

Pension (1896) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1016/17

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Ordering that the Govt. of India be addressed to accord its sanction for the extension to the Madras Board of Revenue of the powers now exercised by Divisional Comrs in Bombay with regard to the grant of petty pensions under art. 999 C.R.

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Pension
Revenue (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 996



Rev. C No. 9964/1014

For orders.

Order

From

The Board of Revenue
Rev. Lett: L. R. and Agr
Madras

No. 4207 Misc.

Dated 27 August 1896

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SUBJECT

Petty Pensions
Informing Government
that the Board in
this Department
has no objection
to the proposed
measure regard

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

Dated 27th August 1896.

No. 4207 Miscellaneous.

READ

Government Order Pension
Department, dated 29th July 1896
No. 685 Miscellaneous. Reg 5

Resolution.

The Board in
this Department has no objection
to the measure proposed by
Government, as it would
greatly facilitate the despatch
of work and obviate unneces-
sary delay in the disposal of
applications for pension.

(True extract)

To
The Secretary to Government Pension Department
R. V. Srinivasan
Secretary

28/8/96

Pension (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 1014

From
The Accountant General
Madras

Order

No. 1245

Dated 11 September 96

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SUBJECT

Forwarding in original
certain papers noted, in
respect of the extension of
the powers exercised by Divisional
Officers to the grant of petty
pensions to

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Pension Revenue (1896) Department.

CURRENT No.

From The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue, Madras.

Order

No. 3915 Misc.

Dated 27th August 1896.

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SUBJECT.

Reporting that the Board has no objection to the suggested extension to it of the powers now exercised by Divisional Commissioners in Bombay in regard to the grant of petty pensions but at the same time observing that, the only cases on which the Board can pass orders being those of a routine nature, the work connected therewith may well continue to be done by the Under Secretary to Govt. in the Pension Dept.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue)

No. 3915 Misc., dated 27th August 1896.



Read Government Order, Pension Department, No. 685, dated 29th July 1896.

Resolution

The Board understands that the contemplated delegation of powers in the matter of granting pensions would only include those cases in which no doubt arises as to the grant of the full pension admissible under the rules. The Accountant-General has pointed out that the powers exercised by a Local Government under Article 464, Civil Service Regulations, cannot be delegated to the Inspector-General of Police, and on the same grounds the power of reducing pensions under Article 514(b) could be ^{not extended} submitted to the Board. All cases in which the conduct of a subordinate had not been entirely satisfactory and in which any interpretation of the rules was necessary, would therefore have to be submitted to Government for orders, and the Board could only dispose of such applications as the Accountant-General certified to be free from doubt.

2. The Board has no objection to the change suggested by Government, but it is not clear what end will be gained thereby. The Board has no special establishment to be employed on this new duty, while in the Government office there is ^a separate Pension Department. As stated above, the only cases on which the Board's orders can be taken are those of a routine nature, and it seems better that the office work connected with these should remain, as at present, in the hands of an Under Secretary, than that it should be added to the already heavy burdens of the Board's Land Revenue Secretary, who it may be noted is a more highly paid officer and as such should be freed from routine duties as far as possible. The order in every case would be one of formal sanction, except in those rare instances in which the Board was disposed to differ from the Accountant-General and the orders of Government would then be required.

(True Extract)

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Acting Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government, Pension Department.

through the Accountant General. ✓

Md. R. H.



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue).

Dated 14th August 1896,

Mis No. 3439

Read Government Order, Mis No 685, Pension Department, dated 29th July 1896. Regd

Resolution

With reference to the Government Order read above, the Board begs leave to report that it sees no objection to its being empowered to grant pensions in the case of all officers subordinate to it drawing pay not exceeding Rs 20 per mensem. Subject to the limitations indicated in the Accountant General's letter No 1214 dated 23rd April 1896. Such a course will simplify work and enable pensions to be granted more quickly.

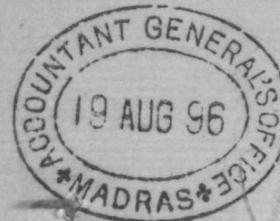
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Cautioned

Assistant Secretary.

To The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

through the Accountant General, Madras.



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Board of Revenue
(Separate Revenue),
MADRAS

To

Proceedings, dated
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Pension DEPARTMENT.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Accountant-General's Office,

No. *245*

11 September 1896

From

F. C. Harrison Esqre,

M. ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE

To

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

THE *Secretary to Government*
Pension Department.

SIR,

With reference to Madras
7095 Government Order N° 685 dated
the 29th July 1896 upon the subject
of delegation of the powers of
sanctioning petty pensions, I have
the honour to forward in original
the marginally noted communication
from the Board. The report from
the Settlement Department has

No: 3439 dated 14th August 1896 (Separate Revenue)
" 3915 dated 27th August 1896 (Land Revenue)

rec^d. separately - vide CN^o 996

not yet been received. When received it will be forwarded.

2. I see no account objection to the delegation suggested, but the orders of the Government of India will be necessary.

3. The limitation indicated by me and embodied in Government Order No 362 P. dated the 14th May/96 will apply.

4. It should be made clear whether the proposed delegation extends to petty pensions earned by superior servants.

I have the honor to be
Yours most ^{Dr} obed^t serv^t,

W. Harris
Off Accountant General.

From

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,

MADRAS,

To

THE

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Read again P.O. No. 655 Pension 29-7-96.

Also C. No. 996 41014.

Notes connected with P.O. No. 1015-17 Pm. 226-12-96.

From the Board of Rev., Rev. Sett. 27-8-96 No. 4207

Julian

A.G.

Dated 11-9

1896, No. ²⁴⁵ ₂₄₅

The proposal to empower the Board of Revenue to grant petty pensions.

I see no objection to the proposed ref^{ce} to India - If India agrees, it will be necessary to draw the particular attention of the B. (and, indeed, that of the

FOR ORDERS.

J.S. of Police should now be drawn) to the wording of art 514 C.S.R. "The full pension is not to be given as a matter of course or unless the service rendered has been really approved" - "If the service has not been thoroughly satisfactory, the local authority should make a deduction in the amt. of pension as it thinks proper."

The reading of this article is that it does not suffice, for a man to obtain full pension, that he should have succeeded in escaping definite blame during his service, but that he should in some way have earned special Commendation for the performance of his duties.

Please see the notes in P.O. No. 362 Pension 14-5-96 which empowers the J.S. of Police with ref^{ce} to Art. 1005 of the C.S.R. to grant pensions to police officers on pay not exceeding Rs. 201 p.m. in cases where there is no doubt as to the grant of the full pension admissible under the rules.

The Honble Mr. Bliss, when noting on the subject, observed that Commissioners in Bombay possessed similar powers and suggested that the Board of Revenue should be placed in the same position.

A reference was accordingly made to the Board requesting that authority to report through the Acct. General whether there was any objection to addressing the Govt. of India on the subject. (P.O. 655 Pension 29-7-96)

Currents 996 & 1014 constitute the replies to the reference. The Revenue

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Settlement Dept. of the Board (which has reported Direct to Govt. & not through the ^{accredited} ~~Board~~), & the Separate Revenue Dept. are both in favour of the proposed delegation of powers on the ground that it will "simplify work & enable persons to be granted more quickly". The Land Revenue members are however of opinion that the "office work connected with 'routine pension orders' should remain as at present in the hands of an Under Secretary, ^{rather than} that it should be added to the already heavy burdens of the Board's Land Revenue Secy, who, it may be noted, is a more highly paid officer and as such should be freed from routine duties as far as possible". It is also noted that the Board, unlike the Govt. office, has no special establishment to be employed on this new duty. — These arguments, which ~~are~~ probably originated in Mr. Carr's experience of the Pension Dept. when he was an Under Secretary, admit of a ready answer. — The number of routine pension cases which would come to the Board on the L.R. side would be so trifling as not to require any additional establishment. The ^{total} number of pension currents received in the Govt. office during a year is about 1400 or 4 per diem; of which perhaps one-tenth* might go to the Board, or one in every two days. Supposing there were twice as many, there wd. only be one case a day to deal with, which, as the cases are ~~rehypothecated~~ routine would not take a clerk five minutes. There is no necessity whatever to throw additional labour on the Board's Secretary; the work might well be finally dealt with by the

* It must be remembered that this number is only clear with cases which are free from doubt. Probably this estimate is too low.

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Assistant Secy who draws less pay than an Under Secy in the Govt. office & would on that account, be better fitted for ^{Employment} ~~the~~ ^{on} routine work.

Orders are solicited as to whether the Govt. of India should be addressed as proposed. The acct. General states that, if this is done, there is no account objection to the change.

The Pension Establishment in the Govt. office consists of a manager, 1 clerk & 1 copist; it seems unnecessary to discuss whether this could be reduced, until experience shows whether the reduction in work by reason of the delegation proposed exceeds the normal tendency to increase.

LD
23-9-96

The Govt. of India should be addressed on both these points.

JG
25/9/96

If it is decided to address the Govt. of India, the opportunity might be taken to suggest that the Local Govt. should be empowered to delegate the power of commutation ~~less without~~ absence without leave into leave without allowances (C.R. Act. 464)

the want of this power causes many
petty pension cases to come up to
Govt. office for disposal as routine
papers.

LD.
23.9.96

H. H. H.

Petty Pensions

To the Chief Secy
Ind. Dep.

Pension Dept.

DESPATCH

after issue, and to
H. M. for personal
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for favour of counterinitials

Read again G.O. No. 362 Pension, D
A " " G.O. No. 685 " 14 May 96
A " also C. No. 996 & 1014 " 29 July 96

Secy

after issue, the Hon. Secy
Bless' note may be submitted to
the Hon. Secy for personal.

H. H. H. 10.10.96

Financial Dept

NOTE

The letter to India should, under
A para 2 of G.O. No. 643 Ind. D. 29. Sept
96, issue in Financial ?

C.S.
2.10.96

I have seen the Hon. Secy
Bless' note. So far as I have
seen, the I.G. does not
require any "reminders".

JG

3/11/96

JG

G.O. No. 1016 of 2.6.10-96-

With reference to the arguments
adduced by the Board of Rev. (L.R.) in
favour of the present system according to
which petty pensions are disposed of in
Govt. Office, the Govt. observes that
the number of such cases which would
come before the Board in the event of the
introduction of the change now proposed
will be so trifling as not to necessitate
the entertainment of any additional
establishment and that inasmuch as
the papers will be
they are of a routine description, there
is apparently no reason why they should
not be disposed of by the Board's Asst.
Secy. The G. of I. will accordingly be
addressed with a view to grant of sanc-
tion for the extension to the Board of Rev.
of the powers now exercised by Divisional
Commrs. in Bombay under Art. 999
of the C.S. R. and the opportunity
will

The will be taken at the same time to suggest
petty that the local Govt. should be authorized
the 9 to delegate the power of commuting absence
pay without leave into leave without allowances
to the Board of Rev and to the S.G. of Police.

2. With reference to G.O. No
362 Pension, 8 14-5-96, the attention of the
S.G. of Police will be drawn to the terms
of art: 574 of the C.S. R.

(from order)

Letter 11/1/96. N/A 21.10.96
2. N-1017-

The Secy. to the Govt. of India
Fin & Com: Dept.

The Board of Rev:
" S.G. of Police

Reason Manager
I presume this is correct; V. B. 2
Yes. 1st

Sir,
I am directed to request that the
G. of I. may be moved to accord its
sanction for the extension to the Madras
Bd. of Rev. of the powers now exercised by
Dist. Commrs. in Bombay with regard to
the grant of petty pensions, vide art: 999
of the C.S. R.

2. I am to say that this Govt.
has recently authorized the S.G. of Police, to
grant petty pensions under the terms of
Art: 1001 of the C.S. R and that in this
connection

"Financial" will
examine this &
then put up for
my count & init

N/A 21.10

N/A for the C.S.

Subd. that Financial has a
examined. please see
page 1 of the draft.

C.S.
22.10.96

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connection the desirability of conferring
similar powers on the Bd. of Rev. was mooted.
The question was referred to that body in all
its depts. and the Commrs. of Sept. Rev.
and Rev: Sett, L. R & Agri. have in
reply expressed their opinion that the
measure proposed would simplify the work
and obviate unnecessary delay in the dis-
posal of applications for pensions, while
the Land Rev. Commrs. have reported
that they have no objection to the change
proposed, suggested. The A.G. who was
consulted states that there is no account
objection to the delegations suggested, sub-
ject to the sanction of the G. of I., but
that it will be necessary that pensions
or gratuity applications should continue to
be submitted to Govt. in cases where
any apparent objection to the grant of a
retiring allowance exists or where the
full amount of pension admissible under
the rules cannot be granted to an officer
owing to his unsatisfactory character and
conduct.

3. In these circumstances I am
to solicit the sanction of the G. of I.
for the amendment of art: 999 of the C.S. R.
by the insertion of the word "and the
Bd of Rev: in Madras" after the word
"Sindh"

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2. 4. This will have the effect of
empowering the Board of Rev: to grant pensions
to revenue subordinates whether in superior
or inferior service drawing Rs 20 a month
and less, in cases where such claims are
certified by the A.C. to be admissible under
the strict letter of the Regulations.

362 C. I am further to ^{request} suggest that
the local Govt. may in this Presy. be
authorized to delegate to the S.G. of Police
and the Bd. of Rev: ^{the} power to commute
retrospectively periods of absence without
leave into leave without allowances which
is conferred by art: 464 of the C.S.R. Since
the delegation to the S.G. of Police of the
^{deleg} power of granting petty pensions, ^{it} which has
been found that a considerable number
of purely routine cases continue to come up
to Govt. in consequence of the fact that
the applicants have at some remote period
in their service been absent without leave
for a few days. The provisions of Art. 464
are utilized ~~almost~~ as a matter of course
in such cases and there is in the opinion
of Govt. no reason why authorities in such
a position as the S.G. of Police & the Board
of Rev. should not be considered competent
to exercise discretion in regard to the
commutation of periods of absence without
leave

5. In conclusion I am to
state that H.E. the G. in C. trusts that
the G. of I. will see no objection to the
change for which sanction is now solicited
and to remark that it has been proposed
in pursuance of the policy of delegating
power wherever possible, upon which ^{both} the
G. of I. and the S. of S. so frequently lay
stress.

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