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G.O., No. 576, 18th August 1898.

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Finger-prints.

Passing orders on the subject of the application to all classes of Political pensioners, except Kandyan pensioners, of the rules for the record of — appended to G.O., No. 918, Pension, dated 4th December 1897, and addressing the Ceylon Government in regard to the application of the rules to Kandyan pensioners.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., R. No. 216, Political, dated 23rd July 1897.

G.O., Mis. No. 80, Political, dated 31st January 1898.

Read—G.O., No. 918, Pension, dated 4th December 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to all heads of departments, for information and guidance, a set of rules for the records of the finger-prints of Government servants and pensioners and for the utilization thereof.

Order—Mis. No. 80, Political, dated 31st January 1898.

Communicated to Political officers.

2. The Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, the Government Agent, Tanjore, and the Collectors of North Arcot, Ganjám, Kistna, Kurnool, Madura, Trichinopoly and Vizagapatam will be requested to report, at an early date, on the proposed application of the rules to Political pensioners of all classes, including Kandyan pensioners. These reports should be forwarded through the Accountant-General, who will be requested, when all have reached him, to submit them to Government with his remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

" Political Agent, Pudukkóttai.

" " Banganapalle.

" " Sanduru.

" Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.

" Collector of North Arcot.

" " of Ganjám.

" " of Kistna.

" " of Kurnool.

" " of Madura.

" " of Trichinopoly.

" " of Vizagapatam.

" Accountant-General.

" Government Agent, Tanjore.

READ—also the following paper:—

From T. HESKETH BIGGS, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 21st June 1898, No. I.A.D—88-P.

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 80, dated the 31st of January 1898, I have the honour to forward

Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, dated 7th February 1898, No. 66.
Collector of Madura, dated 12th February 1898, Dis. No. 188-Try.

Genl.

Collector of Ganjám, dated 14th February 1898, Dis. No. 165-Acc.

Collector of Trichinopoly, dated 17th February 1898, Dis. No. 31-Try.

Collector of North Arcot, dated 1st March 1898, Dis. No. 558.

Collector of Kistna, dated 3rd March 1898, Dis. No. 476-Acc.

Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated 16th March 1898, Ref. on C.

No. 158-A.

Collector of Vizagapatam, dated 16th March 1898, Dis. No. 574-Acc.

Collector of Kurnool, dated 16th March 1898, C. No. 39-P.

that they generally agree that the rules should be applied to Political pensioners of all classes, including Kandyan pensioners. With reference to the inquiry of the Collector of Trichinopoly whether the rules will apply only to new pensioners, I would invite attention to paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 918, dated 4th December 1897, in which the necessity for providing for the identification of persons already in receipt of pensions is recognized.

The Collector of Ganjám proposes that the duties of taking the finger-impressions may be entrusted to village officers in the case of female pensioners who do not appear in public. As it is improbable that gosha pensioners will appear before such officers, the impressions might in such cases be taken in the presence of two non-purda female pensioners in accordance with the spirit of the rule in G.O., No. 349, Revenue, dated 11th June 1895.

With regard to the remarks of the Collector of North Arcot (reproduced in the margin), I have to state that the record of finger-prints is intended to furnish the officer making payment of pensions with a permanent means of detecting attempts at false personation and resort should be had to this test only in cases where any doubt arises as to the identity of an individual claiming payment of pension. The rules under consideration do not in any way interfere with those already existing for the identification of pensioners before payment of their pensions. It seems unnecessary, therefore, to adopt the Collector's suggestion that impressions of pensioners should be taken afresh at each periodical muster to be compared by the disbursing officers with the original impressions.

The reports from the Political Agents at Tanjore and Sanduru not having been received in this office, a reference was made to them on the subject, and, in reply, the former states that the Government order has not been received in his office, while the latter states that no report has been called for from his district, and that therefore the Government order has been recorded in his office.

ENCLOSURES.

From Lieut.-Colonel D. D. PRYCE, I.S.C., Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Accountant-General), dated Chepák, 7th February 1898, No. 66.

With reference to the circular G.O., Mis. No. 80, Political, dated 31st January 1898, I have the honour to report that it is highly desirable that the rules published in G.O., No. 918, Pension, dated 4th December 1897 (in re identification of persons by finger prints) may be made applicable to Carnatic stipendiaries.

2. The prints of male and non-gosha female pensioners will be taken in my presence and those of gosha females before Mrs. Firth.

From J. G. D. PARTRIDGE, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Accountant-General), dated Camp, Ammayanayakanur, 12th February 1898, Dis. No. 188-Try. Genl.

With reference to your order Mis. No. 80, Political, dated 31st January 1898, to G.O., No. 918, Pension, dated 4th December 1897, I have the honour to state that there is no objection to introduce the system of taking finger-prints for the identification of Political pensioners of all classes, including Kandyan pensioners. I beg to add, however, that there has been yet no difficulty in identifying pensioners under the existing arrangements.

From H. D. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Accountant-General), dated Chatrapur, 14th February 1898, Dis. No. 165-Acc.

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 80, Political, dated 31st January 1898, communicating G.O., No. 918, Pension, dated 4th December 1897, issuing certain rules for recording thumb and finger prints of Government servants and pensioners, I have the honour to report that the rules in question may also be made applicable to Political pensioners with the following addition, viz.—

That the duties of taking the necessary impressions and giving certificates required by rules 2 and 5 of the rules, Appendix A, may be conducted also by village officers in the case of female pensioners who do not appear in public.

From R. H. SHIPLEY, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Accountant-General), dated 17th February 1898, Dis. No. 31-Try.

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 80, Political, dated 31st January 1898, I have the honour to state that I see no objection to the proposed application to Political pensioners of all classes, including Kandyan pensioners, of the rules for the record of finger-prints. The Government may, however, reserve to itself the power of exempting any pensioner on account of high rank or for other cause. I presume that the rules will apply only to individuals who may be granted Political pensions in future.

From J. K. BATTEN, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Accountant-General), dated Palmanér, 1st March 1898, Dis. No. 558.

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 80, Political, dated 31st January 1898, communicating G.O., No. 918, Pension, dated 4th December 1897, regarding the record of finger-prints of Government servants and pensioners for purposes of identification, I have the honour to report that the finger-print system may be adopted for Political pensioners also.

2. There are 148 Political pensioners drawing pension in this district whose classes and sexes are as follows:—

Classes.	Males.	Females.
Carnatic	11	7
Tanjore	1	..
Mahal (Mysore)	15	17
Palkonda	1	..
Cuttack	1	..
Coorg	1	..
Jaghire	9	2
Dehat Inam	26	9
Polaiyagar	9	..
Shrotriem	3	1
Compensation	1	..
Fakir	1	..
Charitable	..	1
Yeomiah	3	..
Kavali	1	1
Haiderabad	2	..
Maisur (Foreign)	10	6
Kandyan	6	..
Hong-Kong	1	..
India	1	..
Compassionate	..	1
Total	103	45

3. Of the 45 female pensioners 40 are gosha and prohibited from appearing in public and difficulty can arise only in respect of these. The only course seems to be for the woman examiner specially appointed for the periodical examination of such pensioners to take the impressions of existing gosha pensioners at the forthcoming muster and at each succeeding muster to take fresh impressions to be compared by the disbursing officers with the original impressions. In the same way she will take at each muster the impressions of new pensioners, and take fresh impressions at each succeeding muster. The fresh set of impressions taken at each muster succeeding the first will be attached to the life certificate.

From R. MORRIS, Esq., Acting Collector of Kistna, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Accountant-General), dated Masulipatam, 3rd March 1898, Dis. No. 476-Acc.

With reference to your order Mis. No. 80, Political, dated 31st January 1898, communicating copy of G.O., No. 918, Pension, dated 4th December 1897, regarding the utility of finger-prints in the identification of Political pensioners, I have the honour to say that these impressions will serve unmistakeably to prove identity whenever necessary and their introduction is desirable.

From J. D. REES, Esq., C.I.E., Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Accountant-General), dated Devikulam, 16th March 1898, Ref. on C. No. 158-A.

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 80, Political, dated 31st January 1898, I have the honour to report, for the information of Government, that there are two Malikhana holders and one Political pensioner—a gosha lady—to whom allowances are now paid from this treasury, and to whom I see no objection to apply the rules framed by Government for the record of finger-prints.

From W. O. HORNE, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Accountant-General), dated 16th March 1898, Dis. No. 574-Acc.

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 80, Political, dated 31st January 1898, I have the honour to state that the rules relating to finger-prints may, with advantage, be made applicable to Political pensioners also. There are a few respectable females among them, but on inquiry it is found that they have no objection to their finger-prints being taken by the paying officers.

From MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN, Esq., Political Agent and Collector of Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Accountant-General), dated 16th March 1898, C. No. 39-P.

Referring to G.O., Mis. No. 80, Political, dated 31st January 1898, I have the honour to report that I see no objection to the proposed application of the rules to provide a permanent record of the distinguishing marks of the finger-prints of Government servants and all classes of pensioners in this district.

2. Almost all the Political pensioners being gosha ladies, arrangements will be made to introduce the proposed system among them through the Government female peon attached to the Kandyan establishment under the supervision of the officer in charge of the Political pensioners, Kurnool.

ORDER—No. 576, Political, dated 18th August 1898.

His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that the rules for the record of finger-prints, appended to G.O., No. 918, Pension, dated 4th December 1897, shall be applied to all classes of Political pensioners, except Kandyan pensioners, subject to the remarks below. The Accountant-General will be requested to issue the necessary subsidiary instructions to all officers disbursing Political pensions to ensure that a permanent record of the finger-prints of all existing pensioners is obtained within six months of the date of this order.

2. The finger-prints of male and non-gosha female Carnatic stipendiaries will be taken in the presence of the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, and Mrs. Firth will be

requested to be so good as to undertake the duty of supervising the impressions in the case of gosha stipendiaries. In the case of gosha pensioners of other classes the impressions will be taken in the presence of two non-purda female pensioners.

3. Political officers will be requested to report to Government any cases in which the special exemption of a pensioner from the rules appears to be called for.

4. The Ceylon Government will be addressed in regard to Kandyan pensioners.

[Here enter letter No. 577, Political, dated 18th August 1898.]

(True Extract.)

H. H. H.

for Chief Secretary.

To the Pension Department. ✓

„ the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

„ the Government Agent, Tanjore.

„ the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.

„ the Collector of North Arcot.

„ the „ of Ganjam.

„ the „ of Kurnool.

„ the „ of Kistna.

„ the „ of Madura.

„ the „ of Trichinopoly.

„ the „ of Vizagapatam.

„ the Accountant-General.

„ Mrs. E. Firth, St. Thomé, Madras, with copy

of G.O., No. 918, Pension, dated 4th December 1897.