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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	313	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Pension Department,
30th October 1867.*

Read the following papers :—

From the Paymaster, Pegu Circle, to the Controller of Military Accounts, Fort Saint George ;
dated Rangoon, 16th July 1867, No. 412.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, an application for pension from T. Aroonachellum Moodelliar, Manager in my office, and to recommend the same for the sanction of Government.

2. The usual Register and Medical Certificate required by Pension rules are also herewith forwarded.

3. The pension to have effect from 1st August 1867.

4. The Medical authorities have certified the applicant's mental unfitness, and I have also certainly observed for some time past that his memory is defective—a defect of no little importance in one who holds such a responsible post as the Head Assistant of my office. I have, therefore, in recommending his case to the favorable consideration of Government, to bear testimony to his uniformly good character, and to his being a worthy object of the favor he solicits at the hands of Government.

From T. AROONACHELLUM MOODELLIAR, to the Paymaster, Pegu Circle, Rangoon ; dated
Rangoon, 19th June 1867.

I most respectfully beg to bring to your kind notice that my memory has of late been failing much, and that I am incapable of conducting the onerous and responsible duties entrusted to me. I have endeavoured my utmost to remedy the evil, but I regret to state that since the death of my wife it has relapsed into a chronic form that I apprehend there is no hope of recovery. I find I cannot further hold the position with any satisfaction either to myself or to you, while I am thus impaired in my memory. I have served these sixteen years in Government employ without any reproach or incurring the displeasure of my superiors in the punctual despatch of my duties, and I do not now wish that any slur should be cast on my character, owing to remissness in the execution thereof. Under these circumstances, I avail of this opportunity to solicit, previous to any serious blunder being committed, that I may be permitted to apply for my pension, and that you will be graciously pleased to recommend me for the same.

I, James Peterkin, M. D., F. R. C. S., Surgeon Major and Staff Surgeon, Rangoon, do hereby certify on honor that T. Aroonachellum, Head Assistant in the Pay Office, Pegu Circle, is, in my opinion, laboring under defective memory, which disability I do not believe to be amenable to treatment. He has not been under treatment for the same. I have no reason to believe that his disability is the result of irregular or intemperate habits. I consider him unfit for further service.

(Signed) J. PETERKIN, M. D., F. R. C. S.,
Surg. Major and Staff Surg., Rangoon.

RANGOON, 28th June 1867.

I have personally examined T. Aroonachellum, he is to all external appearance a healthy strong man, about 40 years of age, but as the Staff Surgeon certifies he is suffering from "defective memory," I have no hesitation in countersigning the certificate, and recommending his being pensioned.

OFFICE OF DEPY. INSPR. GENL.,
PEGU DIVISION,
RANGOON, 1st July 1867.

(Signed) J. M. JACKSON,
*Depy. Inspector General,
Indian Medical Department.*

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REGISTER of an application for Superannuation Pension under Pension Rules, published under date 3rd May 1864, from the Establishment of the Paymaster of Pegu Circle.

1	Full name of Pensioner.....	Toticalay Aroonachellom Moodelliar.
2	Sect or caste.....	Hindoo.
3	Residence	Rangoon.
4	Present post	Head Assistant
5	Date of commencement of service.....	26th September 1851.
6	Date of retirement from service.....	16th July 1867.
7*	Abstract of the grounds of application.	1. Good service... 2. Inability to serve longer.....Owing to defective memory. 3. Reduction of Establishment..
8*	How long unemployed, and under what circumstances.	1. Resigned the service from. 2.† Reduction of Establishment from..... 3. Suspended from..... 4. Dismissed for misconduct from..... { No break in the applicant's service. } to
9	Total of service before 22 years of age.....	Ys. Ms. Ds. 0 1 13
10	Total of service not in Pension grades.....	
11	Total of leave other than privilege and preparatory leave.....	
	Grand Total...	0 1 13
12	Total period in Pension grades counted as service.....	15 8 8
13†	Age of the applicant at the time of this application.....	37 8 8
14	Height.....	Feet. Ins. 5 3
15	Descriptive marks—Mole on the left eye-lid, and a scar on the left side of the forehead.	
16	Average salary of past five years.....	RS. A. P. 200 0 0
17	Proposed amount of pension.....	66 8 0
18	Date from which to commence—1st August 1867.	
19	Place of payment—Rangoon.	

* N. B.—The reason of the applicant's retirement and of his being unemployed for the periods given being left, the other grounds of retirement and reasons of break in employment should be erased with red ink.

† It is hereby certified that no gratuity was drawn by the applicant on reduction of Establishment in the year. It is certified that gratuity having been granted was refunded to the amount of Rupees Annas and Pice
 Order sanctioning payment of gratuity was
 Amount of gratuity granted was Rupees Annas and Pice
 Refund of gratuity was credited to the account for the month of 186 .

(Signed) A. J. GREENLAW, Colonel,
Paymaster, Pegu Circle.

‡ I do hereby certify that, to the best of my belief, the applicant's age above stated is correct.

(Signed) S. ANDREWS,
Asst. in charge, 1st Section.

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Statement of total period of Service.

Establishment.	Post.	Pay.			Period.				Accountant General or Controller of Military Accounts' Remarks.
					From	To	Yrs.	Ms. Ds.	
Court of Small Causes, Madras.	Clerk. ...	RS.	A.	P.	26th Sep. 1851.	9th Jan. 1855.	3	3 14	Verified from the Records of the Examiner of Claims.
Pay Office, Rangoon.	Examiner	100	0	0	10th Jan. 1855.	19th Sep. 1855.	0	8 10	Verified from the Records of this office up to 31st July 1867.
Do.	Manager.	200	0	0	20th Sep. 1855.	16th July 1867.	11	9 27	
Total...							15	9 21	(Sd.) T. McGOUN, Col. Contr. of Mily. Accts.
Deduct service before 22 years of age...							0	1 13	
Deduct service not in Pension grade....									
Deduct leave.....									
Net period of Service...							15	8 8	

Explanation of Column 8 with quotations of orders of reinstatement.					Explanation of any degradation.				
None.					None.				
Detail of leave on half pay and full stoppage of pay.					Remarks by the head of the Office on past character and conduct of the applicant throughout the service.				
From	To	Yrs.	Ms.	Ds.	Unexceptionable.				
	None.								
	Total of leave..								

RANGOON PAY OFFICE,
16th July 1867.

(Signed) A. J. GREENLAW, Colonel,
Paymaster, Pegu Circle.

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A.
Report of the Controller of Military Accounts.

Service qualifying for pension is proved for a total period of.....	Yrs. Ms. Ds.
In the last five years of his service the average pay of the applicant's permanent post was.....	15 8 8
Applicant is eligible to a pension of Rupees 66-10-8 per mensem, equal to one-third of his average salary during the last five years, under Clause 2, Section 6 of the Revised Pension Rules.	200 0 0

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE,
10th October 1867.

(Signed) T. McGOUN, Colonel,
Controller of Military Accounts.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Civil Pension Department.

ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1867, No. 313.

Toticalay Aroonachellum Moodelly, late Head Assistant on the establishment of the Paymaster, Pegu Circle, is recommended for pension on the strength of a Medical Certificate, declaring him incapacitated, by loss of memory, for further service.

2. The applicant has, it appears, served just long enough to entitle him under the rules to a pension equal to one-third of his average salary, his qualifying service amounting to fifteen years and eight months, and is now in his thirty-eighth year only: he has not been under treatment, and is stated to be "to all external appearance a healthy strong man."

3. The Government, while admitting that it may be difficult for a Medical Officer to ascertain whether a patient's memory is so defective as to incapacitate him for his duties as a Clerk or Accountant, are not prepared to place the applicant on the Superannuation list without further inquiry.

4. The Paymaster is in a position to form a decided opinion as to whether the applicant's loss of memory is such as to render him permanently unable to render effective service under Government; and with a view to ascertaining this, the Paymaster will re-employ him for a period of six months in a post in which memory is not required. The applicant will be subjected to occasional medical inspection, and a report on his health and memory will be forwarded to Government by the Paymaster at the expiration of six months, together with the remarks of the Staff Surgeon and Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals on the case.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Paymaster, Pegu Circle.

„ Controller of Military Accounts.

„ Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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The Govt., if this matter be kept
and stands, are going to pay a
pension of Rs 66-8-0 to a man
who has served just 8 months & 8 days
more than the minimum period
which allows of retirement ^{on account} of
bad health.

15 years

Mr Peterkin
28 June 67

Mr Jackson
12 July 67

The medical certificate on the
Pension will declare that
this man "has not been under
treatment", and yet it is certified
"on honor" that he is "laboring under
defective memory". The
Superior Surgeon states that to all
"external appearance" the applicant
for pension is "a healthy strong man
about 40 years of age" but as the
Staff Surgeon certifies "he is suffering
from defective memory" he takes
the Superintending Surgeon,

no hesitation in countersigning
the certificate.!!!!

Fifteen days later, the Bay leader
under whom the applicant has been
serving states he has "also certainly"
"observed for some time past that"
"his memory is defective". —

So that the original med: certificate
which must have been printed on
the applicant's own account (true or
false) of himself, and his alleged
physical failing, is to saddle the
State for the next 25 years with
a monthly payment of $66\frac{1}{2}$ Rs. per
service as a Clerk!

Laureant for minor considerations
whether the very liberal rules of
the S. of State were ever intended to
embrace a case of this kind. — A

man's memory may become ten-
uously defective from many
causes & yet eventually be sighted.
but most certainly Dr. Peterson was
not justified in issuing a certificate
such as he has given, without knowing
something of the man & his memory
from his own professional observation
& knowledge - and I can't help feeling
that Dr. Lachlan was negligent of
his duty when he so loosely backed
what had been so loosely given.

I would suggest that the applicant
be ordered to appear before a Committee
after he has been under professional
treatment for a period of say, six months,
during which period I would
himself direct him when re-employed

in the Pay Master's Office in a post-
not returning memory. He writes a
beautiful hand and, though, owning
to all his bad memory, ^{may be a bad accountant} ~~was~~ at 40 years
of age he ^{may be a bad accountant} ~~was~~ not ^{usefully} and fairly
to the foot, he employed as a scribe.

If it goes forth to the unimpaired
Sewer that persons may be obtained
by healthy strong men of 40 on the
more pound of defective memory
after 15 years service, our pension
list will soon become a more
heavy one than it now is.

18 Oct.

W.D.H.

I agree with the view taken by Mr
Phillips on a reconsideration of the
circumstances. The applicant ought to
be subjected to occasional medical inspection
during a probationary period. N.

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I do not see how a Med-
ical Committee can
tell whether a man has
a bad memory or not.
While therefore I do not
object to a com. pro-
posed by Mr Phillips
I think that at least
of a probationary
six months in those
has a report from the
Paymaster as to what
has been the condition
of the man while em-
ployed in the office for
the six months. It is

whenever he is with
a man's men
has really failed in
or whether he feigns it.
The strong point here
is that the man's salary
is £200 per month
which he would hardly
resign for £66 unless
he is in the end
soon physically
infirmity J.P.

Report of the Controller of Military Accounts, dated
the 10th October 1867, and draft order of Govt.

For orders with reference to minutes
by the Hon. Mr. Phillips.
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If the medical certificate granted
by Dr. Peterkin and countersigned by
the Deputy Inspector General is not
accepted, pension of course cannot
be granted.

I would submit however that if the Appl.
-cant is incapacitated for further
service in his present post, he is
so incapacitated as to be entitled
to pension under the rules. The effect
of reducing him and placing him
in the subordinate capacity of a
clerk would be, if not to induce
him at once to resign at all
cost, to seriously reduce the
average on which his pension would
hereafter be calculated.

It might also be urged that a man
of 40, drawing a high salary and

in a post of responsibility would
not be likely to assign a salary of
Rs. 200 per mensem, for a person
of Rs. 66-8-, unless he were obliged
to do so.

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Pension Case. for orders.

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F.R.

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To the Paymaster, Pegu Circle.
" " Controller of Military Accounts.
" " Inspector General Indian Medical Department.
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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 30 October 1867.

Memorandum for the President
of the United States
from the Secretary of the
Department of the Interior
relative to the
land of the
Department of the Interior

The Secretary of the
Department of the Interior
has the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter
of the 10th inst. and in reply
to inform you that the same
has been forwarded to the
proper authorities for their
consideration.

Very respectfully,
Wm. B. Ewing
Secretary of the Interior