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Read the following papers :—

No. 24. From Mr. J. McLEISH, Pensioned Head Master, Madras Educational Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Hopefield *viâ* Brisbane, 23rd December 1872.

On the 2nd September 1871, I addressed to you a letter complaining of the great inconvenience to which I am subjected in consequence of restrictions which had been placed on the payment of my pension to my agents in Madras, and requesting that Government would be pleased to make my pension payable to me at Brisbane through the Government of the Colony of Queensland. Your reply, under Order dated the 19th October 1871, No. 582, with which I was favoured in due course, furnishes me with a copy of the letter of the Accountant-General reporting on the case, and the remark of Government that I should arrange with my agents, Messrs. McDowell and Co., for execution by them to Government of a bond of indemnity to allow of the former practice under which my pension was paid to them monthly in anticipation of production of a quarterly life-certificate.

2. For the information of Government, I have now most respectfully to state that, although I had repeatedly asked Messrs. McDowell and Co. for further and more definite information, it was only from the report of the Accountant-General that I learned the reason for the discontinuance of payment to them of my pension monthly. They undertook my agency on the understanding that they were to be at liberty to retain in their hands, by way of deposit, a sum sufficient to cover all risks, and, to the best of my recollection, made a formal declaration of their readiness to execute the bond of indemnity required by Government when called upon to do so. It was not, however, expected that they would hold the agency for any length of time, Government having, in an Order dated the 12th January 1860, No. 16, intimated that the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India would be communicated with on the subject of my request to be allowed to draw my pension at the India House, and here I beg leave to add that, on making inquiry at the India House, I was informed that no communication on the subject had been received. Since my arrival in Queensland in 1862, Messrs. McDowell and Co. have several times suggested that it would be greatly to my advantage to get the payment of my pension transferred to the Colony. My former application was made at their recommendation, and from that recommendation the only conclusion I can draw is that they had come to the determination of getting rid of my agency whatever might be the result.

3. On receipt of the Order of Government in reply to my application, I requested Messrs. McDowell and Co. to continue to act for me temporarily until I could get some permanent arrangement made. Since that time I have been endeavouring to get a suitable agent in Madras willing to execute the desiderated bond, but, I regret to say, without success. There appears to be an insuperable objection to come under obligations to Government, however safe, for the inducements of a business so small as the one I have to offer. Meanwhile the changes in the Peninsular and Oriental Company's Time Table, which came into operation at the beginning of this year, have not only added greatly to the difficulties of my position, but put it beyond the power of an agent in Madras, drawing my pension monthly, to afford me effectual relief. Any system by which I could, as a resident

in the Australian Colonies, draw my pension through an agency at Madras is not only dilatory, and more or less irregular, but, in the local circumstances in which I am placed, it is also peculiarly inconvenient and expensive. It has further the disadvantage of being calculated to deprive, in the event of my death, my widow and heirs of all my arrears, generally the accumulation of several months, inasmuch as the recovery for their benefit would not be worth the cost of taking out the necessary Letters of Administration in India.

4. In the month of June last "*Civil and Military Pensioners, Pensioners from the Irish Constabulary, and Pensioners generally, resident in Queensland*" were notified by public advertisement, that by arrangement of the Imperial Government their pensions would, from the 1st of the ensuing month, be payable quarterly at the Colonial Treasury in Brisbane. As there are among these several pensioners from the different branches of Her Majesty's Indian Service, and as the Accountant-General's letter already referred to points out the way, permit me, in conclusion, respectfully to beg that you would have the goodness to submit my case again with the request that Government would confer on me the favour of recommending it to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, with the view that the necessary steps may be taken, in communication with the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for getting my name inserted in the list of pensioners entitled to draw their stipends at the Colonial Treasury in Brisbane.

Referred to the Accountant-General for report.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
28*th January* 1873.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 634.

No. 24-A. MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned has the honour to state that the Indian Government has no account with Australia, and that the transfer can be effected only by the Secretary of State for India through the Secretary of State for the Colonies. In the Civil Pension Code (*vide* paragraph 86) provision is made only for transfer of pensions to the Home Treasury, and this office is not aware of any arrangement with the Imperial Government for the payment of Indian pensions at Brisbane.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
30*th January* 1873.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Accountant-General.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1873, No. 169.

Ordered that copy of the foregoing letter and report be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India, with the request that instructions may be issued for the payment of Mr. McLeish's pension of Rupees 100 per mensem, in future, through the Colonial Treasury in Brisbane.

2. The Accountant-General will furnish a last pay certificate for transmission to the Secretary of State.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.
" Mr. J. McLeish.

Exd. J. Wright.

Hopefield via Brisbane 23rd December 1872

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The Chief Secretary to Government
Madras

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Bobl. of {1873} Madras.

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To

The ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated Febrary, 6th.

Read.

G. O., 5th February 1873, No. 169.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 24-25.

Directing that copy of a letter from Mr. J. Malcolm, with the Accountant-General's Report thereon, be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India, with the request that instructions may be issued for the payment of Mr. Malcolm's pension of Rupees 100 per mensem, in future, through the Colonial Treasury in Brisbane.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
John M^c Leish
Pensioned Head Master
Madras Educational Department

Rec'd 19 October 1871. No 5821

Accountant General's Office
Recd 29 Jan 1873
Answd

Fort St George
29th January 1873

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter from Messrs Ashurst Son & Co. dated 25th December 1872 with enclosures, on the subject of the transfer of Pensions from Madras to Australia.

2. The undersigned has the honor to state that the Indian Government has no account with Australia and that the transfer can be effected only by the Secretary of State for India through the Secretary of State for the Colonies. In the Civil Pension Code (Vide para 86) — provision is made only for transfer of pensions to the Home Treasury and this Office is not aware of any arrangement with the Imperial Government for the payment of Indian pensions at Brisbane.

Fort Saint George
Accountt Genls Office
30th January 1873

F. Cuthbertson
Accountant General

No 634.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Financial Depart

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From
Messrs Ashurst McLeish.

Dated 25th December 1872
Rect 28th January 1873

No 174

Requests that the Madras Govt will take the necessary steps for getting his name inserted in the list of pensioners entitled to draw their stipends at the Colonial Treasury in Brisbane.

Referred.

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To
The Accountant General.

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Nos. 24. 25.

Directing that copy of a letter from Mr. J. McLeish with the Acct Genl's report thereon be forwarded to Secy. of State for India with the request that instructions may be issued for the payment of Mr. McLeish's pension of Rs 150 per mensem in future thro' the Colonial Treasury at Brisbane.