

12TH MARCH 1886, No. 270, PENSION.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., dated 6th January 1886, No. 10, Pension.

READ—also the following paper:—

From D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Pension Department, dated Madras, 5th February 1886, No. 472-X.

With reference to Proceedings of Government in the Pension Department, No. 10, dated 6th January 1886, sanctioning an invalid gratuity of Rs. 20 to Caroopen, late lascar, Conservancy establishment, Tanjore division, in lieu of Rs. 6-10-8, as entered in the report by this office, I have the honor to state that the certificate and report of this office was based on the rulings contained in section 121 (b) 4 of the Civil Pension Code, with reference to which the invalid pension admissible to an inferior servant is subject to a reduction as laid down in proviso to section 115, if he is invalidated on account of incapacity for further service due to old age or natural decay from advancing years, *vide* also note to section 113, Civil Pension Code.

2. Lascar Caroopen was appointed to the permanent establishment in September 1875, after he had attained the age of 38 years, and was invalidated, being old and worn out when about 48 years old.

3. I shall feel obliged therefore by your referring me to the provisions of the Civil Pension Code with reference to which Government have sanctioned the gratuity of Rs 20.

ORDER—dated 12th March 1886, No. 270, Pension.

The age of the lascar Caroopen on the date of his retirement was, according to his service book—the entry in which is always taken as correct unless there are strong reasons to believe the contrary—about 48 years. The medical officer was therefore precluded by the provisions contained in the second paragraph of the note under clause (e), section 113 of the Civil Pension Code, from certifying that inefficiency was due to old age or natural decay owing to advancing years. The Examiner of Public Works Accounts should have noticed this, and he should have either returned the certificate to the medical officer for amendment, or called for the further medical opinion and explanation required by note 2 under section 108. The Government did not consider it necessary, however, to delay the grant of the gratuity until this information was furnished, and they have accordingly sanctioned an invalid gratuity.

2. In submitting future applications for pensions or gratuities, the Examiner of Public Works Accounts will be careful to see that all the information required by the Pension Code is contained in them or in the enclosures thereto. In every case in which the necessary particulars cannot be obtained, he should notice the fact in his certificate, as is done by other officers of accounts.

(True Extract.)

H A Chant.

Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
„ Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Accountant-General.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.
„ Inspector-General of Police.

Exd. W. H. French.

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