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Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

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Circular

Under instructions from Government, Medical Officers are directed, in granting Certificates in support of applications for Pension, or gratuity, to conform strictly to the following instructions.

2 The object is that Government should when such applications are submitted to them, be in a position to decide without further reference, whether, or not, an applicant is entitled to pension on Medical grounds, and much inconvenience and delay have, of late, been experienced in consequence of Medical Certificates being defective in information, or capable of misconstruction.

3 I When the Certificate is granted on account of disease, information on the following points should invariably be given.

- (a) Nature of Disease
- (b) Period under Medical treatment
- (c) Opinion as to benefit likely to be derived from further treatment, or from change of air.
- (d) Opinion whether the disqualification is the result of intemperance, or other irregular habits.
- (e) Opinion whether, though disqualified for active service, the applicant may not still be capable of undertaking duties of a less onerous description than those of his present post.

II When the Certificate is granted on account of old age, or premature decay, and general infirmity, information is required on the several points following.

(a) Age

(All Medical Officers of any Indian experience must be aware that, on this point, the notions of Natives are of the vaguest possible description, and that in most cases their statements are evidently mere random guesses. The apparent age should therefore always be given, as well as the stated age.)

(b) If the applicant be under 55 years of age, his disqualification, from general infirmity, at that time of life, should, if possible be accounted for.

(c) Opinion whether such infirmity, and consequent disqualification, is the result of intemperance, or other irregular habits.

(d) Opinion whether the applicant, though unfit for further active service, may not be qualified for some other less responsible and onerous situation.

As Certificates are to be framed as nearly as practicable in one, or other, of the subjoined Forms.

No. 1

I—(name, and designation) do hereby certify that—(name and designation)—of the—establi-
-ment—(place) has been under my treatment for—
—months, for—(disease);—and that he is not
likely to derive permanent benefit from further treat-
-ment, or from change of air—He is in my opinion,
unfit for further service; and to the best of my judgment,
such disqualification is not the result of intemperance,
or other irregular habits.

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No. 2

I—(name and designation) do hereby certify that I have carefully examined—(name and designation) of the—establishment—(place); that his age is, by his own statement—, and by appearance about—; and that I find him to be unfit for further service, from old age and infirmity (or from premature decay and infirmity, the result of—),—not, in my opinion, attributable to intemperance or other irregular habits.

Circular

Under instructions from Government, Medical Officers are directed, in granting Certificates in support of applications for Pension, or gratuity, to conform strictly to the following ~~Rules~~.

Instructions

2. The object is that Government should, when such applications are submitted to them, be in a position to decide, without further reference, whether, or not, an applicant is entitled to pension on Medical grounds; and much inconvenience and delay have, of late, been experienced in consequence of Medical Certificates being defective in information, or capable of misconstruction.

3. I When the Certificate is granted on account of disease, information on the following points should invariably be given:-

- (a) Nature of Disease
- (b) Period under Medical treatment
- (c) Opinion as to benefit likely to be derived from further treatment; or from change of air.
- (d) Opinion whether the disqualification is the result of intemperance, or other irregular habits.

(e) Opinion whether, though disqualified for active service, the applicant may not still be capable of undertaking duties

(e) This seems to me to be likely to lead to confusion - & the unnecessary -

duties of a less onerous description than
those of his present post.

II When the certificate is granted on account
of old age, or premature decay, and general
infirmity, information is required on the
several points following:

(a) Age

(All Medical Officers of any Indian
experience must be aware that, on this
point, the notions of Natives are of the
vaguest possible description;— and that
in most cases their statements are evident-
ly mere random guesses. — The apparent
age should therefore always be given,
as well as the stated age.)

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case &c"

(b) If the applicant be under 35 years
of age, his disqualification, from general
infirmity, at that time of life, should,
if possible, be accounted for.

(c) Opinion whether such infirmity,
and consequent disqualification, is the
result of intemperance, or other irregular
habits.

(d) Opinion whether the applicant, though
unfit for further active service, may not
be qualified for some other less responsible
and onerous situation.

4. Certificates are to be framed as nearly
as practicable in one, or other, of the subjoined
Forms:—

No 1

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I— (name, and designation) do hereby
certify that— (name and designation)— of
the— establishment— (place) has been
under my treatment for— months, for—
(disease);— and that he is not likely to
derive permanent benefit from further treat-

ment, or from change of air. — *He is, in
my opinion, unfit for further active
service;— but his disease, my opinion, unfit for any further service;
in its present stage, would not disqualify him for the performance
of duties of a less onerous kind, than those of his
present post. — To the best of my judgment, his disqualification is
not the result of intemperance, or other irregular habits.

No 2. (stet)

I— (name and designation) do hereby certify
that I have carefully examined— (name and
designation) of the— establishment— (place);
that his age is, by his own statement—, and
by appearance about—;— *and that I find
him to be unfit for further active service, from old age and
infirmity, (or from premature decay and infirmity, the result
of—), but still capable of undertaking of—, — not, in my opinion, at-
tributable to intemperance, or other irregular
habits.

*He is, in my opinion, unfit for further active service;
from old age and infirmity, (or from premature decay and infirmity, the result
of—), but still capable of undertaking of—, — not, in my opinion, at-
tributable to intemperance, or other irregular habits.

No. 115

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

Fort Saint George, 16th March 1868.

From

The Inspector General, Indian Medical Department,

Fort Saint George.

To

The Secretary to Government, Pension Dept.

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

With reference to para 4 of the order of Government Pension Department No 335 of 22nd November 1867, I have the honor to submit for the approval of Government, draft of a Circular containing instructions for the preparation of certificates for pension, or Gratuity, for uncovenanted civil servants.

2. Should Government approve of the rules, it is recommended that the same be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette, for general information.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your most obedt servt

H. MacKenzie Esq
Inspector General,
Indian Medical Department,

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No. 1,517.

CIRCULAR.

MEMORANDUM.

Under instructions* from Government, Medical Officers are directed, in granting certificates in support of applications for pension, or gratuity, to conform strictly to the following Instructions:—

2. The object is that Government should, when such applications are submitted to them, be in a position to decide, without further reference, whether or not an applicant is entitled to pension on medical grounds; and much inconvenience and delay have, of late, been experienced in consequence of medical certificates being defective in information, or capable of misconstruction.

3. I. When the certificate is granted on account of *disease*, information on the following points should invariably be given:—

- (a.) Nature of disease.
- (b.) Period under medical treatment.
- (c.) Opinion as to benefit likely to be derived from further treatment; or from change of air.
- (d.) Opinion whether the disqualification is the result of intemperance, or other irregular habits:—

II. When the Certificate is granted on account of old age, or premature decay, and general infirmity, information is required on the several points following:—

(a.) Age.

(All Medical Officers of any Indian experience must be aware that, on this point, the notions of Natives are of the vaguest possible description; and that in most cases their statements are evidently mere random guesses. The *apparent* age should therefore always be given, as well as the *stated* age. In the case of Native applicants of the better class, the horoscope will frequently be the most satisfactory evidence of age.)

(b.) If the applicant be under 55 years of age, his disqualification, from general infirmity, at that time of life, should, if possible, be accounted for.

(c.) Opinion whether such infirmity, and consequent disqualification, is the result of intemperance or other irregular habits.

Handwritten notes on lined paper, likely a draft or copy of the circular. The text is written in cursive and includes references to 'Pension Department', 'No. 107 of 20th April 1868', and 'Medical Officers'. It also mentions 'Government' and 'Certificates'. The notes are dated '16th March 1868' and '17th March 1868'. The signature 'D. B. 1868' is visible at the bottom left.

4. Certificates are to be framed as nearly as practicable, in one or other of the subjoined Forms:—

No. 1.

I (name and designation) do hereby certify that (name and designation) of the establishment (place) has been under my treatment for months, for (disease); and that he is not likely to derive permanent benefit from further treatment, or from change of air. He is, in my opinion, unfit for further service; and to the best of my judgment, such disqualification is not the result of intemperance, or other irregular habits.

No. 2.

I (name and designation) do hereby certify that I have carefully examined (name and designation) of the establishment (place); that his age is, by his own statement, and by appearance about ; and that I find him to be unfit for further service, from old age and infirmity (or from premature decay and infirmity, the result of), not, in my opinion, attributable to intemperance or other irregular habits.

(By Order.)

C. BARCLAY, Surgeon Major,
Acting Secretary to Inspector General,
Indian Medical Department.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL,
INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
Fort Saint George, 25th April 1868.

Pension Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

From the Inspector General
Indian Medical Department { Here entered 16th March 1868
N^o 115.

Order thereon 20th April 1868 N^o 107.

With the above letter
the Inspector General Indian
Medical Department submits a
copy of the Instructions which
he proposes to issue to medical
officers, on the subject of medi-
cal certificates granted to
applicants for pension or gra-
tuity.

2. The Government do not
consider that it is necessary
to retain the clauses ~~proposed~~

under

(e) of Section I and ^{(d) of Section} II of paragraph 3 relating to the question of fitness for less onerous duties than those attached to the applicants office.

It is not desirable that a public servant who has become unfitted by disease, age, or infirmity for the duties to which he is accustomed, should be retained in a lower post, with the sole object of delaying the period of his retirement. These clauses and the corresponding and alternative portions of the certificates will be omitted.

The word "any" will be omitted before service in both forms of certificate.

3. Under clause (a) of Section

omitted

Section II will be added. In the case of Native applicants of the better class, the horoscope will frequently be the most satisfactory evidence of age.

4. The Instructions with these alterations are approved for publication.

M.R.

To the Inspector General Indian Medical Department - } Desd 21/4.
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Pension Certificate

Testimony

No. 1070

Examination

No. 107

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Dated 20th April 1868

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Order No 107