, but in a lower office. It was affirmed at the time that the volunteers were present by permission of the Mufti Sudder Ameen, but the papers submitted do not show whether this was the case or not. However this may be, no individual culpability appears to have attached to the applicant who, during his service of upwards of twenty-seven years, has not incurred censure on any other occasion. The proceedings of the Judge appear to have been unnecessarily harsh.

4. The break of five days thus caused being viewed as a period of suspension, the applicant regains his previous service ; and is, under the strict rules, only entitled to a pension of one-third his average salary, or Rupees 4-8-0 per mensem, which is sanctioned. As his service is only ten days short of twenty-five years, the Government resolve to request the sanction of the Government of India to the grant of a half-pension, or Rupees 7 per mensem.

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(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,
Under Secy. to Govt.

Exd. J. Wright.

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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 12th August 1870.

Recd.

No. 341.

Enclosure.

Requesting sanction to the grant of a half-pension, or 7 rupees a-month, to Ramaswami Ayyar, late second Goomastah of the District Moonsiff's Court at Dindigul.

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H. C. Stokes

Under Secy. to Govt.

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" Examiner of Claims.
" Accountant-General.
" Financial Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Financial Department.

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Financial Department.

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PENSION.

To

The CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, Madura.
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Dated July 21st.

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G. O., 21st July 1870, No. 321.

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Granting one-third pension of Rupees 4-8-0 to Ramaswami Ayyar, late second Groomsdah in the District Moonsif's Court at Dindigul, and resolving that Government of India be requested to sanction one-half pension of Rupees 7 per mensem.

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Financial DEPARTMENT

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The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George,

To

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Enclosure.

Nos. 19. 20.

Requesting sanction to the grant of a half pension, or 7 Rs. a month, to Ramasawmy Ayyar, late Second Goomastah of the District Moonsiff's Court of Dindigul.

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