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Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	11— 8—	1858

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No. 227

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 11th *August* 1858.

Read letter from the Acting Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing.

(Here enter No. 133, dated 22nd July 1858.)

This is an application for Superannuation Pensions on behalf of two Clerks in the Army Clothing Office, one at Rupees 14, and the other at Rupees 10-8 per mensem.

2. It is observed that these Clerks have been actual servants of Government from the commencement of 1855 only. Previously to that date they were employed by the "Clothing Board" or Committee of Colonels of Regiments, who managed the affairs of the "Off-Reckoning Fund," which Fund was abolished at the close of the year 1854.

3. On one occasion, *during the existence of the Fund*, a reference was made to Government as to the claims of the Clerks employed in the office to pensionary provision from the State. The Government considered that they had no such claims, and this opinion was concurred in by the Honorable Court. Vide Extract Minutes Consultation, Financial Department, No. 197, dated 19th May 1849.

4. Subsequently, on the 4th March last the Superintendent submitted that there was a sum of Rupees 11,792 at the disposal of Government, arising out of payments made on account of the Fund, out of which his Establishment might be pensioned, as occasion arose.

5. The Accountant General, having been called upon to state how this was, replied* that there was such a sum, that he saw no objection to the Clerks being pensioned out of it, and that it would be proper to invest it in the new 5 per cent. loan.

* *Dated 17th April* 1858, *No.* 416.

The sum in question, he explained, was made up of two items, viz :—

A. Rupees 5,465, being the balance of deposits on account of "Unclaimed Compensation and Half Mounting" that had accumulated from the years 1829 to 1839, and which had been carried by order of Government dated 5th December 1846, to Profit and Loss, subject to the payment of any claims that might be substantiated against it.

B. Rupees 6,327, being the balance of similar deposits that had accumulated from 1840 to 1854, and still lying in the Treasury.

6. At this stage, the correspondence was referred to the Military Department, whence it was transmitted for the observations of the Commander in Chief, "it appearing probable that there may be many men still in the Ranks, having claims upon the amount in deposit—and many must be also due to Estates"; and in Extract Minutes Consultation Military Department No. 1638, dated 8th May last, the opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to the effect that "the money ought to be retained in deposit and available at all events for the present" was communicated to this Department.

7. Whereupon the Government informed the Superintendent that they were "not at present prepared to pass orders in respect to the appropriation of the sums in deposit"; that it was desirable that measures should be taken for giving publicity to the monies in deposit, so that parties having claims on these funds may bring them forward, and that in respect to such amount as may not be claimed within a given time, they would then consider whether it may not be applied in the manner suggested by him.

E. M. C. Public (Separate) No. 182, *dated* 16*th June* 1858.

8. Meanwhile the Agent has found it necessary to discharge the two old and infirm Clerks he refers to in his present letter. He submits that the pensions recommended in these two cases may be conferred on them at once and debited to the large sum shewn to be in deposit. It will be many years, he remarks, before another application for pension can be made, as the remaining

Clerks have all and each a long period to serve before they could be entitled to such a provision under the general rules.

9. The Governor in Council resolves to accede to this proposal which considering the small proportion borne by the values of these two pensions (28 Rupees a month) to the sum in deposit and carried to account, may it seems to him be admitted without risk of loss to Government. The pensions recommended will be granted to the two applicants, and debited to the sum in deposit on account of "Unclaimed Compensation and Half Mounting." He thinks it highly desirable that some *early* period should be named, within which all claimants to a share in these deposits should be required to prefer their claims or to forfeit the same for ever. This subject will be brought to the notice of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief through the Military Department, in reference to Extract Minutes Consultation in this Department dated 16th June last, No. 182, Para. 2.

10. It is probable that at this lapse of time much of the amount in deposit or carried to account will not be claimed. When all claims presented within the prescribed period shall have been disposed of, the Accountant General will vest the residue of the deposits in the 5 per cent. loan as has been suggested by him and the sum will be available as a fund from which (after repayment to Government of the stipends now advanced) the Clerks in the Army Clothing Office can be admitted to pension, as occasions arise.

(True Extract.)

D. Carmichael

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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To the Mily. Dept. with a Spare Copy –
" " Accountt. General –
" " Supt. Depot Army Clothing
" " Civil Auditor –
dated 15/8

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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for orders.

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D. F. C. 22-7-58.

Issue sanctions to the two pensions & call on the Adj^t Gen^l & on the Mil^y B^d to report what steps Major [illegible] should take to carry out the [illegible] for memorandum W.E.

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It is scarcely probable but that, even if any part of the money is claimed, enough will be left to pension these poor old men – One is 61 – and the other 51 years old – Their pensions $\overline{14+10} + 12 = 288$ – which say that their lives are worth 10 years purchase would be only R2880 whereas the amount accumulated up to 1839 – the amount carried in 1846 to Profit & Loss – R5465 is nearly double that –

I learn from Capt. Hope that the Adjutant Genl's people do not appear to have taken any steps towards giving publicity to these deposits & inviting claimants – He tells me that his records only show that so many men in such & such a Regiment did not draw their clothing or mountings – without any specification of the individual parties – J P

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