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Transmitting to the Govt of India, a memorial addressed to the Rt. Honble the Sec^y of State for India by Mrs. E. L. S. Popson, widow of the late Mr. N. R. Popson, C. D. E., F. R. A. S., formerly Govt. Astronomer, Madras, and recommending the grant to her of a compassionate allowance of £150 per annum in consideration of the preminent exceptional nature of her late husband's services to Astronomical Science.

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FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
PENSION DEPARTMENT,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT (PUBLIC).

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Letter No. 894, 28th September 1896.

SEPTEMBER.

TRANSMITTING to the Government of India the accompanying memorial addressed to the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, by Mrs. E. L. S. Pogson, widow of the late Mr. N. R. Pogson, C.I.E., F.R.A.S., F.M.V., formerly Government Astronomer, Madras; and recommending the grant to her of a compassionate allowance of £150 per annum in consideration of the pre-eminent and exceptional nature of her late husband's services to astronomical science.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

From

G. STOKES, Esq., I.C.S.,
Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Pension Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT (PUBLIC),

Dated Ootacamund, 28th September 1896.

SIR,

I am directed to transmit the accompanying memorial to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India in Council submitted by Mrs. E. L. S. Pogson, widow of the late Mr. N. R. Pogson, C.I.E., F.R.A.S., F.M.V., formerly Government Astronomer, Madras. The memorialist's prayer is that "at least some portion of the sum due to her late husband as pension earned, but never received owing to his sudden and untimely death, may now be granted to his widow, and that if any sum is due to his estate from the Madras Government for the ten volumes embodying the Meridian Circle observations sanctioned by Government at the rate of £150 per volume, that also should be paid" to her.

2. The late Mr. Pogson entered Government service as Astronomer on the 8th February 1861 and held the appointment continuously until the date of his death, 23rd June 1891, i.e., for thirty years, during fourteen of which he also discharged the duties of Meteorological Superintendent. It is unnecessary to dwell upon the exceptional nature of Mr. Pogson's services to the cause of science as these are detailed in the memorial transmitted with this letter; the nature of his work as a servant of Government may be inferred from the fact that so long ago as the year 1883 his "meritorious services" were considered by His Lordship the Secretary of State to warrant the grant to him of a special retiring pension of Rs. 4,500 per annum. This allowance was, however, never drawn by Mr. Pogson, whose continuance in office was sanctioned in the interests of the public service. He was busily occupied in the discharge of his duties until the year 1891, at the close of which he intended to retire on pension. On the 20th of May, however, a medical examination, to which he was subjected by Brigade-Surgeon Lt.-Col. Drake Brockman and Surgeon-Major Branfoot, elicited the fact that he was suffering from virulent cancer of the liver against which medical science was powerless. Mr. Pogson decided forthwith to put his official affairs in as good order as the time remaining to him permitted and took steps to leave clear and full directions for the guidance of his successor in regard to the completion of his unpublished astronomical works. In reporting to Government the fact of his impending decease, he expressed the hope that the Secretary of State would "mercifully take into consideration the very unprovided condition in which his wife and two infants would be left," and urged that his long service of over thirty years without a day's leave of any kind, and his numerous discoveries of new planets and variable stars, entitled his family to liberal consideration at the hands of the Government. Mr. Pogson's death took place on the third day after this final report.

3. In September 1891, Mrs. Pogson, who had previously addressed the India Office direct on the subject, wrote to the Madras Government praying for the grant of a compassionate allowance to herself and her two children, in consideration of her late husband's valuable astronomical discoveries and unremitting labours in the cause of science. The case not being provided for in the rules regarding the payment of pensions from Indian Revenues, the Government as then constituted considered that it

was precluded from recommending to the Secretary of State the grant of the allowance requested by Mrs. Pogson. It was, however, suggested to His Lordship, that in view of the eminent services Mr. Pogson had rendered in the cause of science in general, and not specially for the benefit of this country, the case was one in which a civil list pension might appropriately be sanctioned. No official communication appears to have been received from the Secretary of State in reply to this suggestion; but from an unofficial communication from Lord Cross to the late Governor, Lord Wenlock, it appears that the Secretary of State, while regretting his inability to obtain any pension for Mrs. Pogson from the English treasury, indicated that such an allowance might be a charge on Indian Revenues.

4. In March 1893 a further application was received from Mrs. Pogson, and, though it was then decided that no further steps could be taken on behalf of Mrs. Pogson, that decision has now been reconsidered since the receipt of the memorial transmitted with this letter, and I am now to urge that the Government of India may be pleased to forward Mrs. Pogson's memorial for the favourable consideration of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India in Council in view of the pre-eminent and exceptional nature of the services which Mr. Pogson rendered to astronomical science during his long service as Government Astronomer in this Presidency. The grant of a special pension or allowance to his widow and children is one which is no doubt not provided for by the Civil Service Regulations; but the case is to some extent analogous to that contemplated in article 789, which authorizes the grant of small pensions to the family of a Government officer injured or killed in the execution of his duties. Mr. Pogson continued to devote himself to his public duties up to the day before his death, which took place during the hottest month of a year in which the heat was exceptionally severe, and, as Brigade-Surgeon Lt.-Col. Drake Brockman writes in the letter which forms an enclosure to Mrs. Pogson's memorial, Mr. Pogson's labours told upon him severely "especially towards the end, when he personally superintended and in fact at times with his own hands undertook heavy manual labour in taking to pieces and re-setting the delicate machinery connected with the telescopes" in his charge. This exposure and over-work no doubt told upon his health and materially hastened his death, which may be ascribed to that devotion to his duty and the cause of science which led Mr. Pogson to continue his labours in a tropical climate long after considerations of health should have induced him to quit the country. These circumstances taken together with the very exceptional nature of Mr. Pogson's astronomical discoveries constitute, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, cogent reasons for the grant of a compassionate allowance to his widow and children, as to whose straitened circumstances there is no question. I am therefore to express the earnest hope of His Excellency the Governor in Council that a strong recommendation may be made on their behalf to the Secretary of State.

5. As regards Mrs. Pogson's request that any sum due to her husband's estate on account of the published volumes of the Meridian Circle observations conducted under his supervision may be paid to her, I am to observe that a sum of Rs. 600 was disbursed to Mrs. Pogson in July 1891 on account of so much of the work of publication as had been completed by her husband before his death. Enquiries which have subsequently been made of Mr. Michie Smith, the present Government Astronomer, show that no further sum on this account is due to the late Mr. Pogson's estate.

6. Finally, as regards the amount of pension which should be granted to Mrs. Pogson, I am to say that His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that her late husband's services warrant the grant to her of a pension of £150 per annum.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Ag. Secretary to Government.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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Mrs. E.L.S. Pogson's memorial
will be transmitted to the Govt. of India.

(from orders)

Mrs. E.L.S. Pogson

LETTER

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India,

Home Dept. (Public)

Sir,

I am directed to transmit the accompanying memorial to the address of the Rt. Hon. the Secy. of State for India in Council submitted by Mrs. Edith L.S. Pogson, widow of the late Mr. M.R. Pogson C.I.E., F.R.A.S., F.M.U., formerly Govt. Astronomer, Madras. The memorialist's prayer is that at least some portion of the sum due to her late husband as pension earned but never received owing to his sudden and untimely death may now be granted to her and that, if any sum is due to his estate from the Madras Govt. for the 10 volumes of Meridian Circle observations made under his supervision at the rate of £150 per volume, may also be paid to her.

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is all right as it is
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1894/95 his "meritorious services" were considered
by His Lordship the Secy of State to warrant
the grant to him of
an account of his meritorious services

vide Lord Kimberley's Despatch
to the G. of I., No.2 Pub., d/ 11th
Jany, 1885.

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~~a special pension of Rs.4500 per annum~~
~~was sanctioned so long ago as 1885,~~

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Mrs. Pogson's Memorial to the
Secretary of State.

(FROM ORDERS)

H.E. the Governor.

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Mrs. Pogson's Memorial to the
Secretary of State
for India.

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(FROM ORDERS)

~~The Honourable Mr. Grose, C.I.E.~~

~~The Honourable Mr. Bliss, C.I.E.~~

H.E. the Governor..

who does not

*accept para 6 of the
draft which is based on*

*It was noted by 25th 420th
August.*

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ORDER. 28th Sep^r 1896 No 893

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*Para. 6 of this draft is in accordance
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(from orders) =

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C. No. 690.

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From Mrs. E. L. S. Pogson,
widow of the late Mr. N. R. Pogson, C.S.I. & C.I.E.

Dated 27th May 1896, No.

The case is a special one & quite outside the terms of the C.S. Regs. I think Mr. Pogson's exceptional services (see Mr. P's letter being now sending it to the Private Secretary) warrant a compassionate grant to her for Indian Revenue. No application for such a grant has been made yet. I think it should be FOR ORDERS made now.

What are our grounds? has been

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A made about the publication of those volumes? ^{is} anything granted to Mr. Michie Smith on that account, & if so what?

JG

10/7/96

* D.O. 127 2/5-6.92 Pub

+ D.O. 173 4/6.5.93

In September 1891, Mrs. Pogson applied to this Govt. for an allowance, and her application was forwarded to the Secretary of State, pointing out that the grant of a pension to her is, under the Indian rules, inadmissible, and suggesting that, as her late husband rendered eminent services in the cause of science in general & not specially for the benefit of this country, a civil list pension might appropriately be conferred.

She applied again to this Govt. in 1892 for assistance, saying that she received a reply from Lord Cross regretting his inability to make any official representation to the 1st Lord of the Treasury on her behalf. In reply to this appeal she was informed that this Govt. did all that it could in her behalf, that the matter was out of the hands of H.C. the Governor in Council, and that in the circumstances no further action could be taken.

She appealed a third time in 1893, but with the same result. Lord Cross's reply to this Govt. letter

h 21-10-91 No. 19 Public, was received in March 1893.
M He regretted his inability to obtain any pension for her
out of the English Treasury.
a Mrs. Pogson now appeals ^{for the} fourth time.

+ vide St. E. The Governor's remarks in L.O. 173 of 91
(I imagine this was a private letter
from Lord Cross to Lord Weymouth; his notes
in L.O. 520 show that a private letter
was written to the former by the latter
on 30.6.91)
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30.6.91 Special attention is invited to Mr.
Pogson's last letter to Govt. written 2 or 3
days before his death. (L.O. 520
3.7.91)
The case is an exceedingly hard one, but
it seems that Govt. has done all it
can, unless any bonus can be granted to
Mrs. Pogson on account of the volume of
her husband's observations which have
been published. This is a matter for the
Public Department to note upon.

A pension is admissible under the C.R.
but it is possible that a special extra-
ordinary compassionate allowance might
be sanctioned from Indian Revenues (C.R.
1005) on the analogy of C.R. 789. Mr.
Pogson's death was no doubt accelerated
by his devotion to duty.

LW
3-7-91

I do not understand why this
Govt. should have considered itself
precluded from asking for a
compassionate pension for Mrs.
Pogson out of Indian Revenues.
(vide letter to Sec. of S. in L.O. 19-87
21-10-91) and should merely have
suggested a pension from the
home Civil List. It is true
"the eminent services" of the
late Mr. Pogson were rendered

Mr. Piles' pencil note in
L.O. 173 of 6.5.93

in the cause of science in general
that specially for the benefit of
this country; but as Mr. Pogson
served the best of this country for
over 30 years without a day's
leave of any kind, worked literally
up to the eve of his death (see L.O.
542-2 of 3rd July 91) and never
~~decided~~ entered on the pension
wh. the Sec. of S. had sanctioned
for him, it seems to me quite
as reasonable that India should
provide a compassionate pension
for the widow as that the English
Civil List should provide it.
The matter was however
discussed in Council & it was
decided that nothing more
should be done & Mrs. Pogson was
informed accordingly.
Orders are requested as to
whether the order just quoted is
to be final or whether an appln.
should for the first time be
made ^{to India & the Sec. of S.} for a compassionate
pension payable to Mrs. Pogson
out of Indian Revenues. If the
latter view should be taken it
would probably be well not to
ask for too large a sum, but
to limit it to £100 or £150
a year - from the date of Mr. Pogson's
death.
It must be decided in the
Public Dept. whether payment

can be made to Mrs. Pogson for the volumes of her husband's observations published after his death. If it is thought right to apply for a compassionate pension this question of payment for the books had better not be raised until the pension question is settled: payment for the books would obscure the issue & might prevent the pension from being granted.

ALH 21.7.96

The reason why Govt. did not apply for a special pension to the husband's Indian accounts was that after careful search nothing whatever could be found in the C.S.R. which could be made to apply. There is a list of Mr. L.A. Penlock in G.O. No. 173. 6/15/93. but I do not recollect L.A. being ever in Council. I know that Mr. Pogson's case - as long as one was busy discussing books something for her, was more than once talked over in Council. The result was always the same. It is a very hard case and fortified perhaps by what Dr. Brockman has now written, but I might now perhaps be disappointed with some chance of success. At any rate there will be no loss in trying. A special case for special treatment outside the C.S.R.

Petition from Mrs. E.L.S. Pogson, widow of the late Mr. N.R. Pogson, C.S.R. Sec.

FOR ORDERS.

The Honble Mr. J. C. S. & Co.
Chief Secy (Public)
for favours of Counter-signature

might be made. ~~not recommended~~
7/7/96

21/7 - Re 2119

CN 690 Pension

Inding from Mr. Michie Smith's letter, I don't see how ^{can be made out} a case for giving Mrs. Pogson any more on account of the volumes published after Mr. Pogson's death than has been already given her (viz Rs 600) for her work with regard to them consisted entirely (according to Mr. Michie Smith) of the supervision of assistants engaged in the work of taking & recording observations, of this was obviously part of his ordinary duty. But this matter may be left for consideration after words. I think we should now recommend the grant of a compassionate pension amounting to Rs 100 a year to Mrs. Pogson, for her services to the service.

31/7/96
£100 a year is very little -
Let us try for £150

Considering the state in which Lord's Pension was granted in England, £100 a year would be a liberal grant, especially if it is to be paid from the date of Mr. Pogson's death.

A.H. 5.8.96

A Public dept

With reference to the H.M.'s query on the note for orders regarding Mrs. Pogson's application for an allowance it is submitted that Mr. Michie Smith has continued the publication of the volumes but has received no extra remuneration for doing so. To make sure that this information was accurate a d/o was addressed to Mr. Michie Smith on the 23rd inst and the H.M.'s attention is invited to his reply (d/o No. 476). It will be seen that the late Mr. Pogson's work of revision in connection with the volumes had, at the time of his death, not gone beyond the year 1872. The Rs 600/- paid to his estate under G.O. 602. Pub. d. 21.7.91, was, therefore, apparently, in full of all demands.

21/7 H. 29.7.96

Honble W. G. Rose. C. S.
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 Received for perusal of H. C.
 the Govt. note marked B
 Mrs Pogson's appeal

B
 + think that £100 a year would be sufficient.
 Is it not a little undignified on our part to
 ask the Govt. to make for more than we consider
 enough. - in the expectation of being beaten
 down. I know this practice prevails among
 schoolmasters. But, should it be adopted
 by the Govt. or Masters?
 The cases mentioned by the Hon. Mr. B. L. J.
 were those of the widow of Mr. Hamilton
 and Mr. Sir Hamilton. Both of these, &c.
 especially the latter, were stronger than Mrs.
 Pogson's. I know personally the circumstances
 of the latter case (Lady Hamilton's)
 A. J. 20.8.96
 Considering Mrs Pogson's services to
 Science, I do not think £150 wd be
 too great.
 J. S. 25/8/96
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A
 One is liable to
 slip out of India & the
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 prefer to ask for £150 a year.
 I hope then to Civil list pensioners of
 this amt. comparison in 94-95 - see White's
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I think we might ask for £150 J. S. 18/8/96
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,



25 June 1896.

My dear Arundel,

By desire of His
Excellency I forward,
for disposal in the Pen-
sion Dept., the enclosed
memorial from Mr. Pog-
son, together with a note
from the Hon. Mr. Grose.
Yours sincerely
H. Althart.



My dear Stuart,

Mr. Pagon has sent
me this memorial with the request
that I will forward it to the
Governor.

She says, "I will not trouble
you by repeating all I have
already written on the extreme
urgency of the case to me &
my children & of what great
weight the support of the Madras
Govt will be in securing its
favourable consideration at the
India Office &c. If a sound
case is made out for exceptional

For at least there is good ground
for believing my case will be
specially & favourably received
at the India Office?

She is left very badly off
with two children, a boy & a girl,
& I doubt if they have more
than enough to keep life in their
hands. Michie Smith knows all
the circumstances.

There cannot be a shadow
of a doubt, as Sir M. E. Grant
Duff says, about W. Poyson's
services to science. They were
exceptional, & the calm way
in which, with the certainty of a
speedy death before his eyes, he
announced the fact to Govt &

even did his dying wishes in
getting the Observatory Instruments
and observations into order was
"exceptional", too.

• ^{Mr. Poyson} I he prays for a Compensation
pension. I do not know under
what circumstances such pensions
are granted, but I shall be very
glad if we can help her.

Yours sincerely
J. L. G. G. G.

U. Secy.

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A. See if there are any precedents
for compassionate pensions ~~for~~
widows of Govt servants.

A strong letter will have to
be sent to India to move the
Sec. of S. to grant a compassionate
pension to Mrs. Pagson for her
husband's
~ eminent scientific services -

B. She might also get the payment
of Rs £150 per vol. for the
7 vols. of observations published
by the Madras Govt since
Mr P's death.

A. Pension granted Rs 26.6.96

V.E. Precedents if any. No precedents can be traced.
Please see note for orders
herewith submitted.

B. Note about this - ~~sent to A.~~

20.6.96

R.P.
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Further D.O. 476986

CHIEF
SECRETARIAT,

No. 367

Dat d. 23.7.1896

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

From

Mrs E. L. S. Pagan
widow of the late
Mr. Herman Robert Pagan
C. L. S. F. R. A. S. I. Ind. U.
late Govt. Astronomer.
Madras.

No.

Dated 27 May 1896.

Received 29 June 1896.

Enclosures 3.

SUBJECT.

Submitting a Memorial addressed to the Secy. of State for India, praying that some Compassionate pension may be granted to her in consideration of her late husband's exceptional meritorious services rendered to Govt. and that if any sum is due to Mr. Pagan's estate for the 7 Volumes of Observations published by the Madras Govt. after his death, that may also be paid to her.

First copy sent to Press.

Returned for signature.

Despatched in print.

READ AGAIN G.O. No.
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