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[Despatch Abstract.]

Military Prisoners

From: Public Dept. Communicating
letter from the Adjutant General, Madras Command,
forwarding report of the Subd. of Prisons on
the employment of civil capacities of the prisoners
of the Madras Army, for 1897-98, communicated to
the Port Office.

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Military Pensioners.

Communicating, with remarks, to all Heads of Departments letter from the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, forwarding report of the Superintendent of Pensions on the employment in civil capacities of the pensioners of the Madras Army for the year 1897-98.

No. 1084, PUBLIC, 26TH AUGUST 1898.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From Brigadier-General G. SIMPSON, C.B., Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 22nd August 1898, No. A.—N.T.-13594.

I am desired by the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces to forward herewith 400 copies of the annual report for 1897-98 on the employment of military pensioners of this Command in civil capacities, and to request that, under the orders of the Government of Madras, these copies may be distributed amongst Civil officers in the Presidency.

2. His Excellency proposes to send copies of the report to the newspapers mentioned below:—

"Madras Mail."
"Madras Times."
"Madras Standard."

"Daily Post", Bangalore.
"Nilgiri News", Ootacamund.

3. The Lieutenant-General considers that the report appears satisfactory in so far as it shows that every effort has been made both by the Civil and Military authorities to provide employment for pensioners, the modified success attending which appears to be mainly due to the apathy of the pensioners themselves.

ORDER—No. 1084, Public, dated 26th August 1898.

Communicated to all heads of departments, whose attention will be invited to the remarks in paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 593, Public, dated 8th June 1896.

(True Extract.)

To the Deputy Adjutant-General.
"the Departments of the Secretariat for communication to Heads of Departments."
"all Heads of Departments under the Chief Secretary."
"the Editor of the "Madras Mail."

" " " "Madras Times."
" " " "Madras Standard."
" " " "Daily Post", Bangalore.
" " " "Nilgiri News", Ootacamund.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

Report by Captain R. F. R. FORMBY, Superintendent of Pensions, on the Employment in Civil Capacities of the Pensioners of the Madras Army for the year 1897-98.

The Report dated 30th July 1897 showed 4463 Pensioners as remaining in employment on the 31st March 1897, and during the year commencing from 1st April 1897 to 31st March 1898 employment has been found for 1210 Pensioners; during the same period 1193 Pensioners have ceased to be employed for reasons given in the margin,

thus giving a nett increase of 17 Pensioners during the year, leaving a total number of 4480 Pensioners remaining in employment on the 31st March 1898, vide Statement A enclosed.

The percentage of employed Pensioners has risen from 20.15 to 20.46 during the year under report. The totals on which these percentages are calculated include men who are unfit from old age and other causes. It may be noted that the number who voluntarily resigned is an increase of nearly 200 under that heading as compared with the previous year, which may be accounted for by the abnormally high rate of Rice Compensation which was payable during the period under report.

2. The number and average service and age of the fighting men transferred to the Pension Establishment during the year under report was as follows:—

Ranks.	No.	Average.			
		Service.		Age.	
		Years.	Days.	Years.	Days.
Subadars	42	25	243	43	334
Jemadars	18	19	190	37	244
Havildars	98	20	278	39	206
Naicks	73	17	210	36	178
Drummers, &c.	19	21	35	37	268
Privates, &c.	707	19	310	38	214
Total	957				

3. The approximate saving effected to Government on account of Rice money withheld from these Pensioners during the year is Rs. 94,366-12-1 as against Rs. 66,733-7-6 during the preceding year ending 31st March 1897, giving a nett increase of Rs. 27,633-4-7. This is due to the exceptionally high rate of Rice Compensation payable at all stations. A statement is attached marked C giving the number of Pensioners employed, and the saving effected since the first calculations were made.

4. The number of Pensioners seeking employment on the 31st March 1898 is 2636 as against 1034 in the previous year. This number includes all Pensioners without any limit of age. 333 India Army Forms 409-A, on account of men of good and similar character have been received from the Officers Commanding the several Madras Regiments up to 31st March 1898; when the same have not been received for Pensioners, Commanding Officers have been communicated with, and replies have been received either that the men were not desirous of any employment, or that the officers did not wish to recommend them for any.

Agreeably to the suggestions contained in G. O. No. 1700 Public, dated 22nd December 1897 forwarded to this office under your No. ^A N. T. 1235, dated 24th January 1898, a list of all Pensioners specially recommended for employment, and of those for whom I. A. Forms 409-A had been received was printed and circulated largely in March 1898; and a subsequent quarterly list was issued in June 1898. The few I. A. Forms 409-A received on account of Reservists were not included, as this Department has no cognizance whatever of such men.

5. A statement **B** showing the number of Pensioners employed in the several departments on the 31st March 1898 is also enclosed. It will be noted therefrom that there is a nett increase of 64 Pensioners employed in Government Departments, but it is to be regretted that there is a falling off in the numbers employed by the Jail, Forest, Salt and Abkari, and Postal Departments: from the first three of those departments many applications have been received for men, but it is found most difficult to induce Pensioners to take up appointments involving any hardship such as travelling, absence from home, night duty, or employment in cold or unhealthy districts. A number of applications have also been received for men to serve in Government Offices and the Police on the Nilgiri Hills, very good pay being offered, but although every Regimental Commanding Officer and Pension Paymaster has been communicated with, only some two or three men have yet been found willing to accept such employment. As many men of short service are now pensioned under the provisions of the latter portion of para. 2310 (a), A. R. I., Vol. II, Discipline, it would appear that the "unwillingness to serve" which makes a man an encumbrance to his Regiment, also nullifies all the exertions of this department and Government, to find him employment when he is pensioned, the very liberal regulations concerning Pension and Rice money being doubtless responsible for this unwillingness.

6. The nett increase of 17 in the total number of Pensioners employed is a smaller increase than has occurred during any year since 1891-92, when it was only 6; during that period, owing to a semi state of famine in some districts, the rate of Rice Compensation was abnormally high, and it is probable that the same cause has had a similar effect during the period now under report. It may however be noted that a higher percentage of Pensioners *possible to be employed* has been reached this official year than during any previous similar period, viz., 20.46 per cent. A statement on Form **D** is attached showing the total No. of Pensioners on the establishment on the 31st March 1898 from which it will be seen that 2636 Pensioners are shown as seeking employment; of this number 1357 are at Bangalore, the majority of whom will not take any employment on Rs. 7 or 8 per mensem unless it is actually at their own house doors. The percentage employed of those nominally willing to be employed is 62.95 per cent. leaving 37.05 per cent. unemployed. I am of opinion that all Pension Paymasters and most other Officers in charge of Pensioners do their best to secure employment for Pensioners willing to accept what is offered.

7. During the past year, 25 Pensioners have been convicted of crime in consequence of which 1 has been removed from the Pension list, 13 have been re-enrolled on reduced Pensions, and 11 have been re-enrolled as before, all being removed from the Employment Register.

8. A Register is maintained for European soldiers wishing for employment: several have been registered and a few have been found good situations, but the majority of these applicants fail in the requirements of employers by not knowing any vernacular language.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT C
29th July 1898
PENSIONS,
1898.

R. F. R. FORMBY, CAPTAIN,
Superintendent of Pensions.

A.
Statement showing the number of Pensioners drawing pay, the number employed, the number of Candidates for employment and the approximate amount of saving of Rice money at each station for the year 1897-98.

Stations.	Paymasters.	No. of Pensioners drawing pay on 31st March 1898 excluding heirs and widows (6th, 7th and 8th Class Pensioners).	No. of Pensioners employed.		No. of Pensioners seeking employment on 31-3-98.	Approximate amount of Rice money saved to Government during the year 1897-98 by the employment scheme.		
			31-3-97.	31-3-98.		Rs.	A.	P.
Arcot and Arni	Mr. R. W. Ward, (Retired Conductor P. W. D.)	273	41	43	23	635	2	9
Bangalore	Mr. R. Rowland, (Retired, Unattached list).	266	19	18	20	253	15	11
Belgaum	Mr. J. H. Bond, (Retired Ag. Dy. Registrar, Revenue Board).	2,392	239	253	1357	6,546	11	7
Bellary	Mr. M. Gerard, (Retired Conductor, Ordnance Dept.)	180	19	22	...	672	5	4
Berhampore	Station Staff Officer...	526	86	89	13	2,117	10	11
Chicacole and Vizianagram	Mr. J. Delany, (Retired Conductor, Ordnance Dept.)	252	19	19	15	767	2	4
Chittoor and Vellore	Mr. W. Gibbs, (Retired Army School Master).	1,136	65	48	58	2,251	12	6
Condapilly Guntur and Masulipatam	Mr. G. H. Ashby, (Retired Conductor, Ordnance Dept.)	660	106	76	36	1,736	10	...
Cuttack	Station Staff Officer...	144	46	49	...	720	2	5
Ellore Rajamandry and Samulcottah	Mr. R. Snugg, (Retired Inspector of Police).	1,636	243	240	64	3,135	4	11
Madras	Mr. R. Weaver, (Retired Sub-Conductor, Commissariat Department).	271	78	75	34	1,716	6	9
Pallaveram Poonamallee and St. Thomas' Mount	M. & Ry. M. Venkata-prasatl. Tiwaraji. (Retired, Head Asst. of Office of Supdt. of Pensions).	178	40	37	14	853	12	2
Quilon	Regimental Officer ...	726	65	65	58	1,384	10	5
Secunderabad	Mr. R. Raymond, (Retired Sub-Conductor, Army Staff).	180	28	40	30	871	3	0
Trevandrum	Regimental Officer ...	518	68	65	57	1,282	3	9
Trichinopoly	Mr. S. Penticoos, (Retired Sub-Conductor, Ordnance Department).	536	143	131	57	2,898	11	7
Trichoor	Regimental officer ...	136	27	22	15	552	13	7
Vizagapatam	Mr. Thomas Sheffield, (Retired Dy. Conservator of Forests).	2,132	1036	1990	70	20,728	1	0
Anantapur District...	Treasury Dy. Collector	86	20	17	4	379	14	3
Bellary do. ...	Do.	19	83	74	22	1,444	10	1
Chingleput do. ...	Do.	345	9	19	10	373	0	0
Coimbatore do. ...	Do.	79	522	537	220	14,803	9	11
		2,121	10	13	5	302	10	10
		26	183	191	56	3,438	15	6
		861	10	8	8	175	1	9
		44	242	253	54	5,130	7	2
		1,733	8	8	...	246	4	6
		19	3	4	...	67	2	5
		10	25	29	6	643	5	3
		181	48	40	6	1,008	10	9
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			31-3-97.	31-3-98.		Rs.	A.	P.
Cuddalore District ...	Treasury Dy. Collector	284	36	45	15	889	9	1
Cuddapah do. ...	Do.	74	21	20	6	441	14	1
Cumbum ...	Sheristadar	38	1	1	8	21	13	6
Ganjam District ...	Treasury Dy. Collector.	88	5	7	8	349	10	9
Godavery do. ...	Do.	91	36	42	15	861	13	9
Kurnool do. ...	Do.	21	7	8	...	168	...	5
Madura do. ...	Do.	378	88	77	17	1,396	6	3
Malabar do. ...	Do.	96	40	43	6	861	5	...
Nellore do. ...	Do.	54	12	10	5	168	14	2
North Arcot District (Chittoor.)	Do.	178	31	39	13	833	7	4
Ootacamund ...	Do.	3	1	2	1	35	5	1
Palcondah ...	Dy. Tahsildar	31	20	19	5	623	5	3
Salem District...	Treasury Dy. Collector	221	16	19	30	428	3	11
Tanjore do. ...	Do.	476	92	85	23	1,446	2	1
Tinnevely do. ...	Do.	516	122	123	78	2,471	1	1
Trichinopoly do. ...	Do.	363	96	91	28	2,146	2	11
Vizagapatam do. ...	Do.	27	9	9	...	176	8	1
Bangalore do. ...	Treasury Officer	52	39	34	1	743	13	1
Bowringpett ...	Do.	258	30	31	10	971	2	7
Chittaldroog District	Do.	65	21	29	21	426	10	5
French Rocks ...	Do.	8	2	2	...	62	13	2
Hassan District ...	Do.	98	8	9	...	184	8	0
Kadur do. ...	Do.	14	4	3	4	71	6	8
Kolar do. ...	Do.	7	3	...	2	...	...	...
Mercara do. ...	Do.	171	9	9	8	195	6	1
Mysore do. ...	Do.	26	9	8	...	78	...	3
Shimoga do. ...	Do.	118	53	49	...	1,158	7	0
Tumkur do. ...	Do.	6	1	1	...	10	1	3
Buldana ...	Do.	92	2	...	...	6	6	6
Akola ...	Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Amraoti ...	Do.	14	6	8	3	...	...	...
Aurungabad ...	Regimental Officer	20	9	9	...	...	...	...
Ellichpore ...	Do.	17	1	...	2	...	...	...
Hingoli ...	Do.	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jalna ...	Do.	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mominabad ...	Do.	18	...	...	2	...	...	...
Akyab ...	Treasury Officer	9	1	1	...	...	...	...
Bhamo ...	Regimental Officer	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
		4	7	4	...	...	...	...

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			31-3-97	31-3-98.		Rs.	A.	P.
Henzada ...	Treasury Officer	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mandalay ...	Station Staff Officer	46	19	11	2	...	...	...
Meiktila ...	Regimental Officer	8	4	5	1	...	...	...
Minbu ...	Treasury Officer	1	...	...	3	...	...	...
Moulmein ...	do.	26	16	11	...	...	...	...
Myingyan ...	Regimental Officer	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Pakokku ...	Treasury Officer	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Blair ...	Regimental Officer	6	5	6	...	...	...	...
Rangoon ...	Station Staff Officer...	111	35	23	2	...	...	...
Shwebo ...	do.	4	3	3	...	...	...	...
Thayetmyo ...	do.	13	6	5	2	...	...	...
Tongoo ...	Treasury Officer	10	5	5	...	...	...	...
Total...		21,889	4,463	4,480	2,636	94,366	12	1

B.

Statement showing the number of Pensioners employed in the several Departments on the 31st March 1898.

Departments.	No. of Pensioners employed on			
	31st March 1897.		31st March 1898.	
	No. of Pensioners employed.	Total No. employed.	No. of Pensioners employed.	Total No. employed.
Military Departments ...	Commissariat Department ...	62	70	455
	Other Departments	380	385	
Civil Departments ...	Police	457	463	1,973
	Jail	208	205	
	Forest	41	32	
	Salt and Abkari	301	289	
	Postal	43	41	718
	Other Departments	859	943	
	Railways	...	713	
	Private persons and Firms	...	1,108	
	Native States	...	291	272
		4,463	4,480	

C.

Memorandum of Military Pensioners employed and the approximate amount of Rice Money saved to the State in consequence.

Years.	Number employed.	Saving of rice money.		
		Rs.	a.	p.
1888-89	3,507	Not calculated.		
1889-90	3,092	do.		
1890-91	3,468	do.		
1891-92	3,474	64,105	9	6
1892-93	3,654	69,635	4	11
1893-94	3,911	62,176	15	2
1894-95	4,026	54,619	14	0
1895-96	4,121	49,750	3	8
1896-97	4,463	66,783	7	6
1897-98	4,480	94,366	12	1

From

D.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PENSIONS,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

Statement showing the distribution of Pensioners residing at all the Pension Stations of the Madras Command under different classes according as they are eligible or ineligible or available or unavailable for employment, Public or Private, on 31st March 1898.

Total number of Pensioners of all classes borne on the Returns.	No. of Pensioners ineligible for being recommended for employment.			No. of other Pensioners.			
	Pensioners of 6th, 7th and 8th classes.	Pensioners of Bad and Indifferent characters.	Pensioners convicted.	Not available for employment on account of		Fit for employment.	
				Unfitness for service owing to age, infirmity, unwillingness, &c.	Having other occupation as Bazaarmen, Cultivators, &c.	Employed.	Seeking employment.
28,368	6,479	927	61	10,211	3,574	4,480	2,636

N.B.—Percentage of employed Pensioners is 62.95 and of unemployed is 37.05.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Office of Supdt. of Pensions,
29th July 1898.

R. F. R. FORMBY, CAPTAIN,
Superintendent of Pensions.