

Pension (1899) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 520

DATED 5th Aug 1899

[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the Govt. sees no reason
to reconsider the orders already passed in favor
of the petitioner Mr. G. W. Firth, Lake Superior -
independent of correspondence kept in the
Board's office -

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Pension
Revenue (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 632

Order *5th Aug 1899 No 520*
MS 30-7-99
J.H.

The Govt. sees no reason to reconsider

the orders already passed.

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18.7.99.

To

The P. & A.
 thro' the B^d of Rev.
 S.R.

From

The Secretary to the Commissioner
 of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue,
 Madras.



Mis. No. 3/48

Dated 13th July 1899.

Received 15th do -

Registered do -

Enclosures /

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17.7.99.

Note

The petitioner was eligible for a pension of Rs. 50 p. m., but as his service was not satisfactory he was given a pension of Rs. 40 p. m. - vide Notes under G.O. No. 261 3/8 May 1899. He now asks for the full pension, and the Board makes no recommendation in his favour.

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25/7/99

SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government, with remarks, petition from Mr. G. W. Firth, late Superintendent of the Correspondence Department in the Board's office, praying that the full pension of Rs. 50 per mensem admissible under the rules may be granted to him.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated /3rd July

Mis. No. 3/48

Resolution:-

C. G. Talbot
Acting Secretary.

13.7.66

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"The Retreat"
New Town - Madras.
24th May 1899 -

To

His Excellency,
Sir Arthur Clibbank Haselock,
G. C. M. G. V. K. C. I. E.,
Governor of Madras,
Osteammund.

The humble Petition of George Waltham,
= or Fifth, late Superintendent Board
of Revenue, Separate Revenue, Madras.

Respectfully Sheweth

That Your Excellency's humble
Petition is in receipt of an Endorse-
= ment from the Board of Revenue Sep-
= arate Revenue, communicating to him
copy of Government Order No 261 of 8th May 1899, granting him an Invalid
Pension of Rs 10/- per mensem, for
which

which he is deeply grateful. In the enclosed paragraph of the Rules in question, however, it is stated that the full pension admissible under the Rules has not been granted as the Applicant's conduct and character have not been thoroughly satisfactory.

2. With regard to this, Your Excellency's Humble Petitioner begs most respectfully to submit the following for Your Excellency's most favourable and mature consideration and entertains the sanguine hope that after its perusal, Your Excellency will be pleased to grant him the full amount of pension to which he is entitled under the Rules of the Service.

3. The total extent of active service rendered by Your Excellency's Humble Petitioner to Government amounts to over 25 years and consists of three distinct periods, viz: (i.) that rendered at the Hyderabad

Hyderabad Residence, (2.) that during which he was an Executive Officer of the Madras Salt & Kari Department and (3.) that during which he held a Ministerial position in the Office of the Commissioner of Salt and Akkari Revenue and the Board of Revenue, Separate Revenue.

(i.) As to the manner in which he discharged his duties during the first part of his service, which extended over a period of 11 years and 4 months he would most respectfully refer Your Excellency to the enclosed copy of some of the testimonials obtained by him during that time and he would respectfully state that when leaving the Hyderabad Residence on transfer to the Madras Salt Department his conduct and character were entered in his Service Book most aptly and tersely in one word "Excellent."

(ii.) It will thus be seen that he entered upon the

the second period of his service in the Madras
 = Salt Department with an untimely
 = issue but within one short year, it was
 = entirely blasted. He joined the Madras
 = Salt Department in October 1882, as a
 = Probationary Inspector and was posted to
 = a Circle in the Tiruchapattam District.
 = He his Assistants & Subordinate Clerks
 = and Peons were all new to a Department
 = which was just being re-organized in the
 = District and were looked upon with a
 = jealous eye by the Magistracy, the Police
 = and the general public. But all dif-
 = = ficulties in the working of the Depart-
 = = ment were soon removed and the work
 = settled down & went on smoothly in the
 = course of some 8 or 9 months but not-
 = withstanding that the Officers' Quarters of
 = his Circle were the first to be completed
 = in the Division and that the Manufacturing
 = Storage and Sales of salt in the Circle, as

well

well as the Detection and Conviction of
 = Crime and the Disposition of the Officers
 = were as good as could have been possibly
 = expected for the first year with all its draw-
 = = backs and obstacles, Your Excellency's
 = Humble Petitioner could not give satis-
 = = faction to his Deputy Commissioners.
 = Before he had been quite ten months in
 = charge of this Circle, which was at the time
 = in a most satisfactory and flourishing
 = condition, he was transferred to another
 = and a man on double his salary, came
 = to enjoy the fruits of his pioneering and
 = hard work. Your Excellency's Humble Pe-
 = = titioner took charge of his new Circle
 = the Records and Books of which were accord-
 = = ing to the Deputy Commissioners's own
 = Disposition Remarks in a hopeless state of
 = confusion and notwithstanding that
 = within a month and a half he set them all
 = to rights and cleared all arrears, he not
 = only

only did not get a word of approval from the Deputy Commissioner who examined and found everything correct, but to his great grief and ^{was} dis~~may~~ ^{was} ~~was~~ informed that he had been reduced to an Assistant Inspector and transferred from one but the most northern District of the Presidency to the most Southern one. In December 1883 Gov. Excellency's Humble Petitioner joined the Interior Circle and though he had been transferred within a year not less than three times he was not allowed a pie of Travelling Allowance though the last transfer was a distant one both by sea & land and cost him some Rs. 200. as he had to bring away his family of three young motherless children, his wife having died among strangers in a distant land away from all friends and relations and while Gov. Excellency's Humble Petitioner was away from his on duty -

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He served for 2 years as an Assistant Inspector during which he was much harassed and knocked about and then needfully dismissed by telegram by the Commissioner paid up and left to find his way back to his friends. He lost the occasions on which he was reduced as an Inspector and dismissed as an Assistant Inspector, he was not furnished with copies of the charges against him nor allowed the opportunity of defending himself which is not denied in equity even to the vilest murderers. This brings him to the end of the second period of his long & faithful service of over 14 years and to the end of his position of an Executive Officer in the Salt & Opium Department. He however appealed to the Government who not only reinstated him to the service but remarked that he did not deserve dismissal and that the Commissioner

Commissioners must take care to see that on his representation the Government re-published an old Order reminding all Heads of Departments that before reducing suspending or dismissing any servant of Government he should be furnished with a list of the charges against him and be allowed every opportunity of defending himself.

(iii.) Instead of re-instating him as an Assistant Inspector the Commissioners took Your Excellency's Humble Petitioners into the Office as an Assistant so as to keep him under his own eye but on a reduced salary from which period he began the third period of his service in a Ministerial capacity and which extended over a period of 11 years and 5 months. During this period Your Excellency's Humble Petitioners worked hard going through the laborious

laborious and tedious duties of office routine but though his designation was changed to that of Superintendent on the re-organization of the Board during all this long period of nearly 12 years he was kept out of promotion. He fell ill towards the end of October 1897 and was compelled to go on 13 months' furlough at the expiry of which he was invalided by the Doctor & retired from the Service. His conduct and character during this period has been favorably reported on by the Board in submitting his Pension Application.

4. It will thus be seen on a review of Your Excellency's Humble Petitioners Service that nearly 23 years of it has been reported on as good while his conduct and character has been regarded as such having been altogether satisfactory during the three years service rendered during the second period. But Your Excellency's Humble Petitioners

Petitioner would respectfully venture to point out that this decision of Government has been arrived at on the one-sided reports of the Commission-ers and that in making them he did not give Your Excellency's Humble Petitioner the opportunity of defending himself. Under these circumstances, Your Excellency's Humble Petitioner earnestly prays that Your Excellency will be pleased to give him the benefit of the doubt and will overlook the shortcomings of this period more especially as they are alleged to have occurred so long ago and the questionable period bears so small a proportion to the other ^{portion} of his services reported as good, that is 23 is to 3.

5. From all that has been stated above Your Excellency will observe that, Your Excellency's Humble Petitioner was not only

only severely punished on each of the occasions for his alleged shortcomings by reduction but also punished a second time by being kept out of all promotion and advancement in the Department during his subsequent service, which has been reported on as having been good & true. Your Excellency's Humble Petitioner cannot believe that Your Excellency really intends to punish him still for that for the remainder of his term of life by withholding his pension from him already, a small pension upon which depended the only means he has at his disposal, he has to support himself and three young children whom he has still to educate & launch into life in these dear lives.

6. Your Excellency's Humble Petitioner would also avail himself of this opportunity to submit for Your Excellency's further consideration the fact that while serving

Serving in the Salt Department he was
 amenable to the Black Mark Rules
 under which one year's uninterrupted
 good service cleared a man from all
 past bad conduct and assigns 13 years of
 the service rendered by him towards the
 end of his official career, fourteen favor-
 ably reported upon Your Excellency's
 Humble Petitioner at the time of his retire-
 ment left the service with a clear de-
 fault sheet and does not he ventures
 to say deserve to have his past delinquen-
 cies if any again brought up against him.
 In conclusion Your Excellency's
 Humble Petitioner confidently entertains
 the hope that in view of all that the above
 facts and all the great hardships he has
 already experienced in the service Your
 Excellency will be graciously pleased to
 re-consider the circumstances of Your
 Excellency's Humble Petitioner's extremely
 unfortunate

unfortunate case and grant him the full
 extent of his Pension to which he is en-
 titled by the Rules of the Service so as
 to enable him to support himself in
 his old age and declining health for
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Foreman in Your
 Excellency's Humble and
 Obedient Servant.

G. W. Firth

COPIES OF TESTIMONIALS.

No. I.

George Firth has been a pupil of this School during the time of my connection with it. He has very fair abilities, and his conduct has been such as to give me entire satisfaction.

(Signed) K. T. BEST, M.A., Oxon.,
 GOVT. PROVINCIAL SCHOOL, } Ag. Head Master.
 BELLARY,
 5th October, 1867.

No. II.

Mr. G. W. Firth has been a pupil in this School for the last 5 years. His general conduct has been exemplary, his diligence and application to study are very creditable, and his progress has been satisfactory. He took a very respectable position in the last Matriculation Examination of the Madras University. His moral character I believe to be very good.

(Signed) W. R. KERRHAW, B.A.,
 GOVT. PROVINCIAL SCHOOL, } Head Master.
 BELLARY,
 28th April, 1868.

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Yours truly
 Excellency's Humble and
 Obedient Servant.

G. W. Firth

No. III.

Mr. G. W. Firth has been employed in this School
 for the last 8 months as Pupil-teacher in charge of one
 of the Junior classes. I have been satisfied with the
 way in which he has discharged his duties in that capa-
 city. He has passed the Matriculation, and is a candi-
 date for the coming F. A. Examination. His moral
 character is, I believe, good and his attainments, as far
 as he has gone, very respectable.

(Signed) W. R. KERSHAW, B.A.,
 GOVT. PROVINCIAL SCHOOL, } Head Master.
 BELLARY,
 23rd November, 1863.

No. IV.

MY DEAR SIR,

Mr. Firth, a Clerk of the Resident's Office, having
 applied to me for permission to offer himself as a candi-
 date for the vacant Schoolmastership of the Secundera-
 bad Orphanage, I have accorded the same, and in
 making the intimation to you I am glad to be able to
 say that Mr. Firth is a remarkably well-conducted
 man; and, but for the very poor prospects before him
 in the Resident's Office, and the fact of his recent
 marriage having rendered his present salary inade-
 quate for the decent support of his family, I should not
 have agreed to his leaving his present post.

Mr. Firth's special training has been for the Edu-
 cational Department, and from all I have seen of him
 I think he would acquit himself to entire satisfaction
 in the situation of Schoolmaster at Secunderabad,
 should he prove fortunate enough to succeed to the
 appointment.

Trusting self and family are doing well,
 I remain,
 Yours truly,
 CHUDDERGHAT, } (Signed) H. C. FOWLER.
 22nd July, 1874.

To
 THE REV. F. BROWNE,
 Chaplain, Secunderabad.

No. V.

University of Madras.

Matriculation Examination.

I hereby certify that G. W. Firth passed the Matri-
 culation Examination held in the month of December
 1867 and was placed in the Second Class.

(Signed) D. DUNCAN, M.A.,
 REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, } Registrar.
 2nd Sept., 1875.

No. VI.

Extract from Supplement to the Fort St. George Gazette of the 26th June, 1866.
List of successful Candidates for the U. C. S. Examination.

Number of Pro- ficiency.	General Number.	Name of Candidate.	Father's Name.	Where examined.	Where educated.	For what branch or branches of service qualified.
*	*	George	* John	*	* Govern- ment	*
89	70	Walker	George	Bellary.	Provincial School, Bellary.	19 English.
*	*	Firth.	Firth.	*	*	*

Certified that the above is a true and correct Extract.

Office of the Commissioners for the
Uncovenanted Civil Service
Examination,
MADRAS, 2nd September, 1875.

(Signed) G. DUNCAN,

Secretary to the Commissioners for the
Uncovenanted Civil Service Examination.

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G. W. Firth

No. VII.

Endorsement on application for a City appointment
submitted by Mr. Firth, to the Resident, Hyderabad.

Mr. Firth has been in the office for a period of up-
wards of five years. He is a young man of superior
acquirements, steady and sober in his habits and of
exemplary character. His present salary being small
he is naturally anxious to better his prospects in life
having to provide for an increasing family and, with
attainments such as his, he will do well wherever he
may go. At present he has made himself useful in
assisting in translation work, and although I would be
sorry to lose his services, still I do not think I would
be justified in allowing his usefulness in the office to
prevent him from bettering his prospects elsewhere.

The late Mr. Fowler also had a high opinion of
Mr. Firth's abilities, which induced him to bring him
into the office.

HYDERABAD,
24th July, 1876.

(Signed) C. PRAYERO,
Extra Asst. Commr. and
Supt. Resy. Offices.

No. VIII.

This is to certify that Mr. G. W. Firth served as a
Clerk in the Resident's Office, since the 3rd June, 1871,
and during that period has afforded every satisfaction
in the performance of his duties. He has always been

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regular in his attendance, is intelligent and has cheer-
fully carried out all work entrusted to him. He is
highly respectable, and his general character is all that
can be desired.

He has now applied for and obtained permission to
resign his post in the Resident's Office in view to
taking up an appointment under Nawab Imdad Jung
Bahadur.

Many of Mr. Firth's relations hold responsible ap-
pointments under the British Government.

(Signed) C. B. EUAN-SMITH, Major, C.S.I.,
First Asst. Resident.
HYDERABAD, }
25th July, 1876. }

No. IX.

Endorsement on application of Mr. Firth for the
Residency Police Inspectorship.

In submitting the accompanying application of Mr.
Firth, for appointment as Residency Police Inspector,
for favourable consideration, I have only to add that
his qualifications are such as to render him to be in a
position to afford full satisfaction to his superiors in
the post he now seeks to fill. He is perfectly trust-
worthy and a man of strictly sober habits, in fact a
first class.

His knowledge of the vernaculars peculiarly fits him
for a post of this nature.

(Signed) C. PRAYERO,
Extra Asst. Commr.,
In charge Resy. Offices.
HYDERABAD, }
28th March, 1877. }

No. X.

Mr. Firth has asked me for a testimonial on my leav-
ing Hyderabad. He has served directly under my orders
for three years and I have ever found him most willing,
energetic and trustworthy. He is a very hard-working
man and can be depended on. His knowledge of the
vernaculars is very good.

(Signed) C. B. EUAN-SMITH, Major, C.S.I.,
First Asst. Resdt.
HYDERABAD, }
4th July, 1879. }

No. XI.

Mr. G. Firth has been employed as a Clerk in the
Residency Office during the seven months I have been
here as First Asst. Resident. I consider him a hard-
working and pains-taking Clerk and he has been very
useful in translating from the vernaculars. He was
one of two Clerks specially selected for promotion.

(Signed) J. R. FITZGERALD, B.O. C. S.,
Offg. First Asst. Resdt.
HYDERABAD, }
4th November, 1879. }

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G. Firth

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No. XII.

Note by the Judge in Sessions trial, No. 6 of 1879.

The Court at the conclusion of this trial desires to record its sense of the excellent services rendered through this long and tedious case by Mr. Firth, who has discharged the duties of Interpreter in two languages (Telugu and Hindustani) with remarkable ability and has exhibited a patience and temper throughout, which are highly creditable. The Court hereby tenders its thanks to Mr. Firth for the services he has rendered.

(Signed) FRED. A. WILSON, Major,
 HYDERABAD, } Sessions Judge.
 13th December, 1879.

No. XIII.

Recommendatory note from Major Wilson, First Asst. Resdt. to Major Dobbs, Judl. Supt. of Railways, H. H. the Nizam's Domns., dated 7th December, 1880.

Mr. G. Firth of the Resident's Office tells me that it has been for some time his object to enter the Police Force under you, and that he has reason to hope that an application to this end on a former occasion was considered by you.

He now proposes to renew his application to you and asks me for a letter.

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While being entirely averse to doing anything, which has the appearance of asking an Officer at the head of another Department to favourably receive any such application, I am quite ready to express my high opinion of Mr. Firth, of whose character and capacity I think very favourably.

I need only add that I shall be very glad indeed if Mr. Firth succeeds in his object, but the consideration of his application must rest entirely with you of course.

Your sincerely,
 (Signed) FRED. A. WILSON.

No. XIV.

Recommendatory note from C. Prayer, Esq., Extra Asst. Comr. to Major A. F. Dobbs, Judl. Supt. of Railways, H. H. the Nizam's Domns., dated 7th December, 1880.

Having been asked by Mr. Firth, to certify as to his conduct in the office during the time he has served here, I do so with pleasure, as I can say that he has conducted himself to the perfect satisfaction of his superiors and he has striven to perform his work, whatever entrusted to him, with care and diligence. His private character is unexceptional.

If he succeeds in getting a berth in the Police, I am confident that he will do justice to the post.

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W. S. McLeod

I beg you will permit me to recommend his desire
 to enter the Railway Police to your favourable consi-
 deration.

I am, Sir,
 Yours obediently,
 (Signed) C. PRAYERO.

No. XV.

Reply to a letter to Col. W. S. McLeod, Supt.,
 Central Jail, Vellore, asking his assistance in obtaining
 employment in the Jail Department :-

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday and regret
 that I am quite unable to aid you in the matter on
 which you write. I make it a rule never to interfere
 with patronage in the gift of another and much less
 could I think of doing so in the case of an appointment
 in the gift of the Head of my own Department.

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I remember your father well at Bellary many years
 ago, and if you take after him, I feel sure your merits
 will not be unrewarded.

I wish I could have sent you a more favorable reply
 to your letter, but I think you will see that, situated as
 I am, I can do nothing in the present instance.

Yours faithfully,
 (Signed) W. S. McLEOD.

VELLORE,
 14th March, 1887. }

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