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No. 66. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public (separate) Department, dated 24th November 1857, No. 330.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot.

(Here enter 3rd November 1857, No. 75.)

Read also report of the Civil Auditor.

(Here enter No. 203.)

1. The Collector of North Arcot, submits a Register of an application for pension on behalf of *Cooppa Row*, late Police Ameen of *Tripetty*, "with reference to the recent orders of Go-"vernment, regarding the grant of Superannuation Pension to Uncovenanted Servants, after a "period of 35 years' service, without Medical Certificate."

No. 186, Circular, July 21st, 1854.

2. The Collector has not quoted the order, and if he had referred to it, he would have discovered that the course he has taken in *Cooppa Row's* case, is wholly erroneous.

3. In the first place the, "good service Pension" is not *claimable as of right*. It's grant depends on the view Government, *not* the Head of the Office, may take of the records of the applicant's employment. Every applicant must produce "testimonials of a faithful and efficient dis-"charge of his duties during a period of 35 years." If the Government consider these testimonials "unquestionable" proofs of merit, the individual is pensioned; otherwise, he continues at his post, till superannuated in the regular way.

4. *Mr. Whittingham* has reversed this order of things. *Cooppa Row* is permitted to resign his office on the 30th of July, and three months afterwards, as if the proposed arrangement were a matter of course, the Collector submits the application on his behalf, to be admitted to the benefit of a "good service" Pension, the same to take effect from the date of resignation. A general statement is tendered that the applicant's conduct and character have been good, and the Collector, it appears, has been "informed that he (*Cooppa Row*) was favorably known to *Mr. Bourdillon*." But no extracts from any orders of *Mr. Bourdillon*, or other official papers have been offered by way of testimonials to that effect, and it must be presumed that no such evidence is forthcoming.

5. The Collector was not authorized in permitting *Cooppa Row* to retire, on the understanding that a good service pension would be secured to him. He should have continued *Cooppa Row* as Police Ameen, and submitted his application accompanied with copies of such proceedings of himself and his predecessors as commented favorably on the applicant's character and attainments.

6. *Cooppa Row*, however, must not be allowed to suffer from the oversight that has occurred. His place has been filled up, and from the Collector's meagre description of them, it is extremely doubtful if his services have been periodically marked by the "unquestionable testimonials" required to entitle him to the privilege asked for. As the mistake, at the same time, is on the part of the head of the district, Government deem it but reasonable to admit this old servant, as a special case, to the benefits of a Pension. He has served more than 35 years,* and will accordingly receive a pension of one-half his allowances for the last 5 years, or as calculated by the Civil Auditor, Rupees 22-8 per mensem.

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* Verified by C. A.	32	0	11
Verified by the Collector's Records.	4	0	16
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7. Resolved to circulate this Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, to the several departments, in order that it may be fully understood that, pending the sanction of Government to an application for a "good service" Pension, the officer recommended for that privilege is to retain his appointment.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 67. ORDER THEREON, No. 1633; dated 15th December 1857.

Ordered that a copy of the above be furnished to the Court of Sudder and Foujdaree Udalut, and to the Inspector of Prisons, for communication to Subordinate Officers, as also to the Judges of the Small Cause Court, the Commissioner of Police and to the Magistrates of Police.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Fort St George
15 December 1857

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" Inspector of Prisons
" Judges of S. C. Court
" Comr of Police
" Magistrates of 1st 2nd & 3d Divisions Madras

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