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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	350	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
23rd August 1861.*

No. 179. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Fort Saint George, dated 15th August 1861, No. 2,333.

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. B. Lafond, the Manager of my Office, has represented to me that owing to his increasing infirmities consequent upon advanced age and long and laborious employment in the public service, he feels that the time has arrived when he ought to retire from office. Unfortunately however for him, although his service extends to upwards of 30 years as marginally noted, the time passed in the General Prize Committee Office is not by the regulations of Government allowed to count for pension.

		Salary.					Period.			
		RS.	A.	P.	Y.	M.	D.			
<i>In the General Prize Committee Office.</i>										
Clerk	from 24th Nov. 1830 to 31st July 1832....	17	8	0	1	8	7			
Do.	from 1st Aug. 1832 to 31st May 1835....	21	0	0	2	10	0			
Head Clerk	from 1st June to 30th Nov. 1835.....	36	0	0	0	6	0			
	from 1st Dec. 1835 to 10th Mar. 1844.....	42	0	0	8	3	10			
<i>Marine Board Office.</i>										
Asst. Manager and Examiner.	from 11th Mar. 1844 to 7th May 1855.....	73	8	0	11	1	28			
Asst. Manager, Examiner and Record-keeper.	from 8th May 1855 to 30th June 1857.....	120	0	0	2	1	24			
Manager and Examiner.	from 1st July 1857 to 15th Aug. 1861.....	175	0	0	4	1	15			
								30	8	22

2. I would solicit a favorable consideration of Mr. Lafond's case. It will be seen that he entered the Prize Office as a Writer in November 1830, and that in little more than four years rose to be Head Clerk, a post he held for nearly nine years with credit to himself, as may be gathered from his certificates, copy of which is herewith forwarded.

3. During the time he has served in this Department I can testify to his having performed his duties, which at times have been of a very onerous and responsible nature, with much zeal and fidelity, and it is to this close attention to his duties that I partly attribute the necessity he now feels for retiring, his age being not more than 53 years, 3 months, 25 days.

4. I have been informed that in July 1859 one Writer in the Prize Committee Office was pensioned and another admitted to the permanent establishment with the benefit of his previous service in that Office. I earnestly hope therefore that Government will be pleased to view Mr. Lafond's case in a similar light and that his service of 13 years, 3 months, 17 days in the Prize Committee Office may be admitted in the period entitling him to pension, should the Medical Certificate which he will shortly obtain shew that he is a fit subject for retirement.

No. 180. ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1861, No. 1,220.

The Superintendent of Marine states in this letter that Mr. B. Lafond the Manager of his Office, is desirous of retiring from the Public Service after a lengthened period of employment, in consequence of advancing age and infirmities.

2. He points out that Mr. Lafond's service extends to 30 years, 8 months, 22 days, of which, however, 13 years, 3 months, 17 days were passed in the Office of the General Prize Committee, service in which does not count as qualifying for Pension under the Civil Pension and Gratuity Rules.

3. Mr. Franklin forwards copies of the testimonials in Mr. Lafond's possession; and speaks, himself, in very favorable terms of his conduct during the whole period of his employment in the Marine Board Office. He recommends that Mr. Lafond may be permitted to reckon his service in the Prize Committee Office as qualifying towards the Pension he will otherwise be unable to obtain.

4. The Government resolve to extend to Mr. Lafond the privilege that has been conceded on former occasions to other similarly circumstanced and in consideration of his excellent character

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and lengthened service, to allow him to count his service in the Prize Department as qualifying towards Pension, subject to the production of the usual Medical Certificate of unfitness for further employment in the Public Service.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

N^o 1006.

Memorandum.

The Controller of Military Finance has the honor, in reply to Memorandum from the Officiating Civil Paymaster 25th Instant N^o 372, to refer him to G. O. G. 18th November 1845 N^o 229 and to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, for further information with whom the records of the late General Prize Committee are deposited.

Signed / T. M^o Gown.
Lieut^o Col^o

Controller of Mil^y. Finance.

Office of Cont^r Mil^y. Finance }
Fort St. George 4th Sept 1861 }

/ True copy. /
H. J. H. H.
Offg Civil Paymaster

Cont^r Mil^y.

W. B. P. N.

Mr. Chipperfield

Madras.

2^d September 1865.

N^o 2505

Madras

Marine Superintendents Office

6th September 1861

From

J J Franklin Esq^{re}

Superintendent of Marine

To

J D Sim Esq^{re}

Secretary to Government

Marine Department

Fort Saint George

Sir

In my letter to Government of the 15th ultimo N^o 2333 I stated that M^r B Lafond the manager of my office was about to apply for a medical certificate with a view to his retirement from the service. I now beg to forward this document which testifies to his being disqualified from premature old age for the further performance of his duties. I therefore solicit that he may be pensioned from the date of the Government order authorizing the measure on such stipend as the Civil Auditor may report him to be entitled to, bearing in mind the liberal conception the Government were pleased to

N^o 2505

In a letter from the Capt^l & Major of the 100th Regt^t Madras 1861
Recd 6 Sept 1861 No 2505

Medical Certificate required
At 10th 10th 10th 10th 10th
for further service.

Dr. Chipperfield was examined Mr. Lafond observes that as far as he could ascertain his state of health had not arisen from his imprudence. From an intimate official knowledge of him since 1845 I am happy to be able to add that Mr. Lafond's conduct has always been most steady and correct.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

Wm. Brewster

Superintendent of Marine

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London 1861 Sept 6

From *W. E. 379*
The Superintendent of Marine
to
The Secretary to Fort
Marine Dept
Fort Saint George

Quoted 5th Sept 1861
Re: 274 " "

No. 2505

Recommending the grant of
pension to Mr. Goodford,
the Manager of this office, &
drawing his Medical certificate.

W. E. 358

With an order

1825

C 21 Dec 1834

Referred to the Civil Auditor for the usual verification.

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Fort Saint George,

10 Sept 1861

To

The Civil Auditor. *Des. 10/9*

Depy. Secy. to Government.

Attestation

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Benjamin Lafond
son of the late
Conductor John Lafond

Madras
Marine Supt's Office
6th September 1861

This is to certify that Mr.
Benjamin Lafond is to the
best of my belief of the
age of 33. 3. 25.
J. D. Wif

Register of an application for a Superannuation Pension from the Establishment of the Superintendent of Marine
preferred under the Rules passed by Government under date the 15th May 1851 and that the Pension shall commence
from the date of sanction of Government.

Name of the person by whom the Pension is applied for and the name of his father	Benjamin Lafond son of the late Conductor John Lafond	
Number on the Establishment	—	
Identification of the applicant to person whose marks and signature of natural deaths	A small wart on the eyelid of the right eye and a large one on the back part of the neck	
Height	5	
Build	2	
Years	33	
Months	3	
Days	25	
Religion	East Indian Protestant Christian	
Province	Madras	
Rank	Chintadrapet	
Present employment	Manager and Examiner	
Years	30	
Months	2	
Days	15	
Place of service	In the General Prize Committee Office { from 24 th Dec 1850 to 4 th March 1854. 13. 3. 17 In the Marine Super- intendent's Office { from 11 th March 1854 to 6 th Sept 1861. 17. 5. 28	
Applicants service continuous or not	continuous	
How long unemployed and under what circumstances	Vide preceding columns	
Date of application to Government	6 th September 1861	
Average salary or authorized official allowances per mensem for the five years preceding the date of application	From 6 th September 1856 to 30 th June 1857 at 120 Rs per mensem From 1 st July 1857 to 5 th September 1861 at 145 Rs per mensem	
Salary or authorized official allowance per mensem at the time of application	120 Rs	
The tract of the grounds of application	Debility and premature old age	
Remarks by the Head of Office	Mr. Lafond has always borne a good character for steadiness and attention to his duties	
Proposed amount of Pension per mensem and date from which it is proposed shall commence	One half the average salary of the 5 years preceding the order of Government granting the Pension which it is proposed shall commence on that date	
Signature at which the Pension is drawn	Marine Superintendent's Office	
Orders of Government		

Superintendent of Marine

General Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE 7th October 1861.

No. 380.

REPORT OF THE CIVIL PAYMASTER

on Government Order of the 10th September 1861.

The Civil Paymaster has the honor to report that the authorized official allowance drawn by M. B. Laford late Manager on the Establishment of the Superintendent of Marine has averaged for the last 5 years of his service, Rs. 166-1-4 per mensem, and that his service, qualifying for pension, extends over a continuous period of 17 years 5 months and 27 days; Viz.

From 11th March 1844 to 6th September 1861.

His service of 13-3-17 from 24th November 1830 to 10th March 1844, in the General Prize Committee Office cannot be verified from the Records of this Office. He will be entitled to a gratuity of five months' salary, unless his service in the Prize Committee Office be found to be correct and be allowed as service qualifying towards a retiring pension, in which case he will be entitled to a pension of a moiety of his average salary.

If the General Prize Committee Office appeared to the Officiating Civil Paymaster to have been a temporary, and not a regular Government Institution paid from the Revenue of the State, a reference for information on the subject was made to the Controller of Military Finance, and that Officer's reply is annexed for the ~~information of~~ Government.

[Signature]
Officiating Civil Paymaster..

To

THE ~~SECRETARY~~ SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

Civil Pension Department.

Register of an application
for pension for Mr. B. Laford
the Manager of the Marine
Office

In a letter to Fort Marine
Department dated 6th Sept 1861
1861. 2505.

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Certified that Mr. B. Laford
 was employed as a Clerk in the Office of the
 General Prize Committee from 21st November 1836
 to 10th March 1844.

Wm Marshall Esq.
 Secretary to Government
 Military Department

Port St George
 15th October 1861

Wm Monk
 Registrar

Permanently in the
 service of the
 Registrar
 Mr. Dunt it?

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From

The Civil Paymaster

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
 Civil Secy, D. 11

Dated

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No.

For the
 P. A. 350

Verifies the service of Mr. B. Laford,
 late *Baron*, on the
 Establishment of *William D. Service*
 and reports that he is entitled to a
 of *five years' salary*, or *the*
same as a ordinary *of the*
average salary

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read again Proceedings in the Public
Department

Here enter No. 1220 dated 23rd Aug 1861
from the Suplt. of Marine Here enter 6th September 1861

Read Report of the Civil Mag.
Master

Here enter 7th October 1861

Read Certificate of Secretary to
Government Military Dep^t

Here enter 16th October 1861

Order thereon 28th October 1861
W. 350

The Government resolve,
in continuation of their
Order No 1220 of the 23rd
August last, to permit
Capt. B. deposed to reckon,
as qualifying toward Pen-
sion, the 13 years, 3
months and 17 days of
his service that he is

certified by Colonel Marshall
to have spent in the General
Prize Committee office;
and to admit him in
accordance with the Report
of the Civil Pay Master, to
a Pension of half ^{his} salary
or \$83.42 per annum from
the 1st of October.
2. The Government observe
that the reference made
by the Civil Pay Master
to the Controller of Military
Finance, and referred
to in the concluding
para of his Report, was
unnecessary - as he al-
ready had on record in

Order of Government
No 2,360 dated 2nd
July 1854.

his office a precedent in
the case of Munja
and Curdium, formerly
employees in the General
Prize Committee Office,
who were allowed the ben-
efit of their former service
as unknown toward Pen-
sion, and which was
alluded to in para 4 of
the Government Order
quoted above.

H. S. L.

For the Superintendent of Marine. Dec 28/50. with Orig. Copy Certificate
The Civil Paymaster. Dec 28/50. with Copy Certificate.
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Smithing, his father and the
 younger on the date of death of
 his wife, he visited the 13th in a storm
 of July by him in the General by
 Committee of Officers, in addition with
 the services rendered by him in the
 North State and found him
 a. Thoroughly his duty.