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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieutenant, R.N.R., Master Attendant, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 6th April 1883, No. 3080.

Administrative Department.

In G.O., Marine, No. 111, dated 16th February 1883, the Government were pleased to declare that service in all appointments held by *employés* of the Marine Department paid from Port Funds qualifies for pension, the pension or gratuity payable for such service being debitable to Port Funds.

2. In March last, I received the accompanying printed copy of an addition to the Codes of the Financial Department, which reads as follows :—“Service paid from an excluded Local Fund does not qualify ; but this rule shall not be held to prohibit the grant and payment of pensions under the general rules of this Code by the authorized administrators of any such fund. The Government is in no way responsible for the sanction or continuance of such pensions, and no standing order for their payment may be issued to, or received by, any Government Treasury.”

3. I forwarded the paper to the Accountant-General, and requested the favor of his opinion as to its bearing on service in appointments held by *employés* of the Marine Department paid from Port Funds, which in the Government Order above quoted is declared as qualifying for pension. In reply, he suggests that the questions raised should be addressed to Government (copy enclosed).

4. I need not say that the matter of pension is one of the greatest importance to the Madras Marine Service in general, and to such of its members with long service in particular. There is a large number of both superior gazetted officers and subordinate *employés* among the latter, and after having passed the most part of their service in perfect security with regard to their pension, that they should now be placed in uncertainty about it, by a financial arrangement carried out entirely in the interests of the State, inflict on them very serious injury. In fact, the best interests of the whole service is involved in the issue of the present question. It is presumed that the Port Fund Establishments of the other Presidencies are placed on an equal footing with the other Government Establishments as regards pension, leave, &c., and I earnestly solicit that the Government will be pleased to place the right of the Madras Marine to pension, &c., beyond all doubt and secure from any future interference. It should be remembered that, apart from the consideration of the source from which they are now paid, they perform the work of the State as any other branch of the public service, and in regard to pension, leave, &c., they are clearly entitled to be classed with them.

5. In conclusion, I beg respectfully to observe that in recommending that the whole Marine expenditure of this Presidency should be brought on the Port Fund, I never for a moment contemplated that the status of the Madras Marine should in any way be affected in regard to the general rules of the public service with reference to pension, leave, &c., and I beg respectfully to point out that the adequacy of Port Funds to defray all charges without State assistance has not had sufficient trial, and many circumstances might occur to render a return to the former combined system imperative.

No. 750.

Referred to the Accountant-General for remark with reference to the latter part of Section 81 (revised) of the Civil Pension Code which does not seem entirely applicable to the case of Marine Department *employés*.

OOTACAMUND,
12th April 1883.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

From H. F. CLOGSTOUN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 23rd April 1883, No. J.A.E.-17.

Pension Department.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 750, dated the 12th April 1883, referring for my remarks a letter from the Master Attendant, Madras, No. 3080, dated the 6th idem, I have the honor to invite the attention of Government to the recent exception under the revised Section 81 of the Civil Pension Code, published at page 179 of the *Gazette of India*, Part I, of the 14th instant, from which it will be seen that service in an establishment paid from Port Funds managed by Government is declared to be pensionable, provided that pension for such service is paid by the Port Fund.

2. Accordingly, the pensionary prospects of members of the Marine Establishments of this Presidency remain unchanged.

3. The endorsement under acknowledgment and its enclosures are herewith returned.

ORDER—dated 28th April 1883, No. 222, Marine.

Communicated to the Master Attendant, with reference to his letter, No. 3080, dated 6th April 1883.

2. It will be observed that the exception referred to by the Accountant-General places the question of the pensionary prospects of members of the Marine Establishments beyond doubt.

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

*True copy/
Quarto
Chief Secretary*

To the Master Attendant, Madras.
" Accountant-General.

Pension Dept

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Pensions.

Communicating to the Master Attendant, Madras, letter from the Accountant-General, pointing out that, by a recent exception under the revised Section 81 of the Civil Pension Code, the pensionary prospects of members of the Marine Establishments of this Presidency remain unchanged.

Order there 23rd May 1883

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