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READ—the following paper:—

From L. M. THORNTON, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 10th August 1896, No. 1276.

With reference to your letter No. 1058, dated the 23rd June last, reporting the adoption by the Police and Registration Departments in the Madras Presidency of the system of identification by means of finger-prints, and the proposed introduction of the system into the Pension and Educational Departments, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Madras, a copy of the rules provisionally adopted in Lower Bengal for the identification of pensioners by means of thumb-impressions.

ENCLOSURE.

Rules for the identification of pensioners by means of thumb-impressions.

1. All applicants for service pensions with the exception of those hereinafter mentioned in rule 10, shall, at the time of preparation of their applications for pension, make, before the lead of the office, in the first page of their application for pension in the space provided therein for the purpose, an impression of the ball of the thumb of the left hand.
2. An impression similar to that mentioned in rule 1 shall at the same time be taken on a slip of paper and shall be attached to the application for pension.
3. These impressions will be sent together with the pension papers to the officer reporting on the claim to pension and be forwarded by him to the authority who has to sanction the pension. They will thereafter be forwarded by the sanctioning authority to the officer who audits payments of the pension.
4. The impression given on the application for pension will serve in the auditing office as a permanent record of the impression, while that given on the separate slip will be pasted on the Disbursing Officer's half of the Permanent Pay Order.
5. In the case of non-service pensioners, the thumb-impression shall be made on the Descriptive Roll in presence of the officer preparing the roll.
6. In the case of non-service pensioners an impression shall also be taken, by the office preparing the Descriptive Roll, on a separate slip of paper, and this shall be sent together with the roll to the auditing officer.
7. In the case of non-service pensioners, the impression given on the Descriptive Roll will form the auditing officer's permanent record, and that given on the slip will be pasted on the Disbursing Officer's half of the Permanent Pay Order in the space provided therein for the purpose.
8. The impression given on the separate slip will, in the case of both service and non-service pensions payable at the Presidency town of Calcutta, be pasted against the appropriate number of the Register of Permanent Pay Orders.
9. On the first appearance of a pensioner on or after April 1st of each year the Disbursing Officer will, except in the cases of pensioners mentioned in rule 10, take an impression of the thumb of the pensioner's left hand on his pension bill, and, besides identifying the pensioner from the other particulars given in the Disbursing Officer's half of the Permanent Pay Order or in the Audit Register (as the case may be), identify him from a comparison of the impression given on the bill with that pasted on the Permanent Pay Order or in the Audit Register, and in case of difference in the two impressions will refer the matter to the officer before whom the impression pasted in the Permanent Pay Order or in the Audit Register had been made.

10. Except Native Princes, European ladies, persons who have been gazetted officers and those specially excepted by Government (these exceptions being made on the ground that there can be no difficulty in future identification) all pensioners shall be liable to the operation of these rules.

11. Purdah ladies and illiterate pensioners shall give a thumb-impression on their bills, before the person granting the life certificate, or in the case of illiterate pensioners who personally attend the paying office before the Disbursing Officer.

12. On the renewing of a Permanent Pay Order, the original impression shall be cut off from the old and attached to the new order.

13. Impressions should be taken in the following manner:—

A small quantity of ordinary printer's ink (which will be supplied by the Superintendent of Stationery, Calcutta), mixed with a very small quantity of sweet-oil, should be well rubbed with an India rubber roller on a tin slab until a very thin even layer is formed. The ball of the thumb of the left hand of the pensioner, after being wiped, should be laid on the inked slab and rolled from side to side (not rubbed) until sufficiently inked (this can be learnt from experience) and then lightly and carefully rolled on the paper on which the print is to be taken in such a way that the pattern of the whole of the ball of the thumb from side to side is clearly impressed on it. It must be specially borne in mind that any side movement, either at the time of applying or removing the thumb, will cause a smudge and spoil the impression.

14. In the case of pensioners now on the pension list, Disbursing Officers will, on the next occasion on which each pension is paid and after careful identification of the pensioner take his or her impression on the Permanent Pay Order or Audit Register.

15. A thumb-impression should also be taken in the Service Books of persons in service in the space for "Distinctive Marks." In all cases when an officer is sent for medical examination, the examining Medical Officer or Board should be asked to obtain the thumb-impression of the candidate for appointment, leave or pension on the medical certificate. This last impression should afterwards be verified with that in the Service Book by the head of the office.

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