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Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

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11TH JANUARY 1865, No. 11, PENSION.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From E. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. 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.

LETTER—to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 11th January 1865, No. 11, Pension.

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 accounts, 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 Rs. 15 to be a "Taluk Maistry" on Rs. 20, his duties in the latter office being to hold the immediate charge of all the irrigation and communication works in the taluk, while himself engaged in

Secretary to the Govt of India

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no manual labor. 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.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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

Financial Dept^{ts} Sir

With reference to the Statements of Pensions and Gratuities sanctioned by the Govt. of Madras during the Quarter ended 30th September 1864 received with your Office Endorsement N^o 568, dated 12th November 1864, I am directed to point out that in each of the cases 10, 27 & 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.

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 pension, and to add, with regard to case 7 of the Gratuity Statement, that the old & not the new rules should have been cited as the authority for the grant of a gratuity to Gondia Naick.

Fort William
The 15th Dec^r 1864

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
W. H. Jackson
Secretary to the Govt. of India

Dec. 11/1864

Pension Department.

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To

The Secretary to the Government of India.

Financial Department.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2882 of the 15th December remarking on the Statements of pensions and gratuities sanctioned by this Government during the quarter ending 30th Sept. 1864.

2. In reply I am to state that the ^{amounts entered} ~~excess amounts~~ remarked on in cases N. 27 and 31, of the Pension Return were ^{the result} ~~not the result~~ consequence of mistaken calculation. With a view to facilitate the payment of pensions and to simplify the accounts, 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

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Often observation with reference to the statement of pensions & gratuities sanctioned by the Secy. to the Govt. of India. the quarter ended 30th Sept. 1864.

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4. With reference to your 2^d Paragraph I am to explain that the term Maistry is ^{an} of law application, and in many cases synonymous with "overseer". that ~~it by no means connotes~~ ^{it is not necessarily} the idea of a handicraftsman - and that, in the cases referred to, one of the parties had been promoted from

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I have &c

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To

Secretary to the House
of Justice.

Francis C. Bryant

October 11th January 1855.