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30th July 1863.*

No. 837.

Read again G. O. No. 1,423, dated 4th June 1863 :—

Read also the following papers :—

Statement showing the nature of the duties performed by the following class of Servants in the 2nd Division, and of the grounds for which they were recommended for pension, as called for in the Chief Engineer's Proceedings No. 6,094, dated 13th March 1863.

Rank.	Nature of duties.	Grounds for which pensions to be granted.
<i>Kistna District.</i> Anicut Superintendent. Anicut Maistry. Anicut Gumastah.	The Anicut Superintendent has charge of the maintenance of the Anicut and works at the heads of main channels, the quarries and lime kilns for the Anicut and works in the Delta generally. The Anicut Maistry and Gumastah are his assistants in the above works.	Superannuation pensions are claimed for the above Establishments on the same ground that they are granted to Office Establishments. The positions they occupy are of a permanent nature, and the revenue of the Delta is in a great measure dependent on the proper performance of the duties required of them.
2 Delta Superintendents. 40 Channel Superintendents. Lock Maistries.	The Delta Superintendents are employed in the Guntur and Masulipatam Deltas in distributing water to various channels in the Delta, and the Channel Superintendents for the same purpose For working five Locks on the Bezoarah and Masulipatam Canal, three Locks on Seetanagarum and Nizampatam Canal, and one Lock to connect Ellore Canal with the Budamair and Collair Lock.	
<i>Nellore District.</i> Anicut Superintendent. Anicut Gumastah.	Looking after the maintenance of the Anicut, superintending the opening and closing of the sluices, to regulate the supply down the channel, and keeping a register of the quantity of water.	

CAMP NULLABULLY,
18th June 1863.

(Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Major, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

No. 838. From Captain H. L. PRENDERGAST, R. E., Acting Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 23rd June 1863, No. 769.

SIR,

1. Adverting to the Proceedings of Government No. 1,423, dated 4th June 1863, I have the honor to submit the information called for in the orders of the Chief Engineer, No. 6,094, dated 12th March 1863, regarding the nature of the duties performed by a certain class of servants in the North Arcot District and at the Presidency.

2. In North Arcot, Captain Vertue writes, the Anicut Overseer and Monegars are employed on duties connected with the conservation and general efficiency of the Anicuts and their sluices. It is their duty to report any accident or damage sustained by the works, and to carry out the instructions of the Range Officer in immediate charge of the Anicut concerning the distribution of water. These duties are of a responsible nature, and during the season, when freshes are expected, their work is often laborious. They have little or no hope of promotion, or of obtaining employment elsewhere, and it is therefore considered desirable that the inducement of pension should be held out to them, and this view of the matter I also entertain, seeing that the whole of their time is given up to the service of Government.

3. The Syrang at the Presidency, alluded to in the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer above quoted, is a Non-Commissioned Officer of the Garrison Lascars, over whom he exercises authority in the performance of their multifarious duties in Fort St. George. The present Syrang has served upwards of thirty-six years, and is entitled to a pension in the Military Department.

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4. The duties of the Muchi consist in ruling forms for Statements, Estimates, Bills, Cash Books, and other official papers, pasting letters and binding books. He distributes stationery, takes charge of the Office records and furniture, and collects correspondence for reference.

5. I consider that this man is deserving of pension under the Uncovenanted Service Rules inasmuch as he is a servant of all work in an Office, useful to the Officer, and to all the establishment. His duties are such, that, however honestly performed, they lead to no advancement as he has little opportunity of qualifying for a more highly paid appointment. If therefore he serves for the prescribed period, he should I think be entitled to retire on a suitable pension in the same manner as a minor Clerk in an Office.

No 839. From Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. HITCHINS, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated 9th June 1863, No. 127.

SIR,
1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government of the 4th instant, No. 1423, I have the honor to submit herewith a true copy of the letter* written by Captain Foord, the late District Engineer of South Arcot, to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, which is a reply to the Chief Engineer's Proceedings, No. 6,094, dated 12th March 1863, and which appears to have been transferred to the General Department of the late Central Office of Public Works for disposal.

2. It will be observed, that Captain Foord states, that he cannot give any special reasons, for the Lock Ameens attached to the District of South Arcot being brought under the operation of the Pension Rules, an opinion in which I do not quite concur.

3. In the aforesaid District there are three Lock Ameens, employed as follows. —

1 at Lalpet Lock, getting 14 Rupees.
1 at Porto Novo, " 10 "
1 at Veeramuttum, " 7 "

4 The Ameen at the first mentioned Lock is, I am of opinion, entitled to pension under paragraph 407, Section XXIV, page 80 of the second edition of the Uncovenanted Servants' Vade Mecum, because his salary is 14 Rupees a month, and though the other two men perform the same duties as the first, yet their rates of salaries exclude them from coming under the rule quoted above.

From Captain E. A. FOORD, District Engineer, South Arcot, to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Cuddalore, 7th April 1863, No 211.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Chief Engineer's Proceedings No. 6,094, I have the honor to state that there is an Ameen at each of the three Locks on the canal connecting the Coleroon with the Vellar at Porto Novo.

2. The Ameens have to open and shut the Lock gates, and keep an account of the boats passing through. When the navigation season is over, they superintend the repair of the gates and the clearing of the channel near the Locks. I cannot give any special reasons for their being brought under the operations of the Pension Rules.

(True Copy)

(Signed) H. W. HITCHINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

No. 840. From Captain E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 18th June 1863, No 86.

SIR,

With reference to the Order of Government of the 4th June, No. 1,423, I have the honor to inform you that the District Engineer of Trichinopoly was not called on for a report. The District Engineer of Tanjore forwarded his report on the 31st of March, and I now send a copy of it.

Copy of a letter from the District Engineer, Tanjore, dated 31st March 1863, No 404

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From Captain J. MULLINS, R. E., Acting District Engineer, Tanjore, to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Tanjore, 31st March 1863, No. 401.

SIR,

1. In acknowledging the receipt of your Memorandum No. 203 of the 25th instant, with its enclosure, I have the honor to inform you that I see no grounds for recommending that the Monegars of the Anicuts and the Locks of the Tanjore District generally, should be brought within the operations of the Pension Rules, but I think that the Monegars of the Upper and

* Rupees 10 12 Upper Anicut.
" 10 Lower Anicut.

Lower Anicuts should receive better pay than is now given* to them, because the duty of watching these important works and bringing promptly to notice any defects or damage, which may become apparent, is one involving considerable responsibility, more especially, as both the works are far from the head-quarters of the ranges, in which they are situated, while the regulation of the under-sluices involves some responsibility also. These Monegars, moreover, ought to be capable of superintending all ordinary repairs, and I think that they ought to be as well paid as a Sub-Overseer of the 1st Class, 3rd Grade, or Rupees 40 per month, and then the men qualified for appointment to these posts would deservedly be brought under the Pension Rules, on the ground of the importance of their services, and the responsibility of the duties which they were called upon to discharge.

2. None of the other Monegars have responsible duties, but I think they are very much under-paid† because having, in addition to their other duties, the care of the plantations from which considerable sums are

† Rupees 6 per month.

realized annually by the sale of wood, nanul, &c, there must be a considerable temptation to obtain indirect remuneration, and from time to time there have been investigations into charges of this nature with various results, but in all cases apparently leaving at least considerable suspicion of there being good grounds for the charges, together with a conviction of the difficulty in preventing such practices from being carried on with impunity.

3. I may here mention that the abolition of the grade of Sub-Overseers has deprived the Officer in charge of the Lower Anicut of the services of Sergeant Doheny, just at the time, too, when important repairs are in progress. Lieutenant Mead has applied to me for a European Subordinate of which class there is only one in the District, an old Conductor who is in charge of the Upper Anicut Range, or for leave to curtail the repairs. To do the latter would be most unwise, with the risk of incurring perhaps serious damage, and it seems therefore to be a fit opportunity for urging the sanction of a Subordinate of a superior class to hold the appointment of Monegar at this, and at the Upper Anicut as well. At Nellore the Anicut has a Superintendent with a salary of Rupees 40 per month, here, with the cost of living much higher, Rupees 10-12-0 have been hitherto considered sufficient.

No. 841 From Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 2nd July 1863, No. 59.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report with reference to G. O. No. 1,423,* that the duty performed by the Establishment at Paumbem is as follows:—The Syrang and Lascars are employed in keeping the Dredge when at

* Dated 4th June 1863

work in its proper position and in moving it as required.

2. During the working season two of the Lascars receive higher pay as Stokers, and two men are temporarily entertained as Lascars, in the idle season no pay is drawn for Stokers.

3. The Carpenter and Blacksmith are required to attend to the repairs.

4. Beyond length of service, I do not see what claim these men have for pension, and if it be granted to them, or to any of the persons mentioned in the letter† of the District Engineer, Godavery, I think the

† No. 751, dated 1st April 1863.

rules should be extended so as to admit Lascars who suffer much more from exposure than any of the men whose case is now under consideration.

5. The Carpenter at Paumbem has been employed constantly since 1840.

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ORDER THEREON, 30th July 1863, No. 2,135.

GODAVERY.
Ancient Maistries
Delta Superintendents
Channel do
Navigation do

KISTNA.

Ancient Maistry
Delta Superintendent
Channel do.
Lock Maistries,

NELLORE

Amount Superintendent.

NORTH ARCOT

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Do. Monegars.

PRESIDENCY
Muchis.

SOUTH ARCOT.

Lock Ameen.

TANJORE.

Ancient Monegar.

Lock do.

РАУМБЕР.

Carpenter.

Smith,

Syrang.

Stokers.

Anicut Maistries.

Do. Overseers.

Do. Superintendents.

Do. Monegars.

Delta Superintendents.

Channel do.

Navigation do.

Lock Maistries.

Do. Ameens.

Do. Monegars.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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With reference to your letter dated 26th August 1867, No. 392, submitting the recommendation of the local Government for the admission to the benefits of the Uncovenanted Service Pension Rules, certain classes of servants employed in Anicut and Conservancy Establishments, I am directed to request that the Government of India may be furnished with a statement showing in detail the number of such servants, their pay, and the duties of each class.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
18th October 1867.

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

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 73.

* Anicut Maistries.
Do. Overseers.
Do. Superintendents.
Do. Monegars.
Delta Superintendents.
Channel do.
Navigation do.
Lock Maistries.
Do. Ameens.
Do. Monegars.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers, who will, with reference to paragraph 4 of Proceedings No. 2,135, dated 30th July 1863, furnish a statement showing in detail the number, pay and duties of each of the classes of servants* employed in their respective divisions, to whom it is proposed to extend the benefit of the Pension Rules.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.
Financial Department.

Financial Department
" Capt. Kennedy

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
26th August 1867.*

No. 46. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department; dated Masulipatam, 10th August 1867, No. 65.

With reference to G. O., No. 2160, dated 18th ultimo, I have the honor to request that some definite ruling may be obtained concerning the pensions of men serving in the Anicut and Conservancy Establishments.

2. I have experienced much difficulty in obtaining suitable men, on account of the uncertainty that has prevailed on this matter. The Anicut Superintendents and Delta Superintendents should be men with the education and abilities of passed Overseers; but it is obvious that no such persons will enter an establishment in which no pensions are obtainable, whilst the permanent establishments are open to them.

3. One Delta Superintendent (a young man) has tendered his resignation on seeing the G. O., No. 2160, and another, who was ready to send in his application for pension owing to old age, now holds on, in the hope that Government will grant this long expected boon, as he has nothing else to depend on. This does not increase the efficiency of the Department.

Referred to the Financial Department for early consideration, with reference to the following Orders in this department :—

30th July 1863, No. 2135.

20th July 1865, No. 2093.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
16th August 1867.

(Signed) J. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., D. P. W.

No. 47. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department; dated Fort Saint George, 26th August 1867, No. 392.

Referring to Mr. Arbuthnot's letter of the 21st October 1863, No. 681, I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward copy of a letter* from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, bringing to notice the difficulty which he

has experienced in procuring suitable persons for the Anicut and Conservancy Establishments in the Kistna District, in consequence of the uncertainty which at present exists as to whether or not servants employed in those establishments will be admitted to the benefit of the Uncovenanted Civil Service Pension Rules.

2. In the Return of Uncovenanted Servants forwarded with Mr. Arbuthnot's letter above referred to, were entered Anicut Superintendents, Overseers, Maistries, and Monegars; Delta, Channel, and Navigation Superintendents; and Lock Maistries, Ameens, and Monegars—whom it is proposed to bring within the operation of the Rules; and I am to request the early orders of the Governor General in Council as to whether these servants, as well as the others entered in the Return furnished in October 1863, may be admitted to pensions.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

No 2846

FROM

E. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq.,

Secretary to the Government of India.

TO

The Acting Chief Secretary
to Government

Financial Dept.

Fort Saint George

SIMLA, the 9th Sept 1867.

SIR,

With reference to your letter
dated 26th August 1867, No 392 submitting
the recommendation of the local authorities
for the admission to the benefits of
the Unexhausted Service Pension Rules,
certain classes of servants employed
in Amicable & Conservancy Establishments,
I am directed to request that the
Government of India may be furnished
with a statement shewing in detail
the number of such servants, their
pay and the duties of each class.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obed^t Servant

E. H. Lushington

Secy. to the Govt of India

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No 569

Forwarded to the Public Works Department, with a request that the statement called for in this letter may be furnished.

Robert George
18 October 1867

To the Public Works Department.

G. J. Cunningham
Chief Secretary

Check for certain quantities
as in request of 18th Oct
in respect of the
amount in the Pension
to be admitted to the
benefit of the P. & S.
Pension Rules.

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Department
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No 3326 Read the following
From the Secy to the
Govt of India
Financial Dept (M. E. No. 2846 of
50th Sept 1867.)

Communicated to the
Superintending Engineers, who
will, with reference to Para
4 of Pro. No. 2135 dated 30
July 1863, furnish a state-
ment showing in detail
the number, pay and duties
of each of the classes of ser-
vants employed in their
respective Divisions, to whom
it is proposed to extend the
benefit of the Pension rules.

- British Districts
- do Overseers
- do Superintendents
- do Managers
- Delta Superintendents
- Channel do
- Navigation do
- Lock Districts
- do Amiens
- do Managers.

W.H.

SL. [Signature]

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Dated 25th October 1867

Requesting the Supg.
Engos to submit statements
of the Pay &c of the servants
employed on Amicut and
Condrovney Establishments
to whom it is proposed to
extend the benefit of the
Prudion Rules.

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