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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 27th April 1858.

No. 3. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 25th March 1858, No. 37.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward, copy of a letter to my address from Lieutenant Mitchell, Superintendent Mounted Branch, Police Force, and to request, that you will favor me, by submitting the same for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with my favourable recommendation.

From Lieutenant J. MITCHELL, Superintendent Mounted Branch; to the Commissioner of Police, Madras, dated 23rd March 1858, No. 10.

SIR,

I have the honor to request you will do me the favor to bring to the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, how very hardly the provisions of G. O. G. No. 97, dated 12th March 1858, will bear upon the European Pensioners of the Company's service employed in the Mounted Police.

Rank.	Names.	Pension.
Serjeant	T. Barber	Rs. 30 0 0
Corporal	F. McNevin	" 15 0 0
Bombardier	H. Goodger	" 15 0 0
Gunner	W. Pennager	" 15 0 0
do	G. Carter	" 15 0 0
do	J. Dann	" 15 0 0
do	J. Broadbent	" 15 0 0
do	D. Reardon	" 15 0 0
Private	H. Cove	" 11 0 2
do	J. Arnold	" 12 11 0
do	J. Sullivan	" 11 6 0
do	J. Findlay	" 15 0 0
do	J. Phillips	" 11 6 2
Band Serjeant: }	C. O. Connors	" 10 8 0
Hindoo Briton: }		
Private	J. Fry	" 15 0 0

It will be seen from the list in the margin, that but few of these men are in the receipt of less than Rupees 15 per mensem, and if this is to be deducted from their Pay (30 Rupees a month) the remaining 15 Rupees will not be sufficient inducement for them to remain with the force.

As it is a matter of great moment that the Military element shall be infused into this force, and which can only be done by retaining the European Pensioners, I hope this order (to forfeit pension) will not be carried into effect until a reference has been made upon the subject. The men possess far more real usefulness than is implied in the simple performance of certain duties; the habits of Military discipline in which they have been trained, and the determination of character thereby induced are invaluable elements in keeping the force in order. If they must forfeit pension their services will probably be lost. One man, Serjeant Barber, cannot forfeit it without working for nothing—most of the remainder will have to serve for half the salary sanctioned, and paid to the rest of their comrades. This they will not do, and it cannot be a matter of surprize if they leave the force in the hope of procuring employment elsewhere.

I find it difficult to believe it could ever have been the intention of the Court of Directors, or the Indian Government, that the provisions of this order should be extended to men in the position of their Military pensioners, because pensions granted to Soldiers after fixed periods of service are not dependent upon the bodily or mental fitness of the recipients for further effective service, but are simply annuities granted for service well and faithfully performed, and which by regulation they have a *right* to claim as soon as the fixed period has expired. On accepting the pension the individual leaves the Army, is free to reside in whatever part of the Empire he pleases, and is at liberty to exert his energy, and industry in whatever capacity he may find conducive to his own advantage. I cannot then perceive why if he chooses to give his services to the State he should forfeit the pension he would retain were those services offered to private individuals. Why, if he devotes his industry to the service of the Government he should forfeit the pension he would retain if earning the same salary in a private capacity.

You will perceive that I base the right of enjoyment of pension upon the fact of such right being inalienable, the services which gives that right having been completed, I then view the position of the Pensioner in this force as entirely private, his receipt or non-receipt of a pension from Government having no connection with services rendered here, the value of which is fixed at a certain amount, and which must be given to other men if the Pensioners leave, and I look therefore with confidence to the justice of Government to rescind this order, which I think cannot have been duly considered in connexion with the true state of the case as explained above.

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This order has already injuriously affected the recruiting for the Troop. A pensioner a few days ago called to ask for service in the Mounted Police, but when told that his pension would be deducted from his salary, he immediately declined to engage upon these terms, I can only expect that this will generally be the case, and the source to which I chiefly looked for a supply of Europeans is thus cut off. The only other men who have taken service, (with one or two exceptions) have been Sailors who had quarrelled with their Captains and been put in prison. Having forfeited their wages and sometimes their clothes, they were glad to clutch at anything that would give them bread for the time, but a Sailor is always a wanderer and apparently soon they had even been long enough to learn their drill. I may here remark that the rule which permits of discharge being obtained after two months notice is by no means suited to the mounted branch of the Police, as it always has, and always will, keep a large proportion of the men at drill, and the facilities for leaving the force might therefore be diminished with much advantage. I think six months is the shortest notice that should be allowed as it will generally take that time to make a man efficient.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 4

ORDER THEREON, No. 519; dated 21st April 1858.

The Governor in Council is pleased to suspend the operation of the orders of 12th March 1858, No. 97, regarding Military Pensioners in Civil employ, as respects Pensioners entertained on the strength of the Madras Mounted Police.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT.
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge

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cut from the Minutes of Consultation

March 1858

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Message from *Rajamundry* To *Madras*
From *Chief Secretary* To *Secy to Govt.*
Number of words *8-5* Repaid, Repetition Price

Let the operation of the late order
involving March last regarding pensioners be
suspended as respects pensioners employed
in the Madras Mounted Police but not
as respects pensioners employed in other
departments. If the orders about the Flag
Staff and Sergeants Quarters on Dolphins
have not yet been despatched
keep them back until we return.

+ the papers were the
forwarded to the
Chief Secy on the
10th inst.

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MADRAS.

The 15 of April 1858.

P. P. P.

Assistant on duty L. T. Office

No inquiry respecting this Message can be attended to without the production of this Paper

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to Genl.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
March 10 1889

This matter will be
considered further
on his Lordship's
return to Madras -
mean time it has
been directed by
Telegraph that the
order of March 12

should be suspended
in respect to prisoners

Despatch 24
M. C. L. C. 10

in the Ministry, known to
- in Police - but not
as respects Pensioners
employed in other
Dep'ts -

Any further repre-
- sentations against
the order that may
have been received
from other quarters

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should also be
put up - in view to
the case being made
as complete as
possible

JP

Rajdham
15 April 58
Thursday

19/4/58

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To be seen whether the Govt
- turn - the order not to be sent
- decided and, as it will be decided
referred to the Commission - Still
it is advisable to report and so as
to have the matter at once
as possible

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Date 21st April 1858

Read the following letter
from the Commissioner of Police
(Here enter 25th March 1858)

H. M.

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is pleased to suspend the opera-
-tion of the Orders of 12th March
1858 1897 regarding Military
Pensioners in civil employ,
as respects pensioners enter-
-tained on the strength of the
Madras Mounted Police.

Copy to Comr of Police
" Civil Auditor
" Acct. Genl.
" Military Auditor Genl.
" Military Secy

} Disp^d 24th
H. M. L. C. H.

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