

Pension (1899) Department
Government {1899} of Madras.
PUBLIC.

Current No 1011

R

Recd. 29th Nov }
Regd. " } 1899.

Enclosures 1

Spare copies 1

G.O., No. 1296, 18th November 1899.

NOVEMBER.

Military Pensioners.

Communicating, with remarks, to all heads of departments letter from the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, forwarding report of the Superintendent of Pensions on the employment in civil capacities of the pensioners of the Madras Army for the year 1898-99.

Lib
Order 1st Decr. 1899 No 527.
Recorded
Secy 29/11/99
30/11/99

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From Brigadier-General G. SIMPSON, Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 6th November 1899, No. A/N.T.-16486.

I am desired by the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces to forward herewith 400 copies of the Annual Report for 1898-99 on the employment of Military pensioners of this Command in civil capacities, and to request that, under the orders of the Government of Madras, these copies may be distributed amongst Civil officers in the Presidency.

2. It is proposed to send copies of the report to the newspapers mentioned in the margin.

"Madras Mail." "Daily Post," Bangalore.
"Madras Times." "Nilgiri News,"
"Madras Standard." Ootacamund.

3. The report appears satisfactory on the whole, the total number of employed pensioners and

the percentage of these being higher than at the time of the submission of last year's report.

4. Sir George Wolseley is unable to support the recommendation made in paragraph 6 of the report, as he considers it improbable that the Police and other Civil departments would be willing to accept native soldiers no longer physically fit for active service.

5. They might, however, take soldiers of a certain service who were in all respects fit, and the Lieutenant-General will give this question his attention in view to submitting proposals, should he regard the scheme as feasible.

6. The delay in submitting this report has been caused by the necessity for its having had to be twice returned to the Superintendent of Pensions for amendment.

ORDER—No. 1296, Public, dated 18th November 1899.

Communicated to all heads of departments, whose attention will be invited to the remarks in paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 593, Public, dated 8th June 1896.

(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

To the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.
,, the Departments of the Secretariat for communication
to Heads of Departments. (Pension)
,, the Judicial Department.
,, all Heads of Departments under the Chief Secretary.
,, the Editors of Newspapers mentioned in paragraph 2 of the letter.

Exd. A. F. Eccle ton.

Report by Captain R. F. R. FORMBY, Superintendent of Pensions, on the employment in civil capacities of pensioners of the Madras Army for the year 1898-99.

The Report dated 29th July 1898 showed 4480 Pensioners as remaining in

Voluntarily resigned on account of old age, infirmity, &c. ...	584	employment on the 31st March 1898, and during the year commencing from 1st April 1898 to 31st March 1899 employment has been found for 1541 Pensioners; during the same period 1387 Pensioners have ceased to be employed for reasons given in the margin,
Thrown out on reduction ...	525	
Dismissed for misbehaviour, &c. ...	134	
Died ...	144	
Total ...	1287	

thus giving a nett increase of 154 Pensioners during the year, leaving a total number of 4634 Pensioners remaining in employment on the 31st March 1899, vide Statement A enclosed.

The percentage of employed Pensioners has risen from 20.46 to 21.55 during the year under report. The totals on which these percentages are calculated include all males who are unfit from old age and other causes.

It may be noted that the number who voluntarily resigned is a decrease of 36 as compared with the previous year when an increase of 200 under the same heading occurred, which is accounted for by the more normal rate of Rice Compensation obtaining. The number of Pensioners thrown out on reduction and who died during the year is a considerable increase over that of last year, which may be attributed to the prevalence of Plague at Bangalore and other parts of this Presidency, and the consequent closing of the emigration depôts at Madras and other stations. The increase in the number of Pensioners dismissed for misbehaviour, &c., is noticeable and much to be regretted.

During the past year, 15 Pensioners were convicted of serious offences, 1 who had previous convictions was removed from the Pension Rolls, 7 were re-enrolled on reduced pensions and 7 were re-enrolled as before. Several Pensioners who had been removed under the former regulations were re-enrolled. The fear of losing their pensions is necessary as a restraining force on Pensioners against committing petty thefts.

2. The number, average service and age of the fighting men transferred to the Pension Establishment during the year under report was as under; there are still a good number of Privates of 32 years' service coming to pension which somewhat unduly raises the average of age and service given for Privates:—

Ranks.	No.	Average.			
		Service.		Age.	
		Years.	Days.	Years.	Days.
Subadars ...	43	26	48	44	18
Jemadars ...	18	19	186	37	358
Havildars ...	90	20	297	39	211
Naicks ...	34	17	283	35	347
Drummers &c. ...	18	20	160	37	8
Privates &c. ...	593	19	54	38	18
Total...	796				

3. The calculated amount of saving effected to Government on account of rice money withheld from the employed pensioners during the year under report is Rs. 80,284-5-1 as against Rs. 94,366-12-1 during the preceding year, showing a decrease of Rs. 14,082-7-0. This is due to the lower rate of Rice Compensation payable at all stations which averaged Rs. 1-13-6 per man, per mensem, as against Rs. 2-3-11.

A statement is attached marked C giving the number of pensioners employed, and the consequent saving effected, since the first calculations were made.

4. The number of pensioners seeking employment on the 31st March 1899 is 2417 as against 2636 in the previous year. This number includes all pensioners without any limit of age. 591 India Army Forms 409-A (now India Army Form A-24) on account of men of good and similar character have been received from the Officers Commanding the several Madras Regiments up to 31st March 1899, and quarterly lists of such pensioners have been printed and circulated largely during the period under report.

5. A statement B showing the number of pensioners employed in the several departments on the 31st March 1899 is also enclosed.

It will be seen that there is a nett increase of 13 in the number employed in the Military Department, owing to a large number being employed by the Commissariat Department as watchmen, but there is a falling off of 34 in the other departments which means that District Military Offices and Military Works offices continue to employ outsiders as Peons. I would suggest that all such appointments should be strictly reserved for Military Pensioners.

In the Government Civil Departments, there is a nett decrease of 114 which may be taken also to be entirely caused in the class of office peons, as the heading "other departments" shows a decrease of 125; the principal reason for this is that Military pensioners object to pulling punkahs, for this reason the head subordinates of offices are able to persuade Officers not to employ them, but still there are many minor appointments connected with mofussil offices which might most advantageously be reserved for Military pensioners who are Natives of the District.

The falling off in the number employed in the Post Office Department is, I think, due to the want of education, as many of the older sepoys cannot read any English.

In the Police, Jail, and Salt Departments there is constant employment available for a large number of decent men, and applications are constantly received for such; the number employed in the first has slightly increased, but in the latter two a steady decrease occurs, as the work is unpopular with the pensioners.

Under the other headings embracing private employment as compared with Government employment there is a fair increase which I think is due to the personal efforts of the Pension Paying Officers. The nett increase of 154 is fairly distributed over the whole Command, and brings the total to the highest figure reached since a systematic effort has been made to employ Military pensioners in the Madras Command. The percentage employed of those fit and willing to be employed has risen to 65.72 leaving 34.28 wanting employment.

6. I would suggest that a time has now arrived when the Regulations might be so altered that sepoys of good character might be ensured continuous employment in Government service by being transferred to the Civil Departments of the state direct from their Corps. Many men unfit for the hardships of active service are now prematurely pensioned after 15 years' service who might very advantageously continue to serve the state in the Police or other Civil Department in their Native country till they had at least completed their 21 years' service and

so earned a pension; it may be noted that to those enlisted after the 30th November 1886 there will except in special cases be no more invalid pensions granted for any period of service less than 21 years. Commanding Officers will then have to discharge men with a gratuity, if, for any reason, they are not quite up to the requirements of active service which would soon seriously affect recruiting, whereas if a continuous career in Government Service were to be guaranteed to a man consequent on his good conduct, a better class of recruit would be obtainable for all Government Service and the ranks of the Army would never need to be encumbered with men who had passed their prime of life. The necessary alterations in the details of the Regulations to affect this do not appear to present any great difficulty, as the principle has in a measure been introduced by the organisation for the employment of Military pensioners.

R. F. R. FORMBY, CAPTAIN,
Superintendent of Pensions.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
Office of Supdt. of Pensions,
31st July 1899.

Statement showing the number of Pensioners drawing pay, the number employed, the number of Candidates for employment and the approximate amount of saving of Rice money at each station for the year 1898-99.

Stations.	Pay Masters.	No. of Pensioners drawing Pension at each Station	No. of Pensioners employed.	No. of Pensioners seeking Employment.			Approximate amount of Rice money saved to Govt. during the year 1898-99, by the employment scheme.
				31-3-98.	31-3-99.	31-3-99.	
Arcoot	Mr. R. W. Ward, (Retired Conductor, P. W. D.).	261	48	23	18	463	10 4
Bangalore	Mr. R. Howland, (Retired, Unattach- ed Lieut.)	2,188	263	237	1,357	5,997	5 1
Belgaum	Mr. A. Hastings, (Retired Govern- ment Telegraph Master.)	167	22	35	...	399	9 9
Bellary	Mr. M. Gerard, (Retired Conductor, Ordnance Depart- ment.)	516	89	117	13	1,769	12 9
Berhampore	Mr. J. Delany, (Retired Conductor, Ordnance Depart- ment.)	261	19	16	15	418	14 6
Chicacole	Mr. J. Delany, (Retired Conductor, Ordnance Dept.)	1,171	48	54	68	1,587	0 10
Vizianagram	...	630	76	77	36	1,044	5 5
Cuttack	Station Staff Officer.	173	40	35	30	1,010	10 ..
Madras	Mr. R. Weaver, (Retired Sub-Con- ductor, Commissariat Department.)	2,115	1,090	1,083	70	18,110	5 10
Masulipatam	Mr. G. H. Ashby, (Retired Conductor, Ordnance Dept.)	710	65	77	58	763	7 6
Madulipatam	...	273	75	85	34	1,025	4 0
Gondapilly	...	176	37	35	14	393	6 3
Guntoor	Station Staff Officer.	52	19	10	10	629	2 9
Rajahmundry	Mr. R. Snugg, (Retired Inspector of Police).	512	181	145	57	1,803	9 7
Ellore	...	508	65	74	57	908	9 8
Samulicottah	...	137	22	22	15	306	4 5
St. Thomas' Mount	Mr. R. R. Venkata- prasad, (Retired Head Asst. of Supdt. of Pensions & Family Payments).	344	74	86	22	1,345	1 1
Pallavaram	...	87	17	19	4	369	13 6
Poonamallee	...	18	...	...	3	2	...
Secunderabad	Mr. H. Raymond, (Retired Sub-Con- ductor, Army Staff.)	2,126	537	576	220	13,319	4 7
Treandrum	Regimental Officer, Nagar Brigade, Mr. S. Pentecost.	29	13	11	5	243	14 5
Trichinopoly (Town)	(Retired Sub-Con- ductor, Ordnance Department.)	857	191	190	56	3,928	6 6
Trichoor	Regimental Officer ...	43	8	6	8	103	3 6
Vellore	Honorary Lieutenant J. Kelly, (Retired Ist P.W.D.).	1,610	240	249	64	2,703	13 1
Chittoor	...	139	49	49	...	569	10 2
Vizagapatam	Mr. Thomas Sheffield (Retired Dy. Con- servator of Forests).	1,755	253	254	54	3,395	13 1
Anantapur District.	Treasury Dy. Collector.	18	8	9	...	...	10 9

Stations.	Pay Masters.	No. of Pensioners drawing Pension at each Station	No. of Pensioners employed.	No. of Pensioners seeking Employment.			Approximate amount of Rice money saved to Govt. during the year 1898-99, by the employment scheme.
				31-3-98.	31-3-99.	31-3-99.	
Bellary District	Treasury Dy. Collector	12	4	26	35	40	163
Chingieput do.	Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coimbatore do.	Do.	88	45	36	15	5	680
Guddalore do.	Do.	277	45	36	15	5	680
Guddapah do.	Do.	77	20	23	6	6	282
Gumnam	Sheristadar	48	1	1	8	8	17
Ganjam District	Treasury Dy. Collector	43	7	4	8	14	242
Godavery do.	Do.	89	42	44	15	8	575
Karnool do.	Do.	19	8	9	...	...	157
Madura do.	Do.	361	77	85	17	14	1,231
Malabar do.	Do.	96	43	45	5	4	1,619
Mangalore do.	Do.	52	10	9	5	4	184
Nellore do.	Do.	174	39	41	13	12	992
North Arcot do.	Do.	4	2	1	1	1	29
Ootacamund	Do.	30	19	19	5	4	531
Palcondah	Dy. Tahsildar	204	19	30	19	312	11 8
Salem District	Treasury Dy. Collector	477	85	88	23	17	1,282
Tanjore do.	Do.	504	122	147	78	75	2,286
Tinnevely do.	Do.	370	91	102	28	27	2,104
Trichinopoly do.	Do.	27	9	9	...	1	158
Vizagapatam do.	Do.	61	34	37	1	2	545
Bangalore do.	Treasury Officer	248	31	28	10	10	858
Bowringpett	Do.	80	29	29	21	23	479
Chittaldroog District	Do.	7	2	2	...	...	50
French Rocks	Do.	91	9	10	...	24	120
Hasan District	Do.	15	3	2	4	3	35
Kadur do.	Do.	8	...	1	2	4	...
Kolar do.	Do.	174	9	11	8	26	213
Mercara	Do.	24	8	8	...	...	91
Mysore District.	Do.	116	49	55	...	...	1,054
Shimoga do.	Do.	6	1	1	...	1	...
Tamkur do.	Do.	88	...	1	...	...	6
Akola do.	Do.	16	8	4	3	4	...
Amraoti do.	Do.	18	9	7	...	...	...
Aurangabad	Regimental Officer, (Hyderabad Con- tingent).	13	...	...	2	5	...
Bilchipur	Do.	2	...	...	...	...	...
Hingoli	Do.	...	...	...	1	...	...
Jalna	Do.	17	...	...	...	...	...

Stations.	Pay Masters.	No. of Pensioners drawing Pension at each Station excluding 6th, 7th and 8th Class Pensioners on 31-3-99.	No. of Pensioners Employed.		No. of Pensioners seeking Employment.		Approximate amount of Rice money saved to Govt. during the year 1898-99, by the employment scheme.		
			31-3-98.	31-3-99.	31-3-98.	31-3-99.	Rs.	A.	P.
Mominabad	Regimental Officer, Hyderabad Contingent	8	1	2	...	...	...	...	...
Buldana	Treasury Officer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Akyab	Do.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhamo	Station Staff Officer...	2	4	2	...	...	...	...	...
Henzada	Treasury Officer	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mandalay	Station Staff Officer...	51	11	21	2	...	...	...	...
Meiktila	Do.	10	5	5	1	3	...	...	...
Minbu	Treasury Officer	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moulmein	Do.	26	11	14	2	10	...	...	...
Pakokku	Do.	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Blair	Station Staff Officer.	7	6	5	...	...	...	...	...
Rangoon	Do.	115	26	15	2	...	...	...	...
Shwebo	Do.	4	3	2	...	1	...	...	...
Thayetmyo	Do.	6	5	5	2	1	...	...	...
Toungchoo	Treasury Officer	8	5	4	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...		21,503	4,480	4,634	2,636	2,417	80,284	5	1

B

Statement showing the number of Pensioners employed in the several Departments on the 31st March 1899.

Departments.	No. of Pensioners employed.			
	31st March 1898.		31st March 1899.	
	No. of Pensioners employed.	Total No. employed.	No. of Pensioners employed.	Total No. employed.
Military Departments	Commissariat Department	70	117	
	Other Departments	385	351	468
	Police	463	528	
	Jail	205	194	
	Forest	32	29	
Civil Departments	Salt and Abkari	289	266	
	Postal	41	24	
	Other Departments	943	818	1,859
	Railways		718	723
	Private persons and Firms		1,062	1,291
	Native States		272	293
		4,480		4,634

C

Memorandum of Military Pensioners employed and the approximate amount of Rice Money saved to the State in consequence.

Years.	Number employed.	Saving of Rice Money.		
		Rs.	a.	p.
1889-90	3,092	Not calculated.		
1890-91	3,468	do.		
1891-92	3,474	64,105	9	6
1892-93	3,654	69,635	4	11
1893-94	3,211	62,176	15	2
1894-95	4,026	54,619	14	0
1895-96	4,121	49,750	3	8
1896-97	4,463	66,733	7	6
1897-98	4,480	94,366	12	1
1898-99	4,634	80,284	5	1

D

Statement showing the distribution of Pensioners residing at all the Pension Stations of the Madras Command under different classes according as they are eligible or ineligible, or available or unavailable for employment, Public or Private, on 31st March 1899.

Total number of Pensioners of all classes borne on the Returns.	NUMBER OF PENSIONERS INELIGIBLE FOR BEING RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT.			NUMBER OF OTHER PENSIONERS.			
	Pensioners of 6th, 7th and 8th classes.	Pensioners of Fair, Indifferent or Bad character.	Pensioners convicted.	Not available for employment on account of		Fit for employment.	
				Unwillingness, unfitness for service owing to age, infirmity, &c.	Having other occupation as Bazaarmen, Cultivators, &c.	Employed.	Seeking employment.
27,779	6,276	1,184	67	9,506	3,695	4,634	2,417

N.B.—Percentage of employed Pensioners is 65.72 and of unemployed is 34.28.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Office of Supdt. of Pensions,
31st July 1899.

R. F. R. FORMBY, CAPTAIN,
Superintendent of Pensions.