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Government of Madras.

Pension

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 382 A

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8TH MAY 1883, No. 382-A, PENSION.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

SIR,

I am directed to forward the accompanying memorial from one Seetiah, late Dhoby, Madras Lunatic Asylum, appealing against the Order of this Government, No. 956, dated 10th October 1882, declining to grant him any retiring allowance.

2. It is true, as the memorialist states, that on a previous occasion a gratuity was passed to a dhoby, but the question whether or not service of this description was pensionable was not then raised, and this point was fully considered and decided when the order now appealed against was passed.

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is of opinion that a dhoby is not, properly speaking, a menial servant. It is not pretended that the memorialist could wash the clothes of all the inmates of the Madras Lunatic Asylum. He doubtless took the contract at so much a month, and employed others in working it out. His Excellency in Council was therefore not disposed to bring servants of the memorialist's class under the Pension Rules, and he has now no recommendation to make on his behalf.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E. F. WEBSTER,
Secretary to Government.

OOTACAMUND,
8th May 1883.

Annexure

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PENSION DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From SEETIAH, late Dhoby, Lunatic Asylum, Madras, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Chinnatamby Naik Street, Kosapet, Madras, 24th April 1883.

I beg most respectfully to lay my deplorable case before you in the humble hope that it will meet your favorable consideration. The facts of the case are as follow.

2. I entered the service of Government as a dhoby on Rs. 8 in the Commissariat Department, and was transferred to Lunatic Asylum, where I drew my last pay as Rs. 12 per mensem. The total service in both the departments amounted to upwards of thirty-one years. I was pronounced by Medical Examining Committee as unfit for further service owing to my old age; accordingly I was compelled to retire with a hope of procuring me a pension. The Superintendent of Lunatic Asylum submitted my pension application with his recommendation, supported by the Surgeon-General, the countersigning authority, to Local Government, who declined to pass any retiring allowance to dhoby class of public servants as if they had no precedent. But I presented a petition to Local Government (a copy of which is herein enclosed) pointing out a precedent, but that Government refused to modify the order once passed.

3. With reference to the above, I humbly beg to submit that—

- (1) When I was employed I was informed that the service of dhoby is pensionable.
- (2) Accordingly my pay was drawn on the permanent establishment bill among other pensionable class of servants.
- (3) My whole time was spent in the service of Government, to which effect a certificate was attached to my pension application by the Head of the Office under whom I served.
- (4) I was declared to be unfit for further service by Medical Committee.
- (5) My Head of the Office and the countersigning authority recommended the grant of pension. In spite of the above binding conditions for pensionary service, the Local Government, to my misfortune, declined to pass any retiring allowance to dhoby class of public servants, even though that Government had the liberality of treating all previous cases as pensionable *one*.

4. In other Presidencies also, where salary systems as in Madras are in existence, I think the service of dhoby is treated as pensionable. I served Government faithfully and without enjoying any kind of leave with a full hope that I would get pension in my old age, and it will be a great hardship if I am denied of the boon conferred on persons who rendered similar service.

5. In these circumstances, I humbly request that your honor will be graciously pleased to consider my deplorable case and grant me pension, the payment of which I think will not long continue owing to my old age.

ORDER—dated 8th May 1883, No. 382, Pension.

Ordered that the memorial be forwarded to the Government of India, and the memorialist informed of its despatch.

(True Extract.)

J. D. REES,
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

1883.
PENSION DEPARTMENT.

From the Government of
Fort St. George.

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Letter, 8th May 1883, No. 382-A.

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Pension.

Forwarding memorial from one Seetiah, late
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Your Most Obedt &
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* Mark of Sethia
Residing at Chinnatambly near
Kosapet
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ABSTRACT.

G.O. No. 302 of 14 April 83.
N^o 382. 7 P

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Dep't. of India Com.

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8 May 1883
M.P. 145

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PETITION DEPARTMENT.

(Pension BRANCH).

N^o 472

From

Seriah

Occupation Late Dhoby
Village Lunatic Asylum
Taluk Madras.
District

Dated 24th } April 83.
Received 25th }

Enclosures — 2 —

Post 5/5/83.
The Hon: Mr. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT.

Encloses a Memorial
for transmission to Govt.
of India. 6 P
Order 8 May 1883 N^o 382
ordered that the memorial
be forwarded to the Govt. of India
The memorialist informed of its
despatch. For 30/4/83

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18 30/4/83
M.P. 17-5-83

[Despatch.]

READ AGAIN Order of Government, dated
188th, No. Miscellaneous.

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FURTHER PAPER, No.

OF 1882.

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