

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

19th March 1881, No. 486.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER:—

- No. 290. Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home, Revenue, and Agricultural Department (Famine), under date Fort William, 25th February 1881, Nos. 37—42.

Read the following papers:—

- Resolution of the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 2,087, dated the 10th August 1878.  
Resolution of the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 1,453, dated the 26th March 1879.  
Despatch to the Secretary of State, No. 344, dated the 2nd September 1878.  
Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 403, dated the 21st November 1878.  
Letter of the Government of Madras, No. 1,599-A, dated the 31st July 1879, and enclosures.  
Letter of the Government of Bombay, No. 1103—652-P, dated the 13th December 1878, and enclosures.  
Letter of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, No. 1,041—165, dated the 2nd March 1879.  
Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 148-C, dated the 10th September 1879.  
Letter to the Government of Bombay, No. 150-C, of the same date.  
Letter to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, No. 151-C, ditto.  
Despatch to the Secretary State, No. 29, dated the 28th January 1880.  
Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 83, dated the 18th March 1880, regarding the general question of the grant of certain concessions to deserving officers who suffered in health in consequence of famine duty in the Madras and Bombay Presidencies and in the Mysore Province.

Read also—

- Letter from the Government of Bengal, to the Government of India in the Public Works Department, No. 497-E, dated the 21st March 1879, submitting a list of officers and subordinates who were deputed for service on famine relief works in Madras and Bombay, in which list is included the name of Mr. F. Sills, Executive Engineer.

- Letter from the Government of Bengal, to the Government of India in the Public Works Department, No. 1,792-I.E., dated the 5th May 1879, submitting, among others, the names of—

Mr. F. B. Pemberton, Executive Engineer,  
Mr. A. J. Oldham, Assistant Engineer,  
Mr. G. T. St. A. Nixon, ditto,  
Mr. J. W. Kehoe, Supervisor,

with the remark that the Government of Madras will be asked whether they consider these officers deserving of the first of the concessions under Financial Resolution dated the 10th August 1878.

- Letter from the Government of Bengal, to the Government of India in the Public Works Department, No. 2,268-I.E., dated 5th June 1879, submitting the case of Mr. E. A. Parsick, Assistant Engineer, for a similar concession.

- Letter from the Government of Bengal, to the Government of India in the Public Works Department, No. 3,174-I.E., dated the 15th August 1879, forwarding copy of a letter from the Government of Madras (No. 1,308, dated 8th June 1879), in which Messrs. Parsick and Sills are denied the concession, and requesting that the Madras Government be invited to reconsider their decision in the case of Messrs. Pemberton, Oldham, and Kehoe.

Read also—

- Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 435, dated 6th November 1879.  
Letter to the Government of Bengal, No. 2, dated 16th January 1880.  
Letter from the Government of Bengal, No. 605-I.E., dated 4th February 1880.  
Ditto ditto ditto, No. 2,209, dated 13th May 1880.  
Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 43, dated 17th June 1880, regarding Mr. A. J. Oldham's case.

Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 280, dated 19th August 1880.  
 Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 147, dated 26th October 1880, regarding Mr. F. B. Pemberton's case.  
 Letter from the Government of Bengal, No. 4,276-I.E., dated 22nd December 1877.  
 Letter to ditto ditto, No. 19, dated 18th February 1878.  
 Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 1, dated 5th January 1881.  
 Letter from ditto ditto, No. 188, dated 27th January 1881, regarding Mr. Nixon's case.

## Read also—

Endorsement of the Director of State Railways, North-East System, No. 2,013-E., dated 10th May 1879, forwarding a communication from the Engineer-in-Chief, Central Bengal State Railway Surveys, submitting the cases of Messrs. M. J. Chabrel and A. M. Chiodetti, Assistant Engineers, reported to have been deputed, respectively, to Mysore and Madras on famine duty.  
 Letter from the Director of State Railways, North-East System, No. 2,315-E., dated the 3rd June 1879, intimating the extension of leave granted to Mr. Chiodetti.  
 Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 190, dated 14th December 1880, inquiring whether they have any recommendation to make in favor of Messrs. Kehoe and Chiodetti.  
 To the Director of State Railways, North-East System, No. 4, dated the 12th January 1881, stating, with reference to his endorsement, No. 2,013-E., dated the 10th May 1879, that Mr. Chiodetti's case for the grant of the first of the concessions, under Financial Resolution dated the 10th August 1878, has been referred to the Government Madras, and that Mr. Chabrel's request for the second concession cannot be sanctioned as he received extra allowances when on famine duty.  
 Letter of the Government of Madras, No. 1,636, dated 6th December 1880, forwarding copy of its Proceedings on the general question of the first of the concessions, and requesting that, if the views of the Governor in Council are accepted, the necessary communication may be made to the Government of Bengal regarding the cases of Messrs. Sills, Parsick, Kehoe, Pemberton, and Oldham.  
 Letter of the Government of Madras, No. 1,705, dated 14th December 1880, requesting that the name of V. Jaganadha Rao, late Special Deputy Collector on famine relief duties in Kurnool, may be added to the list of the officers to whom the second of the concessions has been granted.  
 Letter of the Government Madras, No. 1,726, dated 17th December 1880, requesting that Mr. E. Gibson, of the Madras Civil Service, and Mr. J. Huddleston, of the Inland Customs Department, both lately on famine duty, may be admitted to the benefit of the first of the concessions.  
 Letter of the Government of Madras, No. 123, dated the 17th January 1881, stating, in reply to letter, No. 190, dated the 14th December 1880, that Mr. Kehoe has been recommended for the concession in letter, No. 1,636, dated 6th December 1880, and that Mr. Chiodetti does not appear to have been employed on famine relief duties in the Madras Presidency.  
 Letter of the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, to the Government of India in the Public Works Department, No. 3,305-E., dated 15th November 1880, and enclosures.  
 Letter from the same, No. 3,743-E., dated 10th December 1880, and enclosure.  
 Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 188, dated 13th December 1880.  
 Letter from ditto ditto, No. 79, dated 8th January 1881, regarding the case of Mr. A. W. Slater, Assistant Engineer.

## RESOLUTION.

THE Government of India has been moved to grant the first concession allowed to famine officers under Resolutions Nos. 2,087 and 1,453, dated respectively the 10th August 1878 and the 26th March 1879, to the officers named below:—

Mr. F. Sills, Executive Engineer.  
 Mr. F. B. Pemberton, Executive Engineer.  
 Mr. A. J. Oldham, Assistant Engineer.  
 Mr. G. T. St. A. Nixon, Assistant Engineer.  
 Mr. J. W. Kehoe, Supervisor.  
 Mr. E. A. Parsick, Assistant Engineer.  
 Mr. A. M. Chiodetti, Assistant Engineer.  
 Mr. E. Gibson, M.C.S.  
 Mr. J. Huddleston, of the Inland Customs Department.  
 Mr. A. W. Slater, Assistant Engineer.

2. The concession in question consists of special leave on account of failure of health within a reasonable time after the completion of famine relief duty, such special leave carrying for the first six months full pay and allowances up to a limit of Rs. 600 a month, and the full pay and allowances being those of which the officer obtaining the concession may be in receipt when availing himself of the leave.

3. The Government of Madras in its Proceedings, received with letter No. 1636, dated the 6th December 1880, raises a question as to the period within which the concession can be allowed. On this point the Governor-General in Council agrees that the concession may be allowed to deserving officers who, before the end of 1880, were invalided in consequence of illness caused by relief duty. But it must be understood that the mere fact of a famine officer being obliged to take leave on medical certificate before the end of 1880 cannot of itself be accepted as sufficient proof that his illness was so caused. If the leave has been taken either directly from, or within a few months after, famine duty, the Government of India is not unwilling to presume that the officer was invalided in consequence of exposure and hard work in the famine. But, if any considerable time has elapsed between the date when the officer's famine duty ceased and the date of his taking leave, independent evidence will be required to show that the illness on account of which leave is sought has been caused by famine duty.

4. Applying this principle to the cases now under consideration, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to sanction the concession above described to the following officers:—

Mr. E. Gibson, who took leave on medical certificate whilst on famine duty.  
 Mr. J. Huddleston, who took leave on medical certificate two months after he was relieved of famine duty.  
 Mr. A. J. Oldham, whose famine duty ended in January 1878, and whose sick leave began in December 1878, but whose medical certificate testifies to the connection between his famine duty and his illness.  
 Mr. J. W. Kehoe, who returned to Bengal from famine duty on the 23rd January 1879, and whose sick leave for six months had been sanctioned by the 6th March 1879.  
 Mr. G. T. St. A. Nixon, who was invalided while on famine duty and returned to Bengal to proceed on ten months' leave.  
 Mr. A. W. Slater, who was also invalided while on duty and was allowed to proceed on leave.  
 Mr. F. B. Pemberton, who returned from famine duty on the 6th January 1879 and took six months' leave on medical certificate from the 21st April 1879.

5. Mr. A. M. Chiodetti is reported by the Government of Madras not to have been employed on famine relief duty in that Presidency. The Engineer-in-Chief, Central Bengal State Railway Surveys, will be so informed through the Director of State Railways, North-East System, with reference to the latter officer's endorsement, No. 2013-E., dated 10th May 1879.

6. In the cases of Messrs. Parsick and Sills further information is required. The Bengal Government in its letter No. 2268-I.E., dated 5th June 1879, recommended the grant of the concession to Mr. Parsick in consequence of his having had to take sick leave for seven months. But the Government of Madras, under which he served on famine duty, declined, in its Order No. 1308, dated 18th June 1879, to recommend him for the privilege. At the same time the Madras Government refused to support the claim of Mr. Sills, who had returned to Bengal on the 23rd January 1879, and had, on 21st March 1879, asked for six months' leave on medical certificate. It is understood that these orders were passed because it was then considered by the Government of Madras that the special leave ought not to be allowed from any date later than the 31st March 1879. But as above explained, and as now rightly supposed by the Madras Government, this is not the intention of the Government of India or of the Secretary of State. Accordingly, the Government of Bengal will now be asked for the medical certificates of Messrs. Parsick and Sills and for a report as to the dates on which they took leave.

7. Mr. V. Jaganadha Row, late Special Deputy Collector on famine duty in Kurnool, has been recommended for the second concession under Resolution No. 2087, dated 10th August 1878, viz., an addition to service for pension not exceeding the period of employment on famine duty permissible in the case of officers who received no extra allowance, and whose pay was not more than Rs. 600 per mensem when so employed.

8. The Governor-General in Council is pleased to sanction this recommendation.

ORDER.—Ordered that the above Resolution be communicated to the Governments of Madras and Bengal, also to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, to the Public Works Department of the Government of India, to the Director of State Railways, North-East System, and to the Finance Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. L. TUPPER,  
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 291.

ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1881, No. 486.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department, Accountant-General, and Messrs. E. Gibson and V. Jaganadha Row Pantulu.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,  
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.  
„ the Accountant-General.  
„ E. Gibson, Esq., M.C.S.  
„ M.R.Ry. V. Jaganadha Row Pantulu Garu.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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REVENUE.

To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,  
&c., &c., &c.

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SUBJECT.

Concessions to certain Famine Relief Officers.—  
Communicating to the Public Works Department,  
Accountant-General, and officers concerned en-  
dorsement of the Government of India forwarding  
Resolution granting —.