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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 29-5- 1861.

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No. 263. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th May 1861, No. 2,348 :—

Read the following Reports on the working of the new system of paying Military Pensioners, &c., in the Districts through the Civil Department.

From Tanjore, dated 13th, in Cons. 19th February 1861, No. 1,044.
From Coimbatore, dated 14th, in Cons. 20th February 1861, No. 1,070.
From Madura, dated 4th, in Cons. 8th March 1861, No. 1,466.

1. Resolved that the foregoing communications be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government, with reference to their Proceedings in the Revenue Department, No. 805, dated* 18th May 1860, and No. 186, dated† 26th January 1861.

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2. The above reports are from the Collectors of Tanjore, Madura and Coimbatore, on the experiment initiated in those Districts of paying Military Pensioners, holders of Family Certificates, &c., through the Civil Department.

3. The operations reported on include the pensions, &c., paid in June 1860, the month following that of the Government Order directing the change, so that no time was lost in introducing the new system. The Treasury Deputy Collectors are charged with its immediate management, and it is reported to be working easily and satisfactorily in all three Districts, any delay and difficulty that might have occurred in the first payments being no longer experienced.

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4. The following abstract shows the number of months embraced by each report, the stations at which payments were made, the monthly average of the latter and of the recipients including the details of corps, absent on leave from their respective stations :—

Districts.	Months.	Stations.	Monthly average of payments.	Monthly average of recipients.
			Rupees.	
Tanjore	7th, from June to December 1860.	Tanjore, Combaconum, Negapatam and Tranquebar.....	8,000	1,261
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5. The mode in which the payments are made in Madura and Coimbatore is fully explained by the Collectors of those Districts and is briefly as follows :—

All payments, whether of pensions or on family certificates, &c., at the Huzúr are made by the Deputy Collector and in the Táluqs by the Tahsíldárs on his written authority, separate accounts for each station being also kept by himself. At Ramnad the disbursements are entrusted to the Salt Amildar, but the Deputy Collector there is charged with the duty of mustering the payees. To enable the Tahsíldárs to make the requisite payments a detailed list is forwarded to them which is returned to the Deputy with the acquittances of the recipients entered in it.

The pensions are paid on the 1st of the month following that for which they are due, in anticipation of the bill which the Division Paymaster duly transmits on receipt of the abstract and rolls, which are prepared in the same manner as obtained in the Military Department, and furnished to him by the Deputy Collector. Until receipt of the bills, the sums paid as above are shown in the accounts under the head "Miscellaneous Advance" and ultimately adjusted; any undisbursed balance of the amount of the bill being credited to the head "Deposits" until paid away to the proper parties when they present themselves. A return of the Pensioners appears to be forwarded monthly to the Superintendent of Pensions at Madras.

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7. As the Order of Government in the Revenue Department, No. 2,391, dated 13th December 1860, provides no extra aid in Districts where the holders of pensions and family certificates may fall short of 100, the Collector of Coimbatore applies for a writer on 10 Rupees per mensem as provided in such cases in paragraph 2, Section 19 of the Pay and Audit Regulations, page 394. The request is also contained in the copy (herewith submitted) of the Collector's letter to the Superintendent of Pensions and Family Payments, who will doubtless give it consideration in his general report to Government.

In Cons. 14th December 1860, No. 6,556.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 264. ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1861, No. 1,109.

Ordered to be communicated to the Military Department, with reference to the orders in that Department noted in the margin.

11th May 1860, No. 1,769.
13th December 1860, No. 4,374.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

No. 2,348.

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To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to W. M. Cadell, Esq., Collector of Tanjore.
" E. B. Thomas, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.
" V. H. Levinge, Esq., Collector of Madura.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Submitting for consideration and orders reports from certain Collectors on the working of the new system of paying Military Pensioners &c., through the Civil Department.

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