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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 27th November 1863.

No. 243. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 17th November 1863, No. 3036.

Audit Department.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that Pensioned Private No. 48,231, Mahomed Cawn was enlisted as a Constable in the Madras Police on the 1st April 1862 by the late Lieutenant Hill, Superintendent of Police at Salem, and inadvertently paid the full Civil pay of his situation without deduction of the value of his pension, Rupees 4, until 31st July 1863.

2. This was brought to my notice in September last, on which I directed an inquiry to be made, the result of which appears in the enclosed letter from Lieutenant Reid the present Superintendent.

3. As there does not appear that there was any deliberate intention of fraud, nor any concealment, I would solicit the Government to forego the recovery of the arrears which amount to Rupees 64.

From Lieutenant J. B. REID, Acting Superintendent of Police, Salem; to Lieutenant Colonel J. TEMPLE, Acting Assistant Inspector General, Madras Police, dated Salem, 30th October 1863, No. 701.

In answer to your letter, No. 2676 of date the 19th October 1863, I have the honor to report the result of my inquiry.

2. Deputy Head Constable Jaffer Cawn informs me, that, at the time of Pensioner Mahomed* Cawn's entertainment in the Police, he, as guarantee, informed the Inspector of his Division (Mr. Ablett) through Head Constable Mooncesawmy, that Mahomed Cawn was a Military Pensioner. Head Constable Mooneesawmy confirms Jaffer Cawn's statement, which is not contradicted by Inspector Ablett, who, while acknowledging that he might possibly have been informed at the time, says, that it afterwards escaped his recollection. That no secret was at first made either by Mahomed Cawn, or by his guarantee Deputy Head Constable Jaffer Cawn, of the fact of the former being in the receipt of Military Pension, is established by the usual entry in the column headed "former employment" in the enlistment Register kept in the office, though omitted from the Monthly Return, Form 29.

* Pension Certificate Number 48,231.

3. It has hitherto been the practice in this District, to entertain all recruits first in the Reserve or A Division; and with the exception of sending the enlistment Register to the Inspector for reference, no proper official communication seems to have been sent to him for information as to the numbers and classes assigned to recruits, and the conditions of their entertainment in the force.

4. It is therefore difficult to say to whom blame more particularly attaches, and at the same time, I do not consider that any wilful fraud was committed by any one; but that the Inspector of his Division having at first omitted to note that Mahomed Cawn was a Pensioner, and to draw his pay accordingly, and the mistake not having been then checked in the office, it was perpetuated through oversight in all subsequent abstracts.

No. 244. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1863, No. 1839.

Under the circumstances, the Governor in Council will not enforce the refund of the amount of Military pension drawn by the Constable referred to.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd.. T. McMootry.

Judicial 1863 Despatch

From
W. Robinson Esqre
Inspector General of Police

To
A.G. Archibald Esq
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St George

Dated 17 Novr 1863

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No 1839 — 27 November 1863.

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To the Inspr. Genl of the Police. Despd 1 Dr.

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