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No. 490.

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,

I am directed to forward, for the confirmation of the Government of India, the accompanying Proceedings* of this Government, granting to Mr. J. L. Howell, late 1st Assistant in the Revenue Settlement Office, a pension of half-pay. It will be seen from the Proceedings there is a doubt about a small portion of the service, and, consequently, a slight deficiency in the period required; but, under the special circumstances of the case, His Excellency in Council trusts that the decision arrived at by this Government will be approved.

* Pension Department, dated 19th September 1871, No. 476.

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

Captain, R. E.,
Under Secretary, P. W. D.,
for *Chief Secretary.*

OOTACAMUND,
28*th September* 1871.

Proceedings of Government, Pension Department, dated 19*th September* 1871.

Read the following papers:—

From the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, dated 20th April 1871, No. 779-87.
,, do. do. ,, 7th July ,, ,, 1346-164.
,, do. do. ,, 10th July ,, ,, 1381-169.
,, do. do. ,, 17th Aug. 1871, ,, 1669-202.
Report of the Accountant-General, dated 31st July 1871, No. 188.

ORDER THEREON, 19th September 1871, No. 476.

Mr. J. L. Howell, late 1st Assistant in the Office of the Director of Revenue Settlement, first entered the service of Government in 1835, and served till the 5th November 1842 (6 years, 10 months, and 21 days), when he resigned. He was again entertained in the Government Office, Madras, on the 22nd May 1845, and continued in it till the 31st August 1856, when he proceeded to take up an appointment as Accountant under the Commissioner for the Hyderabad Assigned Districts, which he joined on the 10th October 1856, there being thus a

break of 1 month and 9 days occupied in travelling. He remained in this appointment, which is certified to be one qualifying for pension, till the 8th July 1858, when he resigned it under the circumstances detailed below. His subsequent undisputed service was from the 27th August 1858 till the 19th April 1871, when he was declared unfit for further duty, and including the period from the 8th July to the 26th August 1858, and excluding leave, his service claimed for pension amounts to 25 years, 1 month, and 14 days, as shown below :—

	Yrs.	M.	D.
From 22nd May 1845, to 31st August 1856	11	3	10
,, 10th October 1856, to 7th July 1858	1	8	29
,, 8th July 1858, to 26th August 1858	0	1	19
,, 27th August 1858, to 19th April 1871	12	7	24
	25	9	22
Deduct leave...	0	8	8
Total...	25	1	14

His right to count the third period, and the effect of its exclusion on his claim, are considered doubtful.

2. It appears that, on the 9th January 1858, Mr. Howell obtained leave, on medical certificate, from his superiors in Berar, and returned to Madras with permission, he says, to seek for other employment. For some time previously the organization of a Civil Engineering College at Madras had been under discussion. In June 1857 it was decided that the College should be established on the foundation of the existing Survey School, and that an Officer, to be styled Principal of the Engineering College, should be appointed to organize the institution. In March 1858, Mr. O'Hara, the Head Master of the Survey School, obtained another appointment, and Lieutenant Winscom, R. E., who in pursuance of the determination above referred to had been appointed Principal of the Engineering College, was authorized to disburse the salary of Rupees 70, drawn by Mr. O'Hara, in such manner as might be more conducive to the interests of the school.

G O., 2nd March 1858, No. 358.

3. Mr. Howell states that, from April 1858, his services were rendered to Lieutenant Winscom in carrying on the Survey School; that from the 8th July 1858, from which date he resigned the appointment in Berar on which he had a claim, he was put by Lieutenant Winscom on a monthly salary of Rupees 70 as Master of the School, and served as such until the 27th August 1858, from which date a fixed and increased establishment, under the designation of the Civil Engineering College, was sanctioned. This establishment was eventually developed into the Civil Engineering College. The service of Mr. Howell in the Survey School, from the 8th July to the 27th August 1858, has not been verified from pay-bills, as under the orders of March 1858 the sum of Rupees 70 per mensem was drawn in the lump by Lieutenant Winscom; but the fact of his having so served is alluded to in cotemporary letters of Lieutenant Winscom, and the Government have not the least doubt that he served as alleged.

4. The question is whether the appointment is to be considered a temporary one, and whether, if so, the period is to be excluded as a break. Though following a second resignation, it cannot entail forfeiture of Mr. Howell's previous service, as under the Secretary of State's Despatch, No. 208, dated 24th November 1863, one such break not exceeding a year may be overlooked.

5. The Government are decidedly of opinion that the service in question should count. Even if it be excluded, Mr. Howell's unquestioned service will only be a few days short of 25 years. His Excellency in Council resolves to grant to Mr. Howell a pension of half his average salary during the last five years, or Rupees 175 per mensem, with effect from the 20th April 1871. The grant will, however, be subject to the confirmation of the Government of India, to whom these proceedings will be reported.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. DEC. SCOTT, Captain, R. E.,
Under Secretary, P. W. D.,
for *Chief Secretary.*

Exd. J. Wright.

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