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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PENSION DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following G.O., dated 30th August 1893, No. 941, Pension :—

Read—the following paper from the Collector of Kistna, dated 25th August 1892 :—

Certificate and report from the Accountant-General, dated 10th August 1893, No. 236-A.D.J.

Order—dated 30th August 1893, No. 941, Pension.

Under articles 502 and 518 (b) of the Civil Service Regulations (2nd Edition), the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to grant to Pannala Venkatesvara Somayazulu, late 1st-class Revenue Inspector, Palnad taluk, a superannuation pension of (Rs. 15) fifteen per mensem payable at Guntur from 16th July 1891, in consideration of his qualifying superior service of 28 years, 9 months and 5 days.

2. No recovery need be made from the applicant on account of the pay which was drawn by him while on leave to which he was not entitled.

3. The applicant was superannuated on 15th July 1891, and his pension application was received in the Accountant-General's office on 6th September 1892; the Accountant-General's first reference for certain information regarding it was made on 7th October 1892, and this was not replied to by the Collector until 20th June 1893. This delay is attributed to the fact that the whereabouts of the applicant were not known. The Accountant-General made a second reference on 1st July 1893, which the Collector answered on the 18th idem. The application was received by Government only on 11th August 1893, or over two years after the applicant's removal from the service.

4. As regards the delay in the original submission of the application, the Collector ascribes it to the transmission of the service book from office to office, and to reference made to the Inam Commissioner in connection with a portion of the applicant's service; but even this explanation relates only to the period up to 6th January 1892, and the further delay has not been explained. In the face of the stringent orders of Government issued from time to time in the matter of verification of service books, the Government cannot understand why the applicant's service book had not been completely verified before superannuating him. The Collector of Kistna should now institute personal inquiries into the matter and report the names of the officers who are to blame for this extraordinary delay.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General, with Register.
„ the Collector of Kistna.

READ—also the following letter from J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kistna, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Masulipatam, 30th November 1893, Disposal No. 2796-Accts. :—

I have the honour to reply to G.O., dated 30th August 1893, No. 941, in paragraph 4 of which Government directs me to institute personal inquiries into the extraordinary delay in submission of the pension application of Pannala Venkatesvara Somayazulu, and to report the names of the officers who are to blame.

2. Stated briefly the delay is attributable to two factors: first, the faulty procedure hitherto adopted in the matter of periodical verification of service registers, and secondly, to individual delays on the part of this or that officer.

3. My attention was attracted to the method of periodical verification adopted in this district, in connection with the pension application of another individual, which, though received in this office in May 1892, was not finally submitted to the Accountant-General till 15th June 1893.

4. On inquiry, I was informed in an office-note by my Treasury Deputy Collector, M.R.Ry. Ch. Venkatachellam Pantulu Garu, that "From the spirit of article 989, clause (d) of the Civil Service Regulations, and paragraph 5 of Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd August 1888, No. 728, it has hitherto been understood that the duty of the Account Department is to verify the service registers, so far as records are available in the office, and to note down the unverified periods." On this I pointed out that the wording of G.O., dated 29th June 1888, No. 717, clearly contemplated the complete verification of service registers up to date at the initial verification. In a subsequent office-note submitted by Assistant Collector Mr. Hughes, I was referred to G.O., dated 2nd March 1889, No. 241, and it was argued that since verification from records in the custody of other offices was in the circumstances stated in the Government Order to be postponed till submission of pension application, it would be waste of labour to take affidavits and evidence of witnesses at the periodical verification, since in the final verification the periods covered by these affidavits and evidence might, after all, be found to be verifiable from records. The Accountant-General on a reference from me decided that this view was untenable; and that G.O., dated 2nd March 1889, No. 241, was intended only for the protection of his own office, and that affidavits and evidence must be taken "as the occasion arises."

5. In the rules for the verification of service registers there are three processes of verification prescribed, first from records in custody of the office wherein the individual is serving, secondly from records in custody of other offices or departments wherein he has served, and thirdly from affidavits and evidence.

In this matter the first method has been followed; the second, it is claimed by my Account Department, has been followed, though facts belie the assertion; the third has admittedly been postponed till final verification.

6. I regret to have to say that the work of verification of service registers has been in practice almost entirely neglected. The case in which Government has now called for explanation is the third in which I have observed gross delay since joining the district. I have referred to one in paragraph 3 above. Another is that of an individual named Vempati Ramanna whose service ceased on 10th October 1892, and whose application for pension was sent for my signature on 28th November 1893. In illustration of the same fact I may mention that, though Government promulgated the rules for periodical verification in June 1888, there was no verification at all of the service registers of one taluk at least till 1890.

7. For this general neglect of periodical verification the various Treasury Deputy Collectors are primarily responsible. The following is a list of these officers since June 1888 up to the present time:—

	From	To
M.R.Ry. Rai Bahadur R. Surya Rao		
Naidu Garu	June 1888	1st Aug. 1888.
M.R.Ry. B. Hanumantha Rao Pantulu	2nd Aug. "	7th Nov. 1890.
Garu (now deceased)	20th Dec. 1890	23rd June 1891.
M.R.Ry. P. Viraswami Nayudu Garu	8th Nov. "	19th Dec. 1890.
" K. Narasimham Pantulu Garu	24th June 1891	16th Mar. 1892.
" Ch. Venkatachellam Pantulu		
Garu	17th Mar. 1892	26th June 1893.
J. Hughes, Esq., Assistant Collector	27th June 1893	27th Aug. "
M.R.Ry. Syed Ali Sahib Bahadur	28th Aug. "	to date.

8. I now pass on to the individual delays in the case of Pannala Venkatesvara Somayazulu now under reference. I gather that Government only requires an explanation for the delay from 6th January 1892. On that date the papers were received

in the office of the General Charge Deputy Collector, Vinukonda. Up till 10th April 1892 the papers were untouched in that office. The individual responsible is the Head Clerk of that office. As I have had many occasions recently to complain of gross delays on this clerk's part, I will now punish him suitably.

9. The pension application reached my office from the General Charge Deputy Collector's office on 29th April 1892. There were then references to the Accountant-General, the Board of Revenue, the Tahsildar of Nandigama, the Treasury Deputy Collector of South Arcot, and the Tahsildar of Tanuku, for information, including the taking of evidence. Complete information was received from these offices on 9th August 1892, and the application was despatched to the Accountant-General on 31st idem, a delay of 20 days in a matter which should at most have occupied a week.

10. On 7th October 1892 the Accountant-General sent in an objection statement. This involved the taking of another affidavit from the applicant. He was directed to appear, but up to the end of December had not done so. On 1st January 1893, with the introduction of the disposal number system of business into my office, the work of disposing of pension applications was transferred from the English to the Account Department. Unfortunately in this process Somayazulu's application was lost sight of, and nothing further was done till 7th February 1893, when a reminder was received from the Accountant-General. Fresh notices were sent to Somayazulu on 7th February, 11th March, 24th March, 1st April, 26th April and 8th May. He eventually appeared and his affidavit was taken on 16th June. The Accountant-General's objection was replied to on 22nd June. A fresh objection was received from that officer on 7th July and replied to on 20th July.

11. The above is an epitome of the separate delays that have occurred, as deduced from the records of the case. I respectfully submit that, for the period since 29th April 1892, excepting the delay between 1st January and 7th February 1893, it is impossible to say that any definite individual or individuals are to blame. So far as appears, the officials responsible were using proper diligence to get the matter disposed of. The real cause of the delay lies (1) in the previous omission to carry out the periodical verifications, and (2) in the negligent manner in which the pension application was prepared and submitted to the Accountant-General, so that further references became necessary. The clerk who prepared the original pension application was D. V. Subba Rao, now Acting Vernacular Head Clerk of my office. From 1st January 1893, Bh. Subbayya, 3rd English Accountant on Rs. 35, was in charge of the papers. I have very recently had occasion to punish him for delay in submission of another pension application in the month of November. I trust that this will serve as a warning to him.

12. The above, I regret to say, does not exhaust the delays that have occurred in this matter. The Government Order now under reply was received in my office on 2nd September, when I was in Camp. My English Head Accountant, A. Krishna Rao Nayudu, kept it with him, without any action thereon, till 24th November when he placed it before the Treasury Deputy Collector. It was sent to me on 27th instant, and that was the first time I was aware of the Government Order. This negligence on the part of the English Head Accountant will be suitably dealt with.

ORDER—dated 9th January 1894, No. 2, Pension.

Recorded.

2. The Government regrets to learn that the rules prescribed in G.O., dated 29th June 1888, No. 717, Pension, for the maintenance of service books and the prompt verification of applications for pension have been disregarded in the Kistna district. It is observed that Mr. Atkinson, the present Collector, is taking steps to carry out the orders of Government in this respect.

3. The Accountant-General's interpretation of G.O., dated 2nd March 1889, No. 241, to which reference is made in paragraph 4 of Mr. Atkinson's letter, is correct. For the Land Revenue establishments the Treasury Deputy Collector is the verifying

officer, and as observed by the Accountant-General, affidavits and evidence in regard to portions of service, which cannot be verified from office records, must be taken as occasion arises.

4. A copy of these proceedings will be communicated to all heads of departments for information and guidance. The quarterly returns of verification of service books have been discontinued under the impression that this work has been brought up to date in most offices, but the submission of these returns will have to be again required, if it should hereafter appear that the instructions contained in G.O., dated 29th June 1888, No. 717, have been neglected.

(True Extract.)

K. C. L.
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Kistna.
" the Accountant-General.
" all Departments of the Secretariat for communication to Heads of Departments.

Exd. C. M. Brisson.

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PENSION.

No 192 Wd/22 January 1894

Communicated to
officers of the Public Works
Dept. with reference to the
undimentioned orders.

G.O. 2231 W d/21 July 1888
" 272 W d/4 February '93.

(Signed) J.P.
W.

G.O., 9th January 1894, No. 2.

JANUARY.

Recording, with certain remarks, a letter from
the Collector of Kistna reporting the result of
his inquiries into, and the names of the officers
who are to blame for, the delay in the submission
of the pension application of P. V. Somayazulu,
late 1st-class Revenue Inspector, Palnad taluk.

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S. of W. P.P.
Rev. P.W. A.

with order