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Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
14th March 1870.

No. 18. *Proceedings of Government, Pension Department.*

Read the following papers :—

Register of application for pension to Albert Goodman Petersen, late Head Accountant and Manager, Madras Mint.

(Here enter 16th August 1869.)

Report of the Examiner of Claims.

(Here enter 20th November 1869, No. 1386.)

Order, 4th March 1870, No. 102.

Mr. Albert Goodman Petersen was first entertained on the permanent establishment of the late Madras Mint, on the 1st January 1851, and continued to serve on that establishment till the 14th August 1869, when the Mint was abolished. His service up to that date, therefore, amounts to eighteen years, seven months, and fourteen days. The pay of the appointment (Head Accountant and Manager) which he then held was Rupees 250, and the average salary drawn by him in the Mint for the five years preceding the abolition was Rupees 193-1-9 per mensem.

2. On the 31st May 1867, Mr. Petersen was appointed Manager of the Stamp Paper Department on Rupees 50 per mensem, in addition to his office as Manager of the Mint; and he held, and has continued to hold, this appointment up to and since the abolition of the Mint.

3. On the organization of a Bullion Depôt, consequent on the abolition of the Mint, Mr. Petersen was appointed Accountant in the Depôt on a salary of Rupees 100 per mensem on the 15th August 1869. This salary he still draws.

4. In their Financial Resolution, dated 26th April 1869, No. 201, the Government of India stated that, where a Government servant discharged with pension on reduction of establishment is re-employed on a permanent establishment, he may draw his pension in addition to the pay of his permanent post, provided that his aggregate receipts shall not exceed the pay of the appointment relinquished at the time of the reduction. These orders do not in strictness apply to Mr. Petersen's case, inasmuch as he has not, as required by paragraph 9 of the Revised Rules, been discharged from the service of Government, but has throughout retained his office of Manager of the Stamp Paper Department. Had he lost this appointment also on the abolition, there would be no difficulty about his admission to pension, which might be drawn in addition to his salary as Accountant in the Bullion Depôt.

5. The case of Mr. Lawrence, noted at foot of paragraph 11,* Chapter 20 of the Madras

*11. Except in special cases, a pension is not tenable in addition to a salary or allowance from the Government.

NOTE.—In the case of Mr. F. Lawrence, Superintendent and Agent on the establishment of the Government Gazette Press, a reduced pension of Rupees 70 per mensem was granted to him on retirement instead of Rupees 100 to which he was eligible under regulation, in consequence of his having been permitted to retain, and to draw the salaries of, his other situations of Church Clerk of St. George's Cathedral and Clerk to the Trustees, the salaries of which were Rupees 25 and 35, respectively, and which were charged to the State; and on his resignation of those offices, his pension was raised to Rupees 100, the full amount which, the Government stated, would have been granted in the first instance, but for the disqualifying cause above mentioned.

Letter from Government of India, 2nd July 1861, No. 8226.

orders of the 26th April 1869, and resolve to grant him the pension to which he is entitled for his service in the Mint, viz., Rupees 64-4-0, with effect from the 15th August 1869. Including this pension, Mr. Petersen's aggregate receipts will amount to Rupees 214-4-0, and will be less than the pay he relinquished on the reduction.

Civil Auditor's Manual, is to a certain extent in point, but the Government observe that the propriety of this order has been doubted, and the precedent, it is said, has not been followed elsewhere. That case, too, is the only one which has occurred in this Presidency.

6. Having regard to the fact that the salary lost by Mr. Petersen on the abolition of the Mint was five times that which he retained, the Government consider that, even if Mr. Lawrence's case be held no precedent, Mr. Petersen's claim to pension is within the spirit of the

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14th March 1869.*

7. The grant of pension to Mr. Petersen is, however, not provided for by the strict rules, and involves a principle both new and important, viz., that a servant holding several posts, one of which is abolished, may be allowed pension or gratuity, as the case may be, calculated on the salary relinquished on the abolition. The grant above made will, therefore, be subject to the confirmation of the Government of India, to whom these Proceedings will be reported.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under Secy. to Govt.

No. 19. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort Saint George, 14th March 1870, No. 128.

I am directed to forward copy of the marginally-noted Proceedings of this Government in the Pension Department, granting pension to Mr. A. G. Petersen, late Head Accountant and Manager in the Madras Mint, who lost his office on the abolition of that establishment, but who continued in the public service in another capacity. I am to request that the Governor-General in Council may be pleased to confirm the orders of this Government in Mr. Petersen's case.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

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Dated 14th March 1870.

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64 4/5 per mensem to Mr. A. G. Peterse
Head Accountant and Manager in the
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
12th May 1870.

No. 7. Read the following letter from the Assistant Secretary for Under Secretary to the Govern-
ment of India, Financial Department, the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint
George, and Fort William, 7th April No. 2440:—

er, No. 128, dated 14th March 1870
grant of a pension to Mr. A. G.

2. Mr. Peterson's service in the Mint terminated on the 14th August 1869, when the Mint
was abolished. In addition to his appointment in the Mint Mr. Peterson held the office of Manager
of the Stamp Department, and this office, the salary of which is much less than that of the Mint
appointment, viz., Rupees 50 a month, he still continues to hold. Mr. Peterson holds also another
appointment created since the abolition of the Mint, viz., that of Accountant in the Bullion Depart-
ment, the salary of which is Rupees 100 a month.

3. In consequence of the loss of his appointment in the Mint, the salary of which was
Rupees 250 a month, the Government of Madras has allowed Mr. Peterson the usual pension
prescribed for Government servants who are discharged in consequence of the abolition of their
offices; but, as observed by the Local Government, the grant of the pension is not provided by the
strict rules, and involves a principle both new and important, viz., that a servant holding several
posts, one of which is abolished, may be allowed pension or gratuity, as the case may be, calculated
on the salary relinquished on the abolition.

4. The Governor-General in Council therefore, while confirming the orders of the Govern-
ment of Madras in the present instance, desires that all such cases as that of Mr. Peterson, be
referred for the previous orders of the Government of India.

Ordered that a copy of the above letter be furnished to the several Local Governments and
Administrations; the Comptroller-General of Accounts; the several Accountants-General, and the
several Deputy Accountants-General in independent charge.

Ordered, also, that a copy of the letter be published in the *Gazette of India*.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1870, No. 194.
Communicated to the Pension Department, and to the Revenue, Military, and Public Work
Departments.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Pension Department.

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Order the same to May 1870 of No. 231.

Communicated to the
Army Clerk and to the Assistant
General with reference to the
Proceedings of Govt in this
Department dated 14 March
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