

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Pension. DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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26TH OCTOBER 1865, No. 412, PENSION.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., dated 21st April 1865, No. 151, Pension.

READ—also the following paper :—

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chittoor, 14th October 1865, No. 62.

I have the honor, with reference to the order of Government, dated 21st April last, Pension department, No. 151, to submit copy of a letter * received from the Resident of Hyderabad, reporting the death, on the 12th March last, of Nagojee Rao, the superannuation pensioner therein referred to. The circumstances which prevented Nagojee Rao from drawing his pension are explained in the enclosure, and as there does not appear to be any reason to doubt the identity of the pensioner, I beg to recommend that the arrears of pension due to the deceased may be disbursed to his surviving sons.

ENCLOSURE.

From G. U. YULE, Esq., C.B., Resident at Hyderabad, to the Collector of North Arcot dated Hyderabad Residency, 15th September 1865, No. 1165.

Treasury department.

In continuation of letter from this office, No. 410, of the 19th June last, I have the honor to state that one Ram Rao, who states he is the son of Nagojee Rao, the superannuation pensioner referred to in your letter, No. 88, of the 3rd idem, appeared at my office on the 25th ultimo and deposed to the effect that his father died on the 11th March last in the city of Hyderabad, of which place he was a Wuthundar (Kanoongoe); that he came to the city in June 1864; that Nagojee Rao had not obtained your previous permission to visit Hyderabad, it having been his intention to return to Chittoor before the expiration of six months, the limit prescribed by Government for drawing pensions in arrears without their express sanction; that in the sixth month of absence (14th November 1864) Nagojee Rao obtained a life-certificate under the signature of the Superintendent of Residency bazaars and despatched it to his eldest son at Madras by name Venket Rao with instructions to take it to Chittoor, and draw the pension; that Venket Rao returned the certificate, stating that before he could get to Chittoor, the limit of six months would have expired; that Nagojee Rao, on receipt of this letter, again purposed going himself to Chittoor, but was prevented from sickness, and on the 23rd February 1865 petitioned you stating the circumstances under which the life-certificate, forwarded to Venket Rao, was returned, and soliciting the transfer of his pension to Hyderabad, but that no reply was received.

2. For a verification of Ram Rao's statement relative to his father Nagojee Rao's death, I addressed His Highness the Nizam's Minister, who, in reply, forwarded a paper * from the City

Cutwallee, in which one Oopul Shastree deposes to the effect that this Nagojee Rao died on the 12th March last, a day later than that stated by Ram Rao.

3. Ram Rao solicits the payment to him of the arrears, from 1st June 1864, of Nagojee Rao's pension at Rs. 14 per mensem.

ORDER—dated 26th October 1865, No. 412, Pension.

The Government in no respect concur in Mr. Robinson's opinion that "there does not appear to be any reason to doubt the identity of the pensioner," and, if his identity were established, they see strong reasons for suspecting the accuracy of the date assigned to his death. The facts appear to be as follows:—From the month of June 1864, one Nagojee Rao ceased to draw pension in North Arcot. In the month of March 1865, the Collector received a petition, dated the 23rd February 1865, purporting to be from the pensioner, asking for the arrears of his pension, and its transfer to Hyderabad. The Government, on the Collector requesting their sanction, called for further inquiry and, on the 15th September, the Resident at Hyderabad writes to the effect that a person representing himself to be the son of the pensioner deposed before him that his father died on the 11th March 1865 (sixteen days after he requested the transfer of his pension), and that another person, Oopul Shastree, stated that he died on the 12th March. It is also the case that no report of this death is made for six months, although the question of the pension arrears was known to be pending.

2. The Government consider that the whole account bears strong marks of being a fabrication; that it seems very probable that Nagojee Rao died many months ago—possibly soon after June 1864; that after waiting a sufficient time to allow the fact of his death to blow over, the person obtaining his pension receipt applied for its continuance far away at Hyderabad; that, on finding that inquiry was being made, Nagojee Rao was made to die, conveniently, sixteen days after having written his petition, and sufficiently long before the date of inquiry to render any proof of the negation that he did not so die a very difficult matter. Finally, there is no proof whatever that the claimant, Sham Rao, is Nagojee Rao's son.

3. The Government decline to allow the payment of the arrears.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Collector of North Arcot.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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General No. 1165.
Department No. 455

From

G. H. Yule Esqre. C. B.

Resident at

To

Hyderabad.

The Collector of

North Arcot

Chittoor

Dated Hyderabad Presidency 15th Sept^r 1865.

Treasury Dept^{ts} Sirs

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referred to in your letter No. 88 of the 3rd
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he came to the City in June 1864; that
Nagojee Rao had not obtained your
previous permission to visit Hyderabad,
it having been his intention to return
to Chittoor before the expiration of
6 Months, the limit prescribed by
Government for drawing pensions in
arrears without their express sanction;
that in the 6th Month of absence (November
14th 1864) Nagojee Rao obtained a life
Certificate under the signature of
the Superintendent of Presidency
Dagars and despatched it to his
eldest son at Madras by name
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Hyderabad—
Residency—
The 15th September
1865.

B.V.
Clerk

I have seen
1 Signed G. G. Gule C.D.
Resident at Hyderabad
1 True Copy

J. D. M. M.
Collector

Recd - again Jan. 8, 21 April 1865, No 151, Ben.

Recd - also ~~12~~ ¹⁸ ~~12~~ ¹⁸ North Arcot
Collector's Office
Chittoor 14th October/65

From J. D. Robinson Esq
Collector of North Arcot

To The Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary to Govt

Sir, Fort St George

I have the honor,
with reference to the order of
Government dated 21st April last
Pensioner Depott No 151, to sub
date 15 Sept 65 - and copy of a letter received
from the Resident of Hyderabad,
reporting the death on the 12th
March last of Nagojee Rao,
the superannuation Pensioner therein
referred to. The circumstances
which prevented Nagojee Rao
from drawing his pension are
explained

In a letter from
the Government
to the Chief Secretary
to Government dated
14th October 1865 No
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Copy for the
Honble Revenue
of Hyderabad
dated 15th September
1865

Recd 16th Dec 1865
No 965

Pension Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read, again, Proceeding of
Govt Pension Department of the 21st April 1865 No 481.
Read also the following letter
From
The Collector of North Arcot (Here entered October 1865 No 42.)
Order thereon 26 October 1865 No 412.

The Government in no
respect, concur in Mr. Robi-
son's opinion that "there
does not appear to be any
reason to doubt the identity
of the pensioner" - and if
his identity were established
they see strong reasons for
inspecting the accuracy of the
date assigned to his death.
The facts appear to be as fol-
lows - In the month of June
1864 one Nagoji Rao ceased to
draw pension in North Arcot;
in the month of March ¹⁸⁶⁵ the
Collector received a petition
dated

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Pen. order No 412 of 26th Oct 1865

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To the Collector of North Arcot }
To the Accountant General. } Dec 27/10/65

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 25th October 1865.

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