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READ—the following papers :—

Endorsement in the Military Department, dated 29th March 1892, No. 2127, transferring letter from the Adjutant-General, dated 19th March 1892, No. N.A.—6 C., submitting the following letter :—

From Colonel S. LEIGH HUNT, Superintendent of Pensions, to the Adjutant-General, Ootacamund, dated Fort St. George, 4th March 1892, No. 5657.

I have the honour to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, a report and return for the half-year ending 30th September 1891, regarding the employment, in civil capacities, of pensioners of the Madras Native Army.

ENCLOSURES.

REPORT by Colonel S. Leigh Hunt, Superintendent of Pensions, on the employment of Pensioners of the Madras Army in civil capacities, agreeably to the scheme promulgated by His Excellency Lord Roberts, G.C.B., G.C.I.E., V.C., late Commander-in-Chief, Madras Army, dated 4th March 1892.

The report dated 14th July 1891, after the scheme had been in work for 6 years and a quarter, showed 2,831 pensioners as remaining in employment on the 31st March 1891 under the new conditions.

2. Between March and September 1891—a period of six months—employment has been found for 722 pensioners, which added to the 2,831 employed pensioners alluded to in the foregoing paragraph gives a total of 3,553 pensioners.

3. Of the above number (3,553), 449 are reported as having voluntarily resigned employment, 53 as having been thrown out on reduction, 21 dismissed for negligence of duty, disobedience of orders, &c., and 37 died, leaving thus on the 30th September 1891 a total number of 2,993 pensioners employed under the new conditions.

4. The scheme has now been on trial for 6 years and 9 months, and the steady increase in the number of men employed testifies to the continued appreciation of the general public towards this source of obtaining labour, but as regards the employment of native military pensioners in Government Revenue and Judicial offices, notwithstanding the pressure that has kindly been brought to bear by Government from time to time in the form of Gazette notifications, circulars, &c., the result is by no means so satisfactory, as will be seen from the following statement, which has been compiled from data obtained from Deputy Collectors and other officers, and which, out of a total of 10,773 peons, &c., employed, shows only 164 as being native military pensioners :—

Districts.	Number of peons, batta peons, process servers, watchmen, dalayets, maintained in the Revenue and Judicial offices exclusive of Salt, Abkari, Forest, Jail Departments, &c.			Number of Military Pensioners employed as peons, &c., in the Revenue and Judicial offices exclusive of Salt, Abkari, Forest, Jail Departments, &c.		
	Revenue.	Judicial.	Total.	Revenue.	Judicial.	Total.
Ganjam ..	202	216	418	2	7	9
Vizagapatam ..	211	289	500	22	41	63
Godavari ..	389	396	785	1	3	4
Kistna ..	382	216	598	8	5	13
Nellore ..	306	186	492	..	..	..
Cuddapah ..	325	218	543	1	..	1
Anantapur ..	239	..	239	..	..	..
Bellary ..	264	277	541	..	1	1
Kurnool ..	225	134	359	..	..	..
Chingleput ..	219	137	356	5	..	5
North Arcot ..	98	246	344	10	1	11
South Arcot ..	245	202	447	2	1	3
Tanjore ..	249	599	848	4	4	8
Trichinopoly* ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Madura ..	265	388	653	2	..	2
Tinnevely ..	291	332	623	5	..	5
Coimbatore ..	275	193	468	8	..	8
Ndgiri ..	34	15	49	..	..	..
Salem ..	333	196	528	4	..	4
South Canara ..	166	256	422	..	..	..
Malabar ..	339	983	1,322	..	..	..
Presidency ..	82	156	238	23	4	27
Total ..	5,139	5,634	10,773	97	67	164

* No complete list has been received from Deputy Collector, Trichinopoly.

5. In a demi-official issued by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, dated 4th November 1884, on the subject of the proposed employment of native military pensioners in civil capacities, paragraph 2 runs as follows:—

"Amongst native employés of all grades, there obtains in this Presidency a regular system by which appointments are jealously guarded from open competition and are handed down from father to son, from elder to younger brother, or from uncle to nephew. This is natural enough, but it is at least probable that employers may often suffer from the desire of their subordinates to keep everything in the family. It is in consequence of this system that discharged soldiers, whose connections and influence have, as a rule, entirely concentrated themselves in the army, find it most difficult to make a start or get any sort of opening in civil life, for certain departments of which they are nevertheless peculiarly well qualified by their military training and antecedents."

6. In the statement at the end of paragraph 4, no allusion has been made to the Salt, Abkari, Police, Jail and Forest departments, in which many of the younger and more able-bodied of the native military pensioners—men from the lately disbanded regiments in particular—have found employment. Such appointments, necessitating a certain amount of physical endurance and hard manual labour, have no attraction for the class of men who look upon the easy post of cutcherry peon as a sort of hereditary sinecure, to be handed down from father to son; consequently, Deputy Collectors have been ever most ready to recommend pensioners for employment in the Police, Jail, Salt and Forest departments, and have indeed frequently complained that middle-aged pensioners would not accept employment offered in those departments.

7. But it is submitted that the bulk of military pensioners are men who have given the best years of their life and strength in the service of the State, and when, after years of honest toil, they have gained a well-earned pension, it is surely not too much for them to expect that, should Government again see fit to avail themselves of their services, it should at least be by offering employment that should not too severely tax their declining energies.

8. That military pensioners are fitted for posts as peon in the District Courts, &c., is proved by the success that has attended the experiment kindly made by H. R. Farmer, Esq., District Judge at Vizagapatam, in employing about his Court pensioners in preference to all other candidates—an experiment, it is understood, that had had most satisfactory results.

9. If but 25 per cent. of the posts enumerated in the statement in paragraph 4 were compulsorily ordered to be kept for native military pensioners, there would still be ample scope for patronage to the descendants of old servants, while not only would a great boon be conferred by Government on a number of still fairly able-bodied pensioners, who are, however, not young enough or sufficiently robust to accept employment in hard-worked departments like the Police, &c., but a considerable saving to Government would be effected, for the extra number of pensioners who would thereby be employed should bring up the total number employed to about 6,000.

10. The annual cost to Government of the Pension and Family Payment departments, head-quarter and outstations offices, throughout the Madras Presidency and in Upper and Lower Burmah, including the effective and staff pay of the Superintendent, in addition to all allowances now granted for the payment of pensioners and the upkeep of offices, &c., may be roughly calculated at Rs. 65,000 per annum. Of this amount, by the careful departmental working of the employment scheme some Rs. 57,000 is annually contributed by the saving effected in the rice compensation of employed pensioners (*vide* statement attached). If the number of pensioners employed could in the manner now proposed be raised to 6,000 men, the total saving in rice compensation might then be fairly estimated at Rs. 90,000 per annum, or a sum that would more than cover the annual cost to Government of the upkeep of both departments by a quarter of a lakh of rupees.

11. The number of registered candidates for employment, as ascertained on 31st March 1891, was 743, but this number would be more than trebled were it not generally understood amongst the older pensioners that the much coveted posts of peon, &c., in Government cutcherries, carrying lighter duties, are practically barred to them.

12. Of the 637 pensioners who remained in employment on 31st March 1891—*vide* last report—which employment they had found for themselves prior to 1885, only 593 pensioners remained in employment on the 30th September 1891, showing thus a decrease of 44 pensioners since last report, and which number is accounted for as follows:—

Voluntarily resigned ..	19
Thrown out on reduction ..	8
Dismissed for negligence of duty, &c. ..	4
Died ..	13
Total ..	44

Thus the number of pensioners employed on the 30th September 1891 stood as follows:—

Pensioners employed under the new conditions ..	2,993
Do. do. prior to the introduction of the scheme ..	593
Total ..	3,586

This number is composed as follows:—

Europeans or Indo-Britons ..	85
Eurasians ..	179
Mussulmans ..	1,263
Hindus and others ..	2,059
Total ..	3,586

13. During the half-year under report, there has been an increase in the number of pensioners employed in the stations—

Bangalore.	Sambulpore.	Bangalore district.
Bellary.	Samalkot.	Chingleput do.
Berhampore.	Seetabuldee.	Cumbum.
Condapully.	Secunderabad.	Godavari district.
Madras.	Shwabo.	Kolar do.
Meiktila.	Toungahoo.	Madura do.
Mercara.	Trivandrum.	Mysore do.
Moulmein.	Trichinopoly.	Nellore do.
Mount.	Trichoor.	Palamcottah.
Quilon.	Vizagapatam.	Tanjore.
Rajahmundry.	Anantapur.	Trichinopoly district.

and a decrease in the stations—

Arcoot.	Raipur.	French Rocks.
Arni.	Vellore.	Ganjam district.
Cuttack.	Vizianagram.	Mangalore.
Ellore.	Chunda.	Ootacamund.
Kamptee.	Cuddapah.	Salem.
Masulipatam.	Cuddalore.	Vizagapatam district.
Pallavaram.	Coimbatore.	

14. A statistical statement showing the percentage of pensioners employed at each station and giving a rough estimate of the savings to Government thus effected half-yearly in the shape of rice compensation, viz., Rs. 28,518-14-6, is herewith attached.

15. As stated in the previous report, application for the services of pensioners should be made to the different officers in charge of pensioners, of whom there is one at each of the principal stations in the Presidency—*vide* pages 176 and 177, Madras Quarterly Army List—and any particular information on the subject will, on application, be supplied by the Superintendent of Pensions, Fort St. George.

RETURN showing the number of Pensioned Soldiers of the Native Army employed in Civil capacities under Lord Roberts' scheme.

Regiments.	Military Department.	Civil Department.	District Police.	Railway.	Private Firms.	Native States.	Total.
1st Regiment, L.C.	..	4	2	5	2	2	15
2nd ..	2	6	3	3	..	3	24
3rd ..	..	14	..	1	..	3	18
4th ..	1	6	..	4	1	3	15
6th ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
1st Madras Pioneers	4	24	3	7	3	1	42
2nd Regiment, M.I.	7	26	2	14	5	6	60
3rd .. L.I.	5	19	9	21	15	4	73
4th Madras Pioneers	8	37	4	5	6	1	61
5th Regiment, M.I.	7	15	6	6	..	..	34
6th ..	..	24	5	10	7	5	51
7th ..	9	53	3	3	5	2	75
8th ..	5	33	8	6	1	..	53
9th ..	..	21	3	10	2	1	37
10th .. (disbanded)	18	52	22	14	17	17	140
11th ..	9	42	8	4	2	2	67
12th .. (disbanded)	13	65	63	6	16	9	172
13th ..	5	60	7	16	4	..	92
14th ..	..	29	1	2	2	1	35
15th ..	5	39	7	8	3	..	62
16th ..	5	32	4	15	6	3	65
17th ..	5	40	8	8	3	1	65
18th .. (disbanded)	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
19th ..	6	43	6	21	6	..	82
20th ..	7	36	3	9	6	1	62
21st ..	4	31	7	10	2	3	57
22nd ..	6	21	3	15	3	1	49

Return showing the number of Pensioned Soldiers of the Native Army employed, &c.—*cont.*

Regiments.	Military Department.	Civil Department.	District Police.	Railway.	Private Firms.	Native States.	Total.
23rd Regiment L.I.	6	38	2	10	..	1	57
24th .. M.I.	6	19	4	13	6	..	48
25th ..	16	48	12	15	3	1	95
26th ..	8	44	4	10	7	1	74
27th ..	3	18	4	18	5	..	48
28th ..	2	45	4	13	2	1	67
29th ..	6	27	1	11	2	2	49
30th ..	6	22	..	3	2	1	34
31st .. L.I.	4	29	5	14	8	3	63
32nd .. M.I. (disbanded)	4	41	8	18	11	18	109
33rd ..	6	39	34	15	13	1	108
34th .. L.I.	3	36	..	5	4	..	48
35th .. M.I.	14	21	5	17	4	2	63
36th ..	3	51	..	15	2	2	73
37th ..	7	22	11	2	10	1	53
38th ..	3	37	1	8	4	..	53
39th ..	9	48	5	12	8	..	82
40th ..	6	20	1	14	5	2	48
41st ..	12	28	3	8	10	1	62
43rd ..	..	7	..	..	1	..	8
46th ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
47th ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
48th ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
49th ..	1	1	..	1	..	..	79
51st ..	13	41	1	15	8	1	167
"Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners..	30	73	1	36	21	6	167
Miscellaneous ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	301	1,530	293	496	255	118	2,993

FORT ST. GEORGE,
4th March 1892.

(Signed) S. LEIGH HUNT, Colonel,
Superintendent of Pensions.

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FORT ST. GEORGE,
4th March 1892.

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