

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

13th December 1880, No. 7769.

Pensions.

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No. 828.

Referred to the Military Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
10th April 1880.R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 2379.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with advertence to
Proceedings of Government, No. 3760, dated 26th July 1878.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
13th April 1880.

(Signed)

H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

No. 180. From Colonel A. R. CLEPHANE, Officiating Adjutant-General, to
Colonel H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, V.C., C.B., R.E., Acting Secretary to
Government, Military Department; dated Fort St. George, 7th May 1880,
No. 322.

Adverting to your reference docket, No. 2379, dated 13th April 1880, sub-
*No. 3, dated 8th April 1880.

Tripassore, as represented by the Reverend D. W. Kidd, I am directed by the
Commander-in-Chief to state in the first place, that pensioners are as much
civilians as if they had never entered the army, and that the Military authorities
have no right to interfere with them in any way, except, should they reside in a
military cantonment, by requiring them strictly to conform to cantonment
regulations.

2. As these men, however, are old soldiers and as such for the most part very
improvident and little able to take care of themselves, His Excellency considers
that Government uses a wise discretion in intervening by helping them and their
families as far as is practicable.

3. This has been done by allowing them to occupy as free quarters some of
the old barracks, and by having their medical requirements and schooling of the
children attended to.

4. As regards the accommodation in the old barracks, His Excellency is of
opinion that it would be to the interests of the pensioners themselves, that the
boon of giving them free quarters at Tripassore should be discontinued. It is out
of the way of all supervision, and Sir Neville Chamberlain has been led to believe
that the condition of the people there is miserable and degraded in the extreme.

5. As a remedy in regard to those who have taken unauthorised possession
of the buildings, he would suggest that all accommodation in excess of the require-
ments of the pensioners should be pulled down at once, and the pensioners be
warned that they must leave their quarters at the end of the year, and that Govern-
ment should then move them—men, women and children, bag and baggage—to
Poonamallee or Bangalore, whichever they may choose.

6. Major Hamilton, Commanding at Poonamallee, might in the mean time be
directed to proceed to Tripassore, and it might be left to him to decide which of
the residents should be turned out at once, and which allowed to remain there
until the end of the year.

7. A selected pensioner might, with a small allowance as recommended by
the Reverend Mr. Kidd, be appointed as a constable to maintain order and report
to Major Hamilton, who should visit Tripassore once a month,—his travelling
expenses being, of course, allowed.

8. But, after all, the only control Major Hamilton could have over them
would be, to threaten to have them removed from their quarters or have their
houses pulled down if they misbehaved themselves, and the only effectual remedy
for the existing miserable state of affairs seems to be to move the pensioners at
the earliest convenient season away from Tripassore to some place where they
would be under supervision and control, and to make their return or re-establish-
ment of another colony there impossible.

No. 181. MEMORANDUM by His Excellency the COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The state of things represented in the Proceedings of this Committee is very
lamentable, and whatever remains in the power of Government to do to help old
soldiers who have taken their pension in India should, I think, be done.

2. The question, however, as to how the lot of this unfortunate class can be
ameliorated is a very difficult one; for the fact must not be lost sight of that, once
the pensioner has severed his connection with the army, he becomes a free agent, and
holds the same position and has the same rights as any other British subject; while
the evidence taken by the Committee from those in the best position to form an
opinion goes to prove that to add to their means, without imposing any restraint
on their way of spending their money, would merely result in making many of them
more idle and more drunken.

3. The Committee in their first recommendation would prohibit any soldier
from taking his pension in India. This would seem to me an arbitrary measure,
which would not be likely to receive the sanction of the Home authorities. More-
over, a rule of the kind, though it would cut at the root of the evil in the future
could not affect those pensioners who have already elected to remain in India, and
would, while it might benefit the pensioner himself, entail an equal if not a greater
amount of injury on his family, by removing them to England, where from their
constitution and previous habits they would in most instances be unfitted to gain a
livelihood.

4. The question of increasing the existing rate of pension is too broad an one
for me to enter on, nor do I think that pensioners have any claim to urge for such
Pay and Audit Regulations, 1861, page 239, concession; but I would repeat that I
para. 59. think that they have just cause to com-
Instructions for Paymasters of British Troops plain of the injury which is done them by
in India, para. 418. converting their pension from English
into Indian currency at the rate of

2s. 0½d. to a rupee, which has for years been in favor of Government and to the
great injury of the pensioner.

5. This is a question in which I consider the honor of Government is con-
cerned; and I would observe that redress is equally needed in the case of soldiers
who have to receive in Indian currency arrears of pay due to them in English money.

6. The poor pensioner or soldier has not the means—or fails to exercise
them—of obtaining redress in this matter; but it would be a mistake to suppose
that both are not aware that they are not fairly dealt with under existing rules.

7. The proposal of the Committee for the establishment of cottages and
gardens at Bangalore and of a colony at the Andamans has much in theory to
recommend it; but I doubt the success of either scheme.

8. Much expense would be entailed at the outset, and past experience seems
to prove that the class of pensioners whom it is intended to benefit would never
submit to the restraint which would be necessarily involved.

9. What is advanced by the Committee as the great recommendation of the
Andaman Settlement—viz., the absence of all liquor—is indeed the very thing which
would prevent its acceptance by the pensioners; for old soldiers—and especially
old Indian soldiers—unless they are very steady, when they are in most cases well
off and do not require assistance, will not, I believe, voluntarily go anywhere where
liquor cannot be obtained.

10. The recommendation of the Committee that the families of pensioners should be allowed free diet and attendance in hospitals would, if adopted, be followed I fear by so many abuses and so many difficulties that I feel I cannot support it.

11. The proposal that pensions should be paid monthly, instead of quarterly in advance as at present, is one which merits support. It is proverbial that many an old pensioner finds his way into hospital as his only means of subsistence a fortnight or so after the quarterly pay-day.

12. Monthly payments need entail little, if any, additional expense, and the extra trouble entailed upon the paying officer would be well repaid by the benefit to the pensioners. I would strongly recommend that Government should take steps to obtain sanction for this change.

13. Another measure that I would advocate is the removal of all pensioners from Tripassore. They certainly there get house-room free, but the houses are, it seems, falling into ruins and are not being repaired, while the isolated life they lead there, removed from any restraint from public feeling, and from any good outside influences, cannot but be very demoralizing.

14. I should, therefore, recommend that they should be warned from a certain date they would have to vacate their present quarters, and that Government should give them free conveyance for themselves and their belongings and baggage to Pallavaram or Bangalore.

OOTACAMUND,
6th May 1880.

(Signed)

NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, General,
Commander-in-Chief, Madras Army.

No. 182.

With reference to letter from the Adjutant-General, No. 322, dated 7th May 1880, and memorandum by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of the 6th idem, the Secretary to Government, Military Department, is directed to request that, under the orders of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the Officer Commanding, Poonamallee, may be directed to obtain, for the information of Government, with the least possible delay, full particulars as to the pensioners and families residing in the old barracks at Tripassore,—numbers, age, sex, &c., being given in a tabular form,—and also to furnish full information, but in less detail, as to persons, other than pensioners and their families, residing in the buildings, and what reason for occupancy they assign.

OOTACAMUND,
17th June 1880.

To the Adjutant-General.

(By Order.)

(Signed)

J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 183.

Memorandum from Colonel A. R. CLEPHANE, Officiating Adjutant-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 5th July 1880, No. 284.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, as called for in Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 3796, dated 17th June 1880.

From Major F. W. HAMILTON, Commandant, Poonamallee, to the Adjutant-General, Fort St. George; dated Poonamallee, 28th June 1880, No. 1334. (Forwarded through the Officer Commanding Centre District, dated 28th June 1880, No. 689.)

I have the honor to report that, on receipt of your memorandum,* No. 202, dated 18th instant, received on 25th idem, I sent Serjeant-Major Holder to Tripassore on the 26th instant, Major Holder to Tripassore on the 26th instant, No. 3796, of 17th June 1880, and I forward herewith the return of all residents at that place, together with all the detailed information that could be obtained, which I hope will be considered satisfactory. I beg to remind you that the Commandant of Poonamallee was relieved of the charge of the pensioners at Tripassore in the year 1874,—vide Proceedings of Government, No. 3689, dated 12th November 1874,—and as far as I can learn, the residents in these old buildings are not now under the control of any one.

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Return showing Pensioners and their Families living in the Old Barracks at Tripassore.

No.	From what Corps pensioned.	Name.	Years of Age.	Christian Name of Wife.	Years of Age.	Christian Name of Children.	Years of Age.	Year of Arrival at Tripassore.	Remarks.
1	102nd Fusiliers...	Pensioned Private J. Hammond...	55	Caroline ...	35	Joseph ... Rebecca ... Reuben ... Ellen ...	18 ... 16 ... 8 ... 6 ...	1863	Pensioned for Tripassore.
2	F/20th Royal Artillery	Do. Gunner W. Jelly	50	Sophia ...	29	Harry ... Charles J. ... Alice F. ... Annie M. ... William B. ... Edith ...	12 ... 10 ... 8 ... 5 ... 1 ...	1872	Do.
3	45th Regiment ...	Do. Private A. Dwyer	48	Mary Ann...	38	Ellen ... James ... Martha ... Albert ...	14 ... 12 ... 7 ... 3 ...	1874	Do.
4	E/14th Royal Artillery.	Do. Driver W. Talbot	40	Single	...	Nil	...	1880	Granted permission to occupy the quarters by Apothecary Almeida.
5	102nd Fusiliers...	Do. Private M. Hurley	55	Mary ...	55	Nil	...	1860	Pensioned for Tripassore.
6	1/17th Royal Artillery	Do. Gunner J. McDonough	67	Georgina ...	62	Nil	...	1873	Pensioned for St. Thomas' Mount. Asked no permission to occupy his present quarters at Tripassore.
7	102nd Fusiliers...	Do. Private J. Turnbull	67	Sarah ...	45	Nil	...	1860	Pensioned for Tripassore.
8	A/23rd Royal Artillery	Do. Serjeant G. Hindly	51	Virginia ...	26	John ...	...	1879	On pass from Bangalore.
9	37th Regiment, Native Infantry.	Do. Drummer T. Preston...	56	Single	...	Nil	...	1860	Pensioned for Tripassore.
10	48th Regiment...	Do. Private F. Northwood	45	Louisa ...	40	Nil	...	1879	Granted permission to occupy the quarters by Apothecary Almeida.

WIDOWS AND OTHERS OCCUPYING QUARTERS IN THE OLD BARRACKS.

Widow of late Pensioner S. Spooner, 69th Regiment.—She states that she arrived at Tripassore with her husband about forty years ago, and has occupied quarters at Tripassore ever since. Her husband died in 1850. No authority for occupying the quarters.

Widow of late Pensioner J. Stanley, 69th Regiment.—She states that she arrived at Tripassore with her husband in 1848, and has occupied quarters ever since. Her husband died about seventeen years ago. No authority for occupying the quarters.

John Solomon.—A native. He states that he is a Scripture Reader appointed by the Church of England Church Mission; he teaches nineteen native Christian boys in the end of an old building. He has no authority for occupying the quarters.

Widow of late Pensioned Serjeant Lyons, Veteran Battalion.—She states that she arrived at Tripassore with her husband, who died about seventeen years ago, and has occupied quarters ever since. She draws a pension of Rs. 5. A native man, his wife and two children live with this woman. No authority for occupying the quarters.

Widow of late Pensioner John Gee, 89th Regiment.—She states that she arrived with her husband at Tripassore about thirty-six years ago, and has occupied quarters ever since. Her husband died about twenty-six years ago. She draws a pension of Rs. 2-12-0. No authority for occupying the quarters.

Widow of late Pensioner John Kelley, 5th Cavalry.—She states she has no authority for occupying the quarters, which are detached. The yard and out-houses were in a most filthy state, from the number of cattle kept by her.

Civilian Robert Leary.—This man occupies quarters without permission with his wife. He states that, being a poor man without any means of support, and no place to live in, he went into the present quarters in 1876.

Civilian George Dunn.—This man occupies quarters without permission, with his wife and three children, aged eight, seven and one year respectively. He states as there was no rent to pay, he went into the quarters without authority.

Apothecary Almeida.—In medical charge, lives in surgery.

Schoolmaster Samuel Cox.—Occupying quarters at the end of the school-rooms with his wife and six children, aged thirteen, eleven, nine, seven, five and two years, respectively. Occupying the quarters by order of the Civil Inspector of Schools.

POONAMALLEE,
28th June 1880.

(Signed) F. W. HAMILTON, Major,
Commandant.

No. 184. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated 22nd June 1880, No. 3915.

No. 185. From Colonel A. JOHNSON, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, c.s.i., Secretary to Government, Military Department, Madras; dated Simla, 11th August 1880, No. 263-S.E.

Pensions—British Soldiers.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 3915, dated the 22nd June 1880, bringing to notice the very destitute state of certain European pensioners and their families in the Madras Presidency, and requesting a revision of the existing regulations, so as to entitle Indian pensioners, whose pensions are fixed in English money, to the same equivalent of their pensions as that given to Chelsea out-pensioners and to other persons.

2. In reply, I am to refer you, for the information of the Governor in Council, to this office letter, No. 473, dated the 24th August 1876, in which the Government of India decided, after a full consideration of the question, not to alter the rates hitherto given to Indian pensioners.

3. With reference to para. 4 of your letter under acknowledgment, I am to state that a further communication will be made in regard to the change, therein advocated, in the present system of paying Chelsea out-pensioners their stipends.

No. 186. From the Treasurer, London Missionary Society, dated 27th September 1880.

No. 187. No. 6602.

The Government having under consideration the present condition of the European pensioners and pensioners' widows and families occupying the old barracks at Tripassore, numbers as per margin, the Secretary to Government, Military Department, is directed to request that, under the orders of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Government may

Ten pensioners.
Eight wives of pensioners.
Fifteen children of pensioners.
Five widows of pensioners.

be informed whether accommodation exists at Trichinopoly in disused barracks (or at any other station) to which His Excellency would recommend that these people may be transferred. Information is also requested whether any European pensioners have lately been permitted to occupy disused barracks at Trichinopoly, and if so, in what numbers and on what terms.

(By Order.)

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

OOTACAMUND,
18th October 1880.
To the Quartermaster-General.

No. 188. From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, c.s.i., Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 1st November 1880, No. 1500.

In reply to your memorandum, No. 6602, dated 18th ultimo, I have the honor, by order, to report that the only available unoccupied military buildings at Trichinopoly are—

I.—The temporary barracks formerly occupied by a detachment of British Infantry. These have been handed over to the Public Works Department—O.G., Military Department, No. 4841, dated 2nd August 1880.

II.—Two Staff Serjeants' quarters near the garrison hospital.
2. The buildings, including family quarters, formerly used by a battery of Royal Artillery at Trichinopoly, and now occupied by a squadron of the 4th (P.W. O.) Light Cavalry, will be vacated early next year. These are the buildings which His Excellency Sir Neville Chamberlain recommended should be retained by the military in case at any time it may be necessary to send British troops temporarily to Trichinopoly.—See this office letter, No. 483, dated 21st June 1880; O.G., No. 4841, dated 2nd August 1880.

3. There are some old barracks that have been used as Ordnance and Commissariat store rooms at Trichinopoly which are now only partly occupied. In these it is proposed temporarily to house some of the men of the 21st and 30th Regiments, Native Infantry, going to Trichinopoly from the North-West Provinces, and for whom lines will not be available until some time after their arrival.

4. Two Staff Serjeants' quarters at Trichinopoly are at present occupied by pensioners under the permission granted and the conditions laid down in O.G., 28th January 1880, No. 631. These are in addition to the two vacant ones mentioned in para. 1.

5. There are no disused buildings elsewhere to which His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief would recommend that the pensioners from Tripassore should be transferred.

No. 189. *Endorsement from Colonel R. H. SANKEY, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 29th October 1880, No. 222.*

Transferred to the Military Department.

From Major H. R. MEAD, Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Madras; dated Coimbatore, 20th October 1880, No. 349.

Referring to G.O., No. 1990-W, dated 23rd August 1880, regarding the old military building at Tripassore, I have the honor to request the orders of Government with regard to the disposal of the old military buildings at Tripassore, and I recommend that they be sold by auction, but that the land be not sold with the buildings but retained as Government, the purchasers being allowed a period of say three months for the removal of the materials, &c.

2. The buildings are not required by any department. They are at present occupied by some pensioners and families of pensioners. They naturally express great unwillingness to move, and in case of the buildings being sold, they ask for compensation for private repairs they have executed on the buildings, and also that they may be allowed the expenses of their removal. I do not consider that they have any claim whatever; they have lived in the old barrack rent free for years, and probably made use of old Government material for the repairs executed by them, and in any case the repairs were done at their own risk.

3. I would, however, as a matter of charity, ask that the Collector may be authorized to assist the old pensioners when they are turned out a lump sum (not exceeding Rs. 200 would be ample); they are all miserably poor, and although it is advisable for many reasons that they should be turned out of the place and the buildings removed, yet it will be very hard on many of them who have been born there and lived there all their lives.

4. The amount that will be realized by the sale of the buildings will be but very little indeed.

No. 190. *From Colonel A. JOHNSON, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, Madras; dated Simla, 3rd November 1880, No. 549-S.E.*

Pensions—British Soldiers.

With reference to para. 3 of this office letter, No. 263-S.E., dated the 11th August 1880, I am directed to state, for the information of the Governor in Council, that after every enquiry, and a full consideration of the case, the Government of India do not consider it advisable to alter the existing system of paying Chelsea out-pensioners their stipends quarterly in advance.

No. 191. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1880, No. 7769.

Ordered that the foregoing letters from the Government of India be communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

2. The Government see objection to removing the pensioners now occupying the old barracks at Tripassore to other stations, inasmuch as they were pensioned expressly to that place, with the manifest intention of allowing them free lodging in the old fort, and they cannot properly be deprived of this special advantage after so many years.

3. The pensioners now in occupation will therefore be allowed to remain in the buildings until the present occupants die out, but His Grace the Governor in Council directs that the practice of pensioning men to Tripassore be prohibited in future.

4. The unauthorised civilian occupants should be ejected at once, and, as the buildings have been struck off the Military returns, orders will be issued in the Public Works Department for their disposal as they become vacant.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.

- " Quartermaster-General.
- " Public Works Department.
- " Ecclesiastical Department.
- " Educational Department.
- " Surgeon-General of Her Majesty's Forces in Madras.
- " Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
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Govt. of 18801 Madras.

MILITARY.

To THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

Esq.,

Ac.

Dated December, 13th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 13th December 1880, No. 7769.

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DECEMBER.

Nos. 179—191.

Communicating the decision of the Government of India in regard to the proposed changes in the payment of Chelsea and Indian pensioners, and permitting the military pensioners now occupying the old barracks at Tripassore to remain in the buildings; also prohibiting the practice of pensioning men to that station in future.

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