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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

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From C. F. MACCARTIE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Nilgiris, to the Accountant-General, dated Ootacamund, 6th October 1890, No. 2167.

Referring to your No. J.A.D.-334, of 30th ultimo, to the address of the Treasury officer, I have the honor to point out that the words "exempted from personal appearance and represented by an agent" used by the Treasury Deputy Collector in his reply to your item No. 13 of the *result statement for July 1890* include not only persons specially exempted from personal appearance on account of high rank, or gosha women prohibited by their religion, &c, from appearing in public, but also those exempted by Collectors on account of infirmity or old age (kindly see paragraph 3 of Board's Standing Order No. 134).

2. Your letter No. I.A.D.-285, of 20th September 1889, which was expressly based on Board's Standing Order No. 132, Part 2, referred, therefore, to the class of pensioners mentioned in para. 1 *supra*, but the service pensioners paid at this Treasury do not belong to that class, none of them having claimed or obtained formal exemption.

3. Payments to these pensioners are made after identification under the rules contained in articles 1026 to 1029 and notes thereunder of the Civil Service Regulations. These rules, it will be observed, do not require or allude to the production of anything more than life certificates by those exempted by Government from personal appearance, or gosha women or persons unable to attend from bodily illness or infirmity. In fact, article 1028 lays down that a pensioner of any description producing a life certificate signed by the officers or individuals described in the article is by that fact exempted from personal appearance. This provision entirely covers the cases of Mr. George Hamnett, C.I.E., Mr. R. T. H. Griffith, C.I.E., and Mr. F. R. Griffith, late Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, First Grade, Bombay, which I quote as typical of the class of pensioners in this district. It seems monstrous to demand affidavits from these gentlemen in addition to the life certificates which is all that articles 1027 and 1028 demand.

4. Furthermore, the responsibility as to wrong payments is thrown clearly by note 1 of article 1029 on the disbursing or Treasury officer, and provided he is satisfied that the pensioners who produce life certificates are in existence, it seems to me that the production of affidavits, such as described in the Board's Standing Order, will serve no useful purpose since the personal servants of pensioners by whom pension receipts with life certificates are brought to the Treasury cannot be considered their agents, and much inconvenience is likely to result from insisting on such a procedure, for which, in my opinion, there is no warrant in the Regulations.

5. I have, therefore, the honor to request you will be good enough to reconsider the instructions contained in your letter under reply in the light of this explanation and allow the present procedure as to the payment of pensioners at this Treasury to continue.

RESOLUTION—dated 24th February 1891, No. 121.

The Board does not consider the grievance a very serious one, but as it is anxious to make the payment of their pensions to pensioners as easy as possible, will alter the procedure as follows.

2. What is wanted is a guard against forgery of the pensioner's name, and for this object, attestation of the pensioner's signature on the receipt is sufficient.

The words "*an affidavit, &c.*," to "*aforesaid agents, of*" will therefore be excised from Standing Order No. 129-5, and the words "*and attested by some respectable person approved by the Collector*" will be added after "*pensioner or yeomiahdar*;" the words "*when a power of attorney is not produced*" will also be excised.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. A. SIM,
Acting Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. CLARK,
Registrar.

To the Accountant-General.
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Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Ed. W. J. Lewis.

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Passing orders on letter from the Accountant-General suggesting certain modification in Board's Standing Order No. 129 (new edition) regarding pensioners and yeomahdars.

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