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No. 308.

FROM THE HON. R. S. ELLIS, C.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
 FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Mr. A. C. Fonceca, late 4th Uncovenanted Assistant in the Military Department of the Secretariat, has unfortunately recently become insane, and no hopes are entertained of his recovery. His retirement from the service is, therefore, necessary; but as his service qualifying for pension is only six years, nine months, and twenty-four days, he is under the strict rules ineligible to pension, but is entitled to a gratuity of Rupees 600. He is now an inmate of the Lunatic Asylum, and his family, consisting of a wife and six children, are left without any means of support.

2. I am now instructed to request that, as a special case, the Government of India may be pleased to sanction, or to favourably recommend to the Secretary of State, the proposal of this Government to commute the gratuity which is allowed by the rules to a compassionate allowance of Rupees 25 per mensem payable to Mr. Fonceca's wife for his life.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Captain, R. E.,

*Under Secretary, P. W. D.,
 for Chief Secretary.*

OOTACAMUND,
 4th August 1871.

To

THE RIGHT HON. FRANCIS BARON NAPIER, K.T.,
*of Murchiston in the Peerage of Scotland, President in
 Council and Governor of Fort St. George, Madras.*

The humble petition of FRANCES AMELIA
 FONCECA.

SHOWETH,

That your petitioner, with becoming deference, doth hereby present her case to the kind consideration of your Lordship in Council, which is as follows.

2. That your petitioner married seventeen years ago Mr. Charles Fonceca, then a merchant carrying on business under the name of Fonceca and Co.

3. That your petitioner for several years after lived in circumstances of comfort.

4. That your petitioner's husband, the said Charles Fonceca, about ten years ago experienced several large failures in speculation, and was reduced suddenly to very straightened circumstances in consequence.

5. That your petitioner's husband paid up from his real property as much as he could towards the liquidation of his liabilities which were large, but notwithstanding, many debts he had yet to meet and was forced to take the benefit of the Act for insolvent debtors.

6. That your petitioner's husband, the said Charles Fonceca, after the release afforded him by the High Court at Madras, sought for and obtained employment under your Lordship's Government.

7. The said Charles Fonceca, however, never recovered his spirits, but on the contrary became a victim to habitual melancholy, which has terminated in the loss of his mind, and he is now an inmate of the Asylum provided for lunatics at Madras.

8. That your petitioner's husband has in consequence of such loss of mind been dismissed from the situation he held for the past seven years under your Lordship's Government, in which he received a salary of Rupees 100 per mensem.

9. That the period of service under Government of your petitioner's husband, the said Charles Fonceca, not being of sufficient duration to entitle him to a pension, he has been dismissed from his employment, and your petitioner is thus left without any means of support.

10. That your petitioner has heard that it is the benevolent intention of the Government to grant a gratuity equal to seven months' pay of the said Charles Fonceca, which would be a great boon; but your petitioner respectfully submits that this sum will not go far to maintain and educate her large family of six children, all under the age of fifteen. She, therefore, earnestly begs that in lieu of the gratuity, that a monthly compassionate allowance, however small, may be granted to her, and thereby partially relieve her from the distress and want which is now her bitter lot. For which favour she will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

MADRAS, 19th June 1871.

(Signed) FRANCES AMELIA FONCECA.

1871.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George,

To

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

Dated 4th August 1871.

Recd.

No. 308.

Enclosure.

Recommending the grant of an allowance of
Rupees 25 per month to the wife of Mr. C. A.
Fonseca, late 4th Uncovenanted Assistant in the
Military Department, who is irrecoverably insane.

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Madras 19th June 1871.

To.

The Right Honorable Francis
Baron Napier K.T. of Marchmont
in the Peerage of Scotland - President
in Council and Governor of
Fort St. George. Madras.

The humble Petition of
Frances Amelia Fonseca

Sheweth.

That your Petitioner with becoming
deference doth hereby present her
case to the kind consideration of your
Lordship in Council, which is as
follows:

2. That your Petitioner married
17 years ago Mr. Charles Fonseca, then a
Merchant carrying on business under
the name of Fonseca & Co.

3. That your Petitioner for several
years after, lived in circumstances of
comfort.

4. That your Petitioner's husband the said Charles Faneesa about 10 years ago, experienced several large failures in Speculation - and was reduced suddenly to very straightened circumstances in consequence.

5. That your Petitioner's husband paid up from his Real Property as much as he could toward the liquidation of his liabilities which were large. but notwithstanding, many debts he had yet to meet and was forced to take the benefit of the Act for Insolvent Debtors.

6. That your Petitioner's husband the said Charles Faneesa, after the release afforded him by the High Court at Madras - sought for & obtained employment under your Lordships' Government.

7. The said Charles Faneesa however never recovered his spirits - but on the

Contrary became a victim to habitual melancholy, which has terminated in the loss of his mind - and he is now an inmate of the Asylum provided for Lunatics at Madras.

8. That your Petitioner's husband has in consequence of such loss of mind, been dismissed from the situation he held for the past 7 years under your Lordships' Government, in which he received a salary of Rupees 100. p. mensem.

9. That the period of service under Government, of your Petitioner's husband, the said Charles Faneesa, not being of sufficient duration to entitle him to a Pension, he has ~~been~~ dismissed from his employment & your Petitioner is thus left without any means of support.

10. That your Petitioner has heard that it is the benevolent intention of the Government to grant a gratuity equal

Madras 19th June 1876

To,

The Right Honorable Francis Baron: Kapur R. J.
of Merchiston in the Service of Scotland
President in Council and Governor
of Fort St. George. Madras.

The Humble Petition of
Frances Amelia Fonseca.

Sheweth.

That your Petitioner with becoming deference
doth hereby present her case to the kind consideration of your
Swordship in Council - which is as follows.

1. That your petitioner married Seventeen years
ago Mr Charles Fonseca, then a Merchant carrying on
business under the name of Fonseca & Co.

2. That your Petitioner for several years after
lived in circumstances of comfort.

3. That your Petitioner's husband the said Charles
Fonseca about 10 years ago experienced several large
losses in speculation and was reduced suddenly to
very straitened circumstances in consequence.

That your Petitioner's husband the said
Charles

In conformity with the
Resolutions of the Council
of Madras 1875 the
Honorable Mr. Secretary
to the Government
of Madras has been
pleased to order that
the said Petitioner
shall be allowed a
monthly gratuity of
Rs. 25 per month
for the maintenance
of her family of six
children all under
the age of fifteen.

equal to 7 months pay of the said
Charles Fonseca, which would be
a great boon - but your Petitioner
respectfully submits that this sum
will not go far to maintain and
educate her large family of six children
all under the age of fifteen. She
therefore earnestly begs that in
lieu of the gratuity, that a monthly
compassionate allowance, however
small, may be granted to her -
and thereby partially relieve her
from the distress and want, which
is now her bitter lot. For which
favor she will as in duty bound

Ever pray
Frances Amelia Fonseca

Charles Fonceca paid up from his real property, as much as he could towards the liquidation of his liabilities which were large - but notwithstanding, many debts he had yet to meet; and was forced to take the benefit of the Act for Insolvent Debtors.

6. That your Petitioner's husband the said Charles Fonceca, after the release afforded him by the High Court at Madras, sought for and obtained Employment under your Lordships Government.

7. The said Charles Fonceca however never recovered his spirits, but on the contrary became a victim to habitual melancholy which terminated in the loss of his mind, and he is at present one of the inmates of the Asylum provided for Lunatics at Madras.

8. That your Petitioner's husband has in consequence of such loss of mind, been dismissed from the situation he held for the past seven years under your Lordships Government, in which he received a salary of Rs 100 per Mensem.

9. That the Period of service under Government of your Petitioner's husband, the said Charles Fonceca, not being of sufficient duration to entitle him to a Pension, he has been dismissed from his Employment and your Petitioner is thus left without.

without any means of support.

10. That your Petitioner has heard that it is the benevolent intention of Government to grant a gratuity equal to 10 months pay of the said Charles Fonceca - which would be a great boon - but your Petitioner respectfully submits that this sum will not go far to maintain & Educate her large Family of six Children, all ~~of whom~~ under the age of fifteen. She therefore earnestly begs that in lieu of the gratuity, that a monthly compassionate Allowance however small, may be granted to her and thereby partially relieve her from the distress and want which is now her bitter lot. For which favor she will as in duty bound.

Ever pray -

Signed Frances Amicia Fonceca

True copy Frances Amicia Fonceca

Ms. A. 9. 7. 71.

Ms. A. 9. 28. 4. 1871

M. S.

without any means of supervision...
the benevolent intention of the Government...
Government House
13th June 1871

The Private Secretary begs to
inform Mrs. Foucee with reference
to her letter of the 3rd instant
that the Governor in Council
having carefully considered
her case as therein stated, have
come to the decision that they will
permit her to have the option
either to accept the gratuity,
or if she should prefer it the
Government will recommend

her to The Secretary of
State for a Pension of
Twenty five rupees per
Month, which they cannot be
sure that this will be granted.

Mrs Fonceca will therefore
have the goodness to Submit
her Application to Government
whether for the Gratuity or
for the Pension above
mentioned according as she

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shall deem best for herself,
with a view to its being forwarded
in the usual course for
Sanction —

Hardy
P. W. H. S.

S. W. Fonceca
Indians

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Compass Madras 17th June 1871.

To my family & six children the gratuity
The Military Secretary
left helpless to Government

Sir I beg to attach copy of my

I have the honor to forward a letter
from the Private Secretary to the Right
Honorable the Governor informing me that
the Governor in Council having carefully
considered my case is pleased to give
me the option of accepting a gratuity of
seven months pay of my husband or
to be recommended to the Secretary
of State for a compassionate allowance
of Twenty five Rupees per mensem -

I beg to express my great gratitude
to the Government for this decision in
my distressed circumstances & to state
that I would much prefer the compassionate

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Compassionate allowance as with my
large family of six children the gratuity
would be soon spent & then I would be
left helpless.

I beg to attach copy of my
Memorial to the Right Honorable
the Governor together with the letter
received by me from the Private
Secretary.

I remain

Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servant
Francis Anucha Torrance

Madras 19th June 1871.
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 Colonel C. F. Fordyce
 Private Secretary to the
 Right Honorable the Governor
 Sir,
 I have the honor to
 acknowledge the receipt
 of your kind letter of the
 13th Inst. and agreeably
 to the suggestion therein
 conveyed I herewith
 submit my respectful
 Memorial to the Governor
 & Council. You will see
 from it that I have chosen
 to accept a small pension
 of Rs 25. instead of the

Subd.

Fort St. George
 21 June 1871
 Transferred
 to the Civil Service
 Department
 W. J. Fordyce
 Secy to Govt

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S.O. No 308 of 4th August 1871.
 W. J. Fordyce
 Secy to Govt

gratitude intended to be ^{13.} given
Me. I take this opportunity
to beg another favor of you
& that is to convey to Lord
Napier my deep felt gratitude
for the kind & benevolent
feelings evinced towards me.
May God bless His Lordship
for being a friend in need
to one destitute & in distress.
Permit me in conclusion
to tender you also my heart
felt thanks for all your
kindness

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Frances Auchin Treeca

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Financial Department.

No. 308. ✓

To

The Secretary to Government

of India.

Financial Department.

Sir,

I think it must be for his
life. The great object is to
keep up a subscription to a
pension fund for Mr.
Fonseca with a view to care
of her husband's death.

B.A.

Mr. A. C. Fonseca,
late 4th Unconquered Assistant
in the Military Department
of the Secretariat, has unfortu-
-nately recently become insane,
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necessary; but as his service
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H.L.

Gotacommend
4 Aug 1871.

The Petition to follow - 16

*Sol^r have not signified their desire on this point, but apparently intend their bounty for Mr. Fonceca. The app^t would perhaps have more chance of success if the compassionate allowance were made payable during Mr. Fonceca's life

MS

I don't think it is the last time asking for it for his life - No class of State prisoners provides for other than State servants.

MS

*Compliments of the author
sent to Mr. T. J. ...*

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18th , Department

No.

To
The Secretary to the
Government of
Department

Dated 187 .

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Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George,

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C. A. Louceca, late 4th
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