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Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Pension Department,
11th January 1865.*

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 15th December 1864, No. 3884 :—

With reference to the Statements of Pensions and Gratuities sanctioned by the Government of Madras during the quarter ended 30th September 1864, received with your office endorsement, No. 568, dated 12th November 1864, I am directed to point out that in each of the Cases 10, 27, and 31 of the Pension Return the amount of the award is in excess of the amount properly admissible by Annas 4, and to request that greater exactness may be exercised in future in the calculation of the amount of pension.

2. I am further to observe, in reference to Case 17 of the Statement, that Maistries, being of the class of Artificers, are not eligible for pensions, and to add, with regard to Case 7 of the Gratuity Statement, that the old, and not the new rules should have been cited as the authority for the grant of a gratuity to Condia Naick.

To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort Saint George, 11th January 1865, No. 11.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 3884, of the 15th December, remarking on the Statements of Pensions and Gratuities sanctioned by this Government during the quarter ending 30th September 1864.

2. In reply, I am to state that the amounts entered in Cases 10, 27, and 31 of the Pension Return were not the result of mistaken calculation. With a view to facilitate the payment of pensions and to simplify the amounts, the practice was introduced of granting the quarter-rupee nearest to the exact amount of the calculated pension, whether more or less, the result being eventually neither gain nor loss to Government. In accordance with this practice, the pensions granted in Cases 10, 27, and 31 were, respectively, 8 Pies, 1 Anna 2 Pies, and 1 Anna 3 Pies in excess of the computed pension, but the excess in no case could exceed 1 Anna 11 Pies, far less amount to Annas 4 as stated in your letter.

3. I am to enclose, for the information of the Government of India, a copy of an Order passed in the Financial Department, No. 578, of the 16th November, and to state that the Government of Madras consider any practice tending to simplify accounts and payments while productive of no loss to Government to be advantageous to the State.

4. With reference to your second paragraph, I am to explain that the term "Maistry," is one of lax application, and in many cases synonymous with "Overseer;" that it does not necessarily mean a handicraftsman and that, in the cases referred to, one of the parties had been promoted from a Sub-Overseer on Rupees 15 to be a "Taluq Maistry" on Rupees 20, his duties in the latter office being to hold the immediate charge of all the irrigation and communication works in the taluq, while himself engaged in no manual labour. The nature of the employment, and not the name attached to it, is the point to which the attention of the Government is directed in granting pensions or gratuities.

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

21st March 1865, No. 102.

Calculation of Pensions.

Read the following paper :—

From E. A. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 8th February 1865, No. 667.

In acknowledging Mr. Under Secretary Walker's letter, No. 11, dated 11th January 1865, I am directed to state, with reference to paragraphs 2 and 3, that, as the practice followed in Madras of avoiding inconvenient fractions in calculations for pensions by taking the quarter rupee nearest to the exact amount, whether more or less, results in some cases in the award of a rate in excess of the prescribed maximum, and, as the course followed in Bengal of retrenching all fractions in excess of the quarter rupee has been specifically approved by the Home Government and is not open to the objection above named, it should be adopted in the Madras Presidency.

2. With reference to paragraph 4, I am to suggest that either the designation of "maistry" may be restricted to artificers, or that, if it is more generally applied, an explanation of its particular meaning may be furnished in those cases in which it has some other signification than that of an artificer.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Civil Paymaster, Madras, for information.

ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1865, No. 102.

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(True Extract.)

C. G. WALKER,
Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

The Chief Secretary to the Govt.
of Fort St. George.

Financial Dept^y Sir,

In acknowledging Mr. Under Secretary Walker's letter N^o 11, dated 11th January 1862, I am directed to state with reference to para 273 that, as the practice followed in Madras of avoiding inconvenient fractions in calculations for pensions, by taking the Quarter rupee nearest to the exact amount, whether more or less, results in some cases in the award of a rate in excess of the prescribed maximum, and as the course followed in Bengal of retrenching all fractions in excess of the quarter Rupee, has been specifically approved by the Home Government, and is not open to the objections above named, it should be adopted in the Madras Presidency.

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Fort William
The 8th Feby 1865

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

Ed. Whistling
Secretary to the Govt of India

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing
letter be forwarded to the Civil Pay Master,
Madras, for information.

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Govt of India
No. 667-

Dated 8th February 1865
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Directing the adoption

of the course followed in
Bengal of substituting all
practices in case of the
quarrel dispute in the grant
of pensions and offering
certain suggestions with
reference to the designation
of existing officials to certain
class of servants in this
Residency.
Order Environ 21st March 1865
to be recorded. W.

Env: 11th Jan 1865

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