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Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th January 1869.*

No. 233. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 14th December 1868.—

Petition from the Neilgherry Range Establishment, dated 14th December 1868.

1. I have the honor to forward the accompanying petition for the favorable consideration of Government, being

of opinion that the establishment of a Widow's and Orphan Fund for the Uncovenanted Servants of the Public Works Department is a matter deserving of investigation, with a view to the scheme, if approved by Government, being worked out on reliable data.

2. Superintending Engineers might be instructed to ascertain how far the proposal is likely to receive the support of the Uncovenanted Servants employed in their Divisions, and the figures entered in the petition might be checked by report from the Controller.

No. 284.

ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1869, No. 140.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 23.

Madras Widows and Orphans Fund for all classes of Christians
Mount Soldiers' Widows and Orphans Fund for all classes of Europeans and East Indians
Bangalore Family Pension Fund for Hindoos.
Madras Family Pension Fund for Hindoos

The Government observe that there are in this Presidency several provident Institutions which offer to all classes of the community facilities for making such provision for their families as the means in their power may permit, and his Excellency in Council is therefore not prepared to take into consideration the proposal submitted by the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
,, Pension Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Would draw that concession to
the Uncovenanted Members
of the Service, who alike.*

Govt. of 1869 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

7TH DIVISION

&c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 18th.

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G O, 18th January 1869, No 140

JANUARY.

Nos. 233-234

Widows and Orphans Fund—The establishment of a Widows and Orphans Fund for the Unconvenanted Servants of the Public Works Department considered, for the reasons given, to be unnecessary.

fol of A. Orr R.E.
Secy. to Govt. of Madras.

Sir, to the undersigned, respectfully beg, that you will be good enough to lay the following proposition, for the favorable consideration of His Lordship the Governor in Council—

Government are, no doubt aware, that the Widows and Orphans of Unconvenanted Servants of Government, are under the present rules, left quite unprovided for, and indeed, it can hardly be expected, that a Servant drawing Rs. 50 monthly five per cent pension, having a wife and children, can save or lay by anything for the maintenance of the latter, on the death of the former, since the state of his family can be better imagined than described, suffice it to say, that they are driven homeless and helpless, almost entirely at the mercy of the world.

In Military and Marine Services, the Widows and Orphans are provided for, their husbands or parents, paying certain subscription and donation to the State, during their life time, if it therefore unreasonable to expect, that Government would deny that concession to the Unconvenanted Members of the Service, who alike,

alike with their Military and Medical Brethren work for the good of the State and the Public.

In asking Government for the introduction of a Fund of the description above mentioned, we would note, that no loss or expense need be incurred by Government as the following will show -

Let us maintain a Fund, let the salaries of each uncovenanted servant, be taxed say at the rate of five per cent. per Mensem. and we have no doubt, that the Members of the Service, will grudge to pay anything that is reasonable, seeing the great benefit that will accrue from the introduction of such a fund, and indeed on the contrary will promise, that every exertion will be made for the furtherance of this benevolent object.

To illustrate the practicability of the object contemplated, we say to note that in the Presidency, there are six Ranges, and in each Range one Range, and in each Range twenty five, can at the rate above suggested be collected monthly; thus the total for the whole Presidency for a month is Rupees 2250, or Rupees 24300 per Annum allowing Rs. 7300 for the Establishment and we have Rs. 20,000 on hand. Taking therefore on an average 10 persons in each Range, for 91, we have 910 souls; and Mortality at 7 per cent. the total disbursement say for 70 persons at the rate of Rs.

twenty per Mensem will only amount to Rs 16800 per year. leaving still to the Credit of the Fund Rs 3300 Annually. The Institution would therefore become self supporting, and all that we ask is the interference of Government for the organization of the Fund. The safety of this institution, the prevention of injustice to widows and Orphans, and the framing of such Rules as the Government may think fit. Not having data before us, we request you are enabled to speak for the uncovenanted servants employed in other departments under Government, but we will know that the Government can easily obtain the information, if they think such necessary.

Having thus far laid our views before you, it is now left with the Government, to decide what action is to be taken in the matter, and the amount of tax or deduction to be made from the pay of each individual, and indeed we confidently hope and doubt not, that Government would not be disposed to oppose the humble proposal made in this letter.

In parting the favor asked, we intensely feel thankful to His Lordship the Governor in Council.

We beg to remain Sir

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Have the honor to be
 Sir
 Your most obed. servant
 Charles Colwell R.E.
 Sups Engineer & Division

No 2883

No 140-165 January 1869

Forwarding a petition from the Wesleyan Church to the Government regarding the establishment of a widows and orphan fund for the maintenance of the public works department.

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M.H.
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by the Superintendent of the
7th Division.

W. L.

To the Superintendent, 7th Div.
Ruskin Dept.

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The Superintending Eng^r.
7th Division

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the reasons given, to be
unnecessary.