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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 22nd March 1866, No. 325.

I have the honor to recommend that Government refuse to entertain applications for pension on behalf of men whose dismissal is not most recent. Now applications many months, and indeed years, old, are received, and from their antiquity are most difficult to check, while the delay must be highly inconvenient to the expecting pensioners. The excuse generally is that there has been difficulty in obtaining information, but retirements especially on sick pension are in no way difficult to foresee, and the requisite statements may be prepared in the district office before the applicant is presented before the Medical Board. I recommend, too, that all district officers be directed to notify in their Gazettes that no applications from men already dismissed will on any account be listened to after 1st May next, for, strangely enough, delay in some cases has been justified by an assertion that no application for pension had before been made by the dismissed servant.

2. It would be well, too, to impress on district officers that their duty is to examine pension cases before signing them, that they are responsible for the facts stated, and for seeing that the application is tenable under the rules. My duty in checking these cases is really only to weigh the evidence brought before me (as is indeed implied in the general instructions of 31st October 1862, No. 874 G), not time after time to beg the officer applying to remove some objection or other which he should have perceived before submitting the case. My labors are thus unduly increased, and my office brought into disrepute from the apparently enormous time cases are pending and the heavy arrears my registers would seem under this head to show.

ORDER—dated 17th April 1866, No. 123, Pension.

Ordered that the following Notification be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and also in the several District Gazettes :—

NOTIFICATION.

The Accountant-General having represented to Government the serious inconvenience which is experienced by his department in checking applications for pension on behalf of Uncovenanted servants, owing to the neglect of heads of departments to supply the necessary information in a complete form when submitting the application, or owing to the applications not being prepared in conformity to the rules in force, whereby great delay is caused and the Accountant-General's office is burdened with unnecessary labor, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to call the attention of all heads of offices to the rules regulating the grant of pensions to Uncovenanted servants, and to enjoin on them the necessity of preparing their applications in strict conformity with the rules in question. All necessary information should be contained in the register itself, so as to obviate the frequent after-references which result in the inconvenience complained of by the Accountant-General and cause delays which cannot but be felt oppressive by the applicants for pension. It is the duty of district officers to convince themselves of the

truth of the facts stated, and to see that the applications are admissible under the rules. The Governor in Council desires to impress on heads of offices two points in particular in connection with applications for pension which are at present too frequently disregarded—

1st.—When a public servant applies for permission to retire on a pension, the head of the office in which he is serving should explain to him the several steps to be taken by him for the purpose of obtaining his pension, and his pension register should be at once drawn out and forwarded with the requisite papers to the proper quarter. In preparing this document, care should be taken that all the information for which space is given in the forms is correctly furnished. The requisite information in regard to the age, height, distinguishing marks, &c., of the candidate is often omitted.

2nd.—No public servant should on any account be retained on the effective establishment after he has been duly declared by a competent medical authority to be unfit for further service, but immediate steps should be taken towards providing him with his pension.

(By order of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.)

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

To the Accountant-General.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.

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POST AUDIT DEPARTMENT.

No. 325

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
22^d March 1866.

FROM

THE DEPUTY ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS.

TO

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Your Most Obedient Servant.

M. D. Ashurst

J. A. Ashurst
Accountant General.

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Pension Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Madræs.

To the Chief Secretary to
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Dated 22nd March 1866.

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To the Accountant General
Controller of Military Accounts

Measures for the
steady Submersion
of Pension of Pensioners

Pension 1866. Department.

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