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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Annuities.

No. 163. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India :—

Financial,
No. 166.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
23rd December 1874.

MY LORD,—I forward herewith, for your information and guidance, copy of correspondence with Mr. W. Hodgson, late Madras Civil Service, relative to the payment of his Annuity at Madras.

Letters from Mr. Hodgson, 14th April, 29th Oct. (with enclosure) and 7th December 1874 (with enclosures).
Letters to Mr. Hodgson, 25th April and — December 1874.

2. I have at the same time to call your attention to the statement in Mr. Hodgson's letter of the 7th December 1874, that a double payment has been made on account of his Annuity for the period, from the 19th February to the 30th April last, and to request that you will give instructions that in future, whenever a last pay certificate is granted with a view to the issue of an Annuity in this country, it shall be distinctly stated in such certificate that no further payment on account of the Annuity will be made in India.

I have, &c.,
SALISBURY.

His Excellency the Right Honorable
The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

No. 164. ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1875, No. 119.

Copy furnished to the Accountant-General, and his attention drawn to paragraph 2 of the Despatch.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.
,, Managers of the Civil Fund.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of India.

FINANCIAL.

To THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL, &c. &c. &c.

Dated January, 23rd.

Encd.

G.O., 23rd January 1875, No. 119.

JANUARY.
Nos. 163-164.

Last Pay Certificates.—Despatch from Secretary of State, requesting that these Certificates, when issued in future, shall distinctly state that no further payments on account of Annuity will be made in India, communicated to the Accountant-General.

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No 5734

Certified that Mr. W. Hodgson of the Madras Civil Service, drew Indian Pay and allowances up to the 19th February 1872, and was permitted to retire from the Service from 19th February 1874, on an annuity of £1000 under the Provisions of Section 4 Supplement A. of the Civil Pension Code

Mr. Hodgson drew absentee allowance from the India Office from 20th February 1872 to 18th February 1874, inclusive, the period during which he was on Furlough.

Fort Saint George
Accountt Genl Office
28th September 1874

(Sd) D. Ketsum Ling
Offg Dy Accountt Genl

Compd R.M.D.

29th October 1874

11 Gloucester Terrace
Hyde Park
W

Sir

I have the pleasure to enclose my last pay Certificate from India received by the last mail

I presume that on my appearance at your office on or after the 1st proximo I shall be able to draw my Pension from the 19th February last-

I am &c

J. Hodgson

late Madras Civil Service

India Office
26th April 1874

Sir

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th Instant and to acquaint you in reply that your Annuity is payable at Madras at the rate of 10,650 Government rupees per annum.

A certificate shewing the date up to which your absentee allowance has been issued in this Country is enclosed as requested.

I am &c
(Sd) J. L. Seccombe
Asst. Secy

W. Hodgson Esqr.

14th April 1874
11. Gloucester Terrace
Hyde Park Gardens
W

To the Under Secretary of State for India
India Office
Westminster

Sir,

By proceedings of the Government of Madras, Financial Department of the 17th February 1874 I was admitted to a Civil Annuity, under Section 4 Supplement A of the Civil Pension Code, to be drawn in India and paid to me through my Agents, the Oriental Bank Corporation Madras.

I have therefore the honor to request that you will do me the favor to furnish me with a Last Pay Certificate, as it is usually in India, showing that I have drawn Absentee Allowance to the 18th February and to no later date without which I apprehend there will be delay in passing my

Annuity

Annuity by the Accountant
General, and also to inform
me what the amount of
Annuity is to which I am
entitled, in drawing the
same in Rupees at India
I have &c
Jn.o W. Hodgson
late Madras Civil Service

To The Under Secretary of State for I
India Office

Witte 4 enclosures

7th December 1874
11. Gloucester Terrace
Hyde Park Gardens
W.

From
William Hodgson Esq.re
Madras Civil Service
(Retired List)

To the Under Secretary of State for India
Account Department
India Office

Sir,
1. I have the honor to submit the following
facts for your favourable consideration;
2. I was permitted, by an Order from the
Secretary of State dated 22 January
of the present year, to retire from the
Madras Civil Service and, by Proceedings
of the Madras Government of the 17th February
following, was admitted to a Civil
Annuity payable in India in Sicca
Rupees 10.660 to my Agent, the Oriental
Bank Corporation in Madras. Accordingly
I instructed my Agent to draw each
annuity but on his attempting to do
this from the 19th February to the 31st
April, to which period it was then due,
the Civil Fund, as it seemed to me,
met his application of the 29th May
by requiring him on my behalf to
execute an Indemnity Bond for
Rs 5000 (Enclosure A) as a condition
precedent. The Agent then sent me
Enclosure B. I did not at the time
understand, nor was I able to discern
why this Bond was required - Enclosure
C, which refers to it, has since been
interpreted to me by a friend, who drew
his

Annuity in India; and the difference between Drawing on "due dates" and "on the production of a Life Certificate" was for the first time, through this instrumentality made apparent to me; though I admit that the Agents letter is to the contrated clear on the point. I have scored the passages to which I refer in C with red pencil. Persons at the Oriental Bank here, accustomed to draw Annuities, failed at the time to discover its meaning and deemed it meritable that I should furnish the Indemnity Bond demanded by the Madras Agent for the Civil Fund.

3. Feeling that this would be inconvenient to me, I applied to the India Office for permission to draw my Annuity in London, and was informed that I could do so on the production of a "Last Pay Certificate" from Madras. I obtained this, and it was lodged in the office with my application for payment of my annuity in England. It will be observed that this "Certificate" bears date from the 19th February 18[illegible] to its own date; that is to say, makes it appear that I had drawn no part of my Annuity in India at any times, whereas I have an account from my Agent in Madras giving me Credit on the 6th July for the proceeds of my annuity from the 19th February to the 31st April 18[illegible]. Consequently either this "Last Pay Certificate" must be incorrect, or my Agent in Madras has given me Credit for an amount not drawn from the Civil Fund, but left for future adjustment by me with the Bank naturally assuming the latter to be the case on the face of the Certificate. I drew my Annuity from the 19th February last to the 31st October at the India Office in the 2nd November, intending to adjust the matter with the Oriental Bank at Madras as to the unrealised credit given me in the account forwarded in July.

4. While matters stood thus the friend, to whom I have already alluded as drawing his annuity in India, pointed out to me the true import of the Agents' Letter (C); and that as I do not and did not require the Bank-Agent to draw my Annuity on due dates "but" on the production of my Life Certificate in India, the Indemnity-Bond, which, under a misapprehension, had prevented the bar to my drawing my annuity in India could not & would not be required.

5. The object of this application, therefore, is to request that, in the peculiar circumstances of the

Case

case, I may considerately be viewed as not having made an election in a transfer of payment of my annuity from India to this country, and may be granted a "Receiving Order" to the Bank of England to enable me to pay in the whole amount drawn by me at the India Office on the 2nd November last, thus placing me in a position to draw my annuity in India in terms of the proceedings of the Madras Government dated 16th February 1874 No 272, I am prepared to waive all claim to any transfer to England in future.

6. Clearly there must either be an adjustment in Madras or in London; and, in the exceptional circumstances of my position, I trust you will be pleased to allow me to adjust the matter in London.

I have &c
J. W. Hodgson
Late Madras Civil Service

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Madras Civil Fund Office
2d June 1874.

To the Agent
Oriental Bank Corporation
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 29th May last, No. 24/3398 with its enclosures (five in number being returned) & in reply to inform you that the annuity due to Mr. Wm Hodgson, Madras Civil Service, will be paid to you on due dates, on your executing the accompanying Indemnity Bond. It must be stamped to the value of Rs. 16, & the amount of penalty & the annuity which should be entered in it, are (Rs. 5000) five thousand, and (£1000) one thousand pounds respectively

The execution of the Bond in question

question will prevent the necessity of producing life certificates quarterly; an annual life certificate will still be required. I regret that you will forward to me again the Power of Attorney executed by Mr. Hodgson in your favor, for registry in this Office, after it has been duly endorsed with the Madras Stamp duty.

I have &c,

(Sd) J. Grant

Trustee for Security.

Extract from our Madras Agents' letter of 3 June.

Wm. Hodgson, M.C.S. Retired

The papers specified have been sent to the Civil Fund Office

If Mr Hodgson wishes us to draw his Annuity here on the date on which it falls due, it will be necessary for us to execute a Bond of Indemnity to the Civil Fund to the extent of Rs 5000; the Bond requiring an impressed Stamp of Rs 16. It is usual with us when executing such Bonds to receive from parties security in the shape of Govt paper or Bank of Madras Shares to the above amount

We are not, therefore, prepared to hand you the credit asked for until we learn what security Mr Hodgson has to offer us for executing the Indemnity Bond in question. We may mention that we have in safe custody 16 Bank of Madras Shares

belonging

belonging to Mr Hodgson and we hold a General Power from him. He would suggest his authorising us to transfer of 5/- of these shares into the Corporation's name as Security

We have written to Mr Hodgson by this Mail, explaining the whole matter.

Since writing the above we have received a reply from the Secretary to the Civil Fund, & we enclose a copy of his letter for your information.

Oriental Bank Corporation
Madras 2 June 1874

Vià Brindisi.

W. Hodgson Esq
11 Gloucester Terrace
Hyde Park Gardens
London - W.

Dear Sir,

Your last pay certificate, life certificate & Power of Attorney in our favor, received from our Londonoffice by Cash mail, we have forwarded to the Secretary Civil Fund, & requested him to inform us what other Documents will be required to enable us to draw your Annuity.

If we are to draw your Annuity as it falls due here we believe a Guarantee of Rs 5000 will be required from us. In that case you can authorise us to transfer five of your Bank of

Madras

Madras Shares to name of the Corporation.-
we will then be in a position to give the guarantee
required. We may mention that without an equi-
-valent amount of Security we cannot give the
guarantee

Of course if we are not to draw your
Annuity till receipt of your life certificate on
each occasion, the guarantee will not be required.

In the event of the transfer referred to
above of the Bank of Madras Shares being made,
it will be necessary for you to send us a letter,
addressed to the Secretary & Treasurer Bank of
Madras empowering us, as your Attorney, to
transfer the Shares in our own name. I sup-
-pose you are aware we hold a General Power
from you, but the letter to the Bank of Madras
is required in addition.

As soon, however, as we get a reply from
the Civil Fund we will advise you.

In accordance with your letter of 24th
April we wired you yesterday (copy enclosed)
that your Balance at Credit of A/c 2 account was
Rs 1040, the Bill for £150 having previously
been paid. A payment has since been made
for your Credit & the balance now stands Rs 1257.2.9

/Sd James A. Boyd
Agent.

We enclose Copy of letter from the Secy of the Civil
Fund which has just come to hand.

Oriental Bank Corporation
London 30 June 1874.

W. Hodgson Esq M.C.S.
11 Gloucester Terrace
Regts Park Gardens W.

Sir,

With reference to the letter of 25th April
last, addressed to you by the Financial
Secretary of the India Office, notifying
that the payment of your Annuity under
the Madras Civil Fund would be made
at Madras & concerning the Collection of
which we advised our Agent there, we now
beg to enclose Copy of the Latter's reply & of a
Communication to him from the Madras
Civil Fund Office, We should be glad
to receive your instructions on this subject.
From the Extract enclosed you will perceive
that our Agent has written to you direct.

I am &c

/Sd Edwin Skinner
for Chief Manager.

India Office
22nd December 1874

Sir I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th Instant, and to acquaint you in reply that, under the circumstances therein stated, you will be permitted to depend the sum of £694 .. 10 .. 4 received by you in this Country on account of your Annuity, and to draw it in India from the date of your retirement.

A receivable order is forwarded herewith

I have &c
(Sd) Louis Mallet

No. 2.

Copy correspondence

S.O. No. 119 of 23rd Jany. 1875 - Fin.

Referred this Financial letter to Madras No 166 dated 23rd December 1874

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India Office London
23rd December 18[illegible]

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His Excellency
The Right Honorable
The Governor in Council

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I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordships most obedien
humble Servant,

Secretary

Financial (1875) Department
No. 5

Financial
23rd December 1874

To
Madras.

Letter to Fort St George
No 166.

2d January 1875 No 119

Copy forwarded to the Accountant General, & his attention drawn to paragraph 2 of this Despatch.

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Encl. sent to Audit Genl, vide his Memo 3 Feby '75

Ft. St. G. 222.

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Desp to 28-1-75

With enclr

Rect 18th January 1875 with Bruchiai & Bombay

To
The Accountant General
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Civil Fund.

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