

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G. O., dated 21st May 1883, Mis. No. 1348, Judicial.

Read—the following letter from E. C. JOHNSON, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vizagapatam, 30th April 1883, No. 281:—

Elephants (four in number) were first supplied to the Agent here, in 1862, on the abolition of the Meriah Agency (*vide* G.O., dated 19th June 1862, No. 2176, M.D.). After consulting the Commissariat department the then Agent fixed the pay of the elephant servants, *i.e.* mahout, at Rs. 9, and kabad, at Rs. 6 per mensem. The pay of these servants, according to the above rates, has ever since been provided in elephants' budgets, and the Government have always sanctioned it. But it does not appear that any separate sanction of Government for the employment of these servants and their pay has ever been obtained. The Accountant-General now says that, under notification of the Government of India, dated

		Elephants.	
Agent		3	
Principal Assistant Agent		1	
Senior Assistant Agent		1	
Special Assistant Agent		3	
	Total ..	8	
		Rs.	
8 mahouts, at Rs. 9 .. per month		72	
8 kabadies, at Rs. 6 .. „		48	
	Total ..	120	

21st February 1870, No. 1221, Financial department, published at page 295 of *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 8th March 1870, a formal sanction of Government both for the employment of these servants and their pay is necessary. There are at present eight elephants attached to the Agent and his Assistants, as shown in the margin, with a similar number of mahouts and kabadies, who are paid at the rates given above. I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to obtain the

sanction of the Government for the employment of the above 16 servants and their pay, as advised by the Accountant-General.

Order—dated 21st May 1883, Mis. No. 1348, Judicial.

The elephant establishment particularised in this letter, costing Rs. 120 per mensem, is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

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

READ—also the following papers:—

From H. G. TURNER, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vizagapatam, 27th June 1884, No. 493.

In their order, dated 21st May 1883, Mis. No. 1348, the Government have sanctioned the employment, and the rates of pay, of the 16 elephant servants attached to this agency. The particulars connected with the time when their employment commenced, and the way in which their pay is provided, were given in my letter, No. 281,

dated 30th April 1883, referred to in the above G.O. I now feel a doubt as to whether the service of these servants counts towards pension, and, if so, whether it does so from the dates of their employment or from the date of the above G.O. which sanctions their employment. I have the honor to solicit orders of Government on the subject.

From H. F. CLOGSTOUN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 25th August 1884, No. J.A.E.-239.

Pension department.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 1586, dated the 17th of July 1884, referring to me, for report, letter, No. 493, dated the 27th June 1884, from the Acting Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, inquiring whether service rendered in the capacities of mahout and kabady (elephant servants) counts for pension, I have the honor to state that the above appointments fulfil all the three conditions of qualifying service prescribed by the Civil Pension Code. First, that the appointments are sanctioned by Government and the duties and pay thereof are regulated by them; secondly, that they are regarded as substantive appointments; and thirdly, that the pay is defrayed from the general revenues. Under these circumstances, it rests with Government to decide whether the service of mahouts and kabadies should be regarded as pensionable or not.

2. I beg to forward copy of a letter received from the Controller of Military Accounts, Bengal, No. 7101, dated 14th August 1884, from which it would appear that the service in these appointments is regarded as pensionable in the Bengal Presidency.

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

ENCLOSURE.

From Lieutenant-Colonel C. J. DURAND, Officiating Controller of Military Accounts, Bengal, to the Accountant-General, Madras, dated Calcutta, 14th August 1884, No. 7101.

In reply to your letter, No. J.A.E.-184, of 28th July 1884, to the address of the Accountant-General, Bengal, I have the honor to inform you that mahouts and elephant coolies employed with heavy field batteries of Royal Artillery are pensioned under Military rules, while those employed in the Commissariat department are classed as inferior servants and are eligible for the grant of pension under the rules in the Civil Pension Code.

Article 595, A.R.I., Vol. I, part II.

Section 93, Civil Pension Code.

ORDER—dated 9th September 1884, No. 2296, Judicial.

Communicated to the Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam. The service of mahouts and kabadies serving in the Agency, Vizagapatam, will be regarded as pensionable from the 21st May 1883, the date of the G.O. sanctioning the establishment.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]

Chief Secretary.

To the Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam.
" Accountant-General.

Copy to the Agent in Ganjam.
" Agent in Godavari.
" Pension department.

Exd. J. Wright.

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G.O., 9th September 1884, No. 2296.

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Elephant servants.

Communicating to the Agent to the Governor,
Vizagapatam, letter from the Accountant-General,
Madras, stating that the service rendered in the
capacities of mahout and kabady counts for
pension.

Order then 13 Oct/84 N^o 1125

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