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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th July 1861.*

No. 95. Read the following letter from Captain H. R. MORGAN, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 22nd June 1861, No. 532 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for employing two Copyists instead of one as at present. The salary apportioned to the second Clerk (which post is now vacant) is Rupees 45, and I beg to recommend that that amount be divided and Rupees 25 and 20 respectively be given to the Copyists.

2. I beg to mention that if the second Clerk is prevented by sickness or any other cause from attending the Office, the Assistant in charge of the Office is left without any assistance.

No. 96. ORDER THEREON, 6th July 1861, No. 1,352.

The alterations in the Office Establishment of the Conservator of Forests proposed in this letter is sanctioned.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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27th October 1865.*

Read again Memorial from Mr. Thomas Spring, dated 10th September, and recorded in G. O. 20th September 1865, No. 2,260.

No. 540. Read also the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Ootacamund, 11th October 1865, No. 1,462:—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Government Order No. 2,260 of the 20th of September, forwarding Mr. Spring's Memorial, together with an enclosure herewith returned.

2. In my letters Nos. 1,266 of the 28th of April, and 1,349 of the 18th of July last, recorded in the Government Orders Nos. 956 of the 9th of May, and 1,912 of the 17th of August, I have fully explained that Mr. Spring had given Teak on license when it had been purposely omitted from his seigniorage lists, and had himself fixed the seigniorage rates without even referring the matter to the Conservator or even reporting it; and that he had given only verbal orders where important contracts were concerned; and that he had received deposits of money without entering them in his accounts; and that, during his tenure of office as Acting Assistant Conservator, he had exhibited such laxity of system generally, and such disregard of the rules of the Department, that he could not be again employed in any independent charge. Upon my report, Government directed that Mr. Spring should be placed under some Officer in the Department; Mr. Spring's appointment was that of Sub-Assistant Conservator, but as every Sub-Assistant has an independent charge, the system of the Department necessitated his reverting to the appointment of Overseer. In his defence, and in the Memorial now under review, Mr. Spring has not been able to give any satisfactory explanation of his conduct.

3. With regard to Mr. Spring's assertions in paragraphs 6, 7, and 8 of his Memorial, I have to inform you that after the trial of Boria Gownden, Major Michael at once informed Dr. Cleghorn, that after hearing Mr. Spring's own admission in evidence, he could not possibly place any reliance on his accounts or on the information he had given him regarding his dealings with Contractors. I was not present at the trial myself, but from what Major Michael reported to Dr. Cleghorn and myself, I could not again have placed any confidence in Mr. Spring. In paragraph 6, Mr. Spring states that he gave Major Michael a separate and detailed list of the advances made to the axemen and cartmen; the amounts worked out; and the balance due by each. Major Michael, however, stated that he found the list untrustworthy, inasmuch as some of the men repudiated the balances set down against their names, and others who had the remarks "at work," "safe debt," &c., set opposite their names, were in reality neither at work, nor by any means likely to clear off their advances without legal pressure. Lieutenant Bennet, now in charge, has since reported the same facts, and I anticipate very great difficulty in recovering many of these outstandings. Major Michael also reported that the timber in the only depôt he was able to examine differed materially from that set down in the lists furnished him by Mr. Spring, so that he could not place any reliance on the lists of timber said to be in the Forest depôts, which the unhealthy season precluded him from examining.

4. With regard to paragraph 9 of Mr. Spring's Memorial, I need only state that the Teak on the Ponachi hills (the contract for cutting which has been given to Mr. Lowry) is stunted, and of inferior growth, as growing at a very high elevation; we have tried for some years to effect a sale of this, as much of it was deteriorating, and the fallen trees, of which there were some hundreds, were getting annually destroyed by fire; no one, however, would make any bid whatever, and when the accident of a Coffee estate being opened out in the vicinity gave us a chance of making a clear profit of two Annas per cubic foot, I was very glad to accept the offer. It was at Mr. Lowry's own request that I reported specially on this, as he did not wish to commence felling until it had been brought officially to the notice of

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Government. The Teak in the Coimbatore belt, however, is of very fine growth, but all the ripe trees having been felled out it has been strictly reserved since conservancy came into operation, and the Railway Company, who leased a portion of these forests, were not even allowed to fell a single tree. Mr. Spring gave parties the whole run of the Teak in these forests without the sanction of the Conservator, or without even reporting that he was doing so; this was done verbally, as his contracts only allowed of jungle timbers being felled, and the price was fixed by himself, as Teak was never entered in the seigniorage lists of the District framed by Major Michael; while this was going on Mr. Spring never once entered these forests or took any steps to prevent depredations, these circumstances alone would have necessitated my recommending his removal from any independent charge.

5. Reverting to the subject of Mr. Spring's outstandings against cartmen, I must inform you, that Lieutenant Bennet states that he sees no chance of settling them, or at least a considerable portion of them; many of the men are not at work, and have apparently taken the advances without any intention of working; others are not to be found, or are said to reside in the Cochin territory. By the instructions laid down in the Forest Manual, Mr. Spring was only authorized to give an advance of twelve Rupees per cart; several parties, however, appear to have received advances of 600 and 700 Rupees each, who only possessed some three or four carts, and no precautions were taken to keep the men and their carts and cattle at work until their advances were worked out. Mr. Spring states that these debts are all safe, and that he could recover or work them all out; I would therefore suggest that he should now be ordered to settle all these advances in communication with Lieutenant Bennet, and that he should bring all the men to work who are willing to work out their advances, and that a statement should be drawn up shewing what advances are considered irrecoverable.

No. 541. ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1865, No. 2,643.

Forests, No. 17.

1. A perusal of the papers above recorded tends to strengthen the conviction at which the Governor in Council had arrived, that Mr. Spring is unfit to be placed in independent charge.

2. On consideration, however, of the fact that one effect of this decision has been to reduce Mr. Spring to the position of an Overseer drawing only Rupees 80 a month, the Governor in Council resolves to modify the Order of the 17th August 1865, No. 1,912, so far as to grant Mr. Spring an allowance of Rupees 90 a month for the period during which he was under suspension, viz., from the 30th April to the 17th August 1865.

3. Captain Beddome's proposition that Mr. Spring should be sent to aid Lieutenant Bennet in settling the Anamallay cart accounts is approved, and the report called for in paragraph 5 of the Order quoted above should be forwarded in due course.

4. Captain Beddome will be good enough to inquire into the truth of the assertion made by Mr. Spring in paragraph 2 of the letter to his address, dated the 2nd September, to the effect that an advance of Rupees 400 has been made to a contractor who only possesses one cart, and will therefore never be able to work out his contract.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
,, the Accountant General.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

Ms. 5710-5711.

Confirming the
decision that Mr. Spring
late Acting Secy to Govt.
recommends in report
to hold independent charge
and leave leaving a salary
of Rs 90 a month during
the period he was under
superintendence —

By order of the Secy to
Govt. 27 Oct/65.

Ms. 26113

Revenue 1865
No of Govt. for Oct/65

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd May 1866.*

No. 72. Read the following letter from the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 24th April 1866, No. 1,778 :—

1. I beg to submit a letter from Captain Beddome, No. 22* of the 11th ultimo, who has been engaged in investigating the outstanding advances of the Anamallay range, and recommends that the sums entered in the accompanying statement be written off as irrecoverable bad debts.

2. These sums are clearly irrecoverable, and every effort has been made to reach the debtors, the remaining Contractors are at regular work, or have been summoned to work off their advances.

3. I take this opportunity of stating that Mr. Spring might now with advantage be moved to another District, and relieved from further responsibility in regard to these advances.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1866, No. 1,057.

Forests, No. 6.

The Government sanction the writing off of Rupees 1,606. The recommendations made by Dr. Cleghorn in paragraph 3 are approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
,, the Accountant General.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th January 1869.*

No. 346. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 8th December 1868, No. 1,039 :—

1. Referring to the Government Order, No. 2,504, of the 29th of September last, I have the honor to inform you that the Office work of the Central Office has so very much increased of late, that it is impossible to prevent our accounts, &c., falling in arrears. The Accountant

* Vide Proceedings of Board of Revenue, No. 7,513, dated 20th October 1868. General has now requested* that monthly Accounts Current may be submitted to

him in a new form for all funds drawn and expended for Forest operations, from the several Treasuries of Districts under conservancy; this will render it indispensably necessary to keep separate books for adjustment of all those advances, so as to tally with the entries in the books of that authority, and will cause a further increase in office work. I trust therefore, under these circumstances, that Government will sanction the entertainment of a Compiler at once, as a temporary measure, pending a further report upon the necessity of a revision of the Office Establishment.

2. Mr. Spring, at present Overseer of Collegal, has been reported by Colonel Morgan, the Deputy Conservator of his district, as quite unfit for forest work, and I am anxious to remove or pension him, as the conservancy of the district is suffering from the want of an active Overseer. Colonel Morgan reports, that Mr. Spring wants only 11 months to complete his 25 years' service, which would entitle him to half pay as pension, and, as he considers him well qualified as a Clerk, he suggests that he should be employed in that capacity till he has completed his 25 years. Mr. Spring is a good Accountant and Clerk, and I request sanction that he may be employed in the Central Office as a temporary measure in the duties of Compiler and Accountant, on his present salary of Rupees 100 per mensem, till the 1st of November 1869.

No. 347. ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1869, No. 165.

Forests, No. 12.

The employment of Mr. Overseer Spring in the Central Office of the Forest Department, on his present salary, is sanctioned as a temporary measure, and for a limited period. The Acting Conservator should, however, submit without delay, a complete scheme for his Office Establishment, as the entertainment of two Compilers, one on Rupees 100 and the other on Rupees 30 cannot be required.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Revenue 1866 20 Jan 1869
No. 1057
Proceedings of the
Central Office
dated 3rd May 1866

27th January 1871.

My dear Mr. Hozyaris,

A few days ago, the Assistant Conservator of this Office asked you to send the enclosures to Major Keddoone's letter No. 2487, dated 19th January 1870, regarding Mr. Spring's pension for reference. The papers not having been received in this Office up to this moment, Mr. Lunda sawmy has asked me to write to you for them as he wishes to get rid of the subject. The documents will be

N^o 692. Memo.

The undersigned requests that the Registrar of the Public Department of the Government Secretariat will be so good as to forward the enclosure to the letter of the Conservator of Forests N^o 2437, dated 19th December 1870, on the subject of Mrs. Oversee Spriggs's Pension. The documents will be returned when no longer required.

A. C. Mendenhall
Asst. Conserv. of Forests,
In charge of Central Office

Made as,
25th January 1871.

The Registrar of the Public
Department of the Growth Office.

returned as soon as possible
with best wishes.

Yrs faithfully,
J. Batchelor.

After signing, the copy of the enclosure is given to the Registrar of the Public Department of the Government Secretariat. The enclosure is in the Central Office. The copy of the enclosure is given to the Registrar of the Public Department of the Growth Office. The copy of the enclosure is given to the Registrar of the Public Department of the Growth Office.

13th June 1845.

Mr J. Spring having requested a testimony from me of the manner in which he performs his duties in the Department of Military Auditor General, I have much satisfaction in stating that he is particularly attentive in discharging them. He is very regular in attendance at the Office and gives entire satisfaction to his Superiors by the correct way in which he performs the duties, at present chiefly ^{in the South & Correspondence duties,} employed, which are entrusted to him.

Matthew
Head, Acc^y and
Principal Register in
the Public Audit Office.

Madras 10th June 1875
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This is to certify that Thomas Spring
Assistant in the Government Correspondence
Department, has during the period he was em-
ployed in this Office rendered entire satisfaction
to his Superiors by a strict and persevering
attention to the duties entrusted to him &
his regular attendance at the Office as well as
his good conduct, has merited my entire
approbation, and therefore feel it a pleasing duty to
grant him this Certificate:—
J. J. M. M. M.
G. M. M.

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Certified that Mr Thomas Spring has served in the
Military Auditor General's Office since the 1st November 1844,
He has been attentive to his duties, regular & diligent - and
given general satisfaction - I have often employed him
in copying under my own superintendence -

W. Steel, B. General,
Secy M. A. G.

F. A. Selwyn, 15th Jan 1845.

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Military Auditor General's Office,
Fort M. George. 3rd February 1837.

This is to Certify that Mr. T. Spring has been employed in the Military Auditor General's Office, since 1st November 1816. He has been regular in the discharge of his duties, and given satisfaction to his employers. He is about to obtain his discharge for the purpose of bettering his prospects, to which I have no objection.

J. J. Felt, Major
Military Auditor General

The undersigned begs to return herewith the Enclosures to the letter of the Conservator of Forests No 2487 dated 19th Decr 1870 on the subject of Mr Querser Spring's Prison, received from the Registrar of the Public Department of the Government Secretariat on the 29th ult.

MADRAS,

Office of Conservator of Forests,

2nd February 1871

To

The

Registrar of the Public Department
Govt Office

By Order.

A. Green & Co. Secy
Asst. Conservator of Forests.

OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF MILITARY ACCOUNTS,

Fort Saint George, 26th July 1870.

No. 354.

From

The Controller of Military Accounts,

Fort Saint George,

To

The Asst. Conservator of Forests
in Charge of the Central Office
Madras
Sir.

As requested in your
letter of the 14th July 1870, No. 217, I have

As Writer from 1st Nov. 1844 to 4th July 45 @
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at Rupees 20 - " - 20 - -
As D^o from 1st June/46 to 31st Sept/49 " - 2 - 8 -
@ Rupees 35 - " - 3 - -
As D^o from 1st Feb/50 to 31st Oct/50 " - 9 - 4 -
@ Rs. 40 - " - 2 - -
As D^o from 1st Nov/50 to 30th April/53 " - 3 - 6 -
@ Rs. 45 - " - 3 - -
As D^o from 1st May/53 to 31st July/55 @ Rs. 60 - " - 2 - 3 -
As D^o from 1st Aug/55 to 31st Feb/57 " - 1 - 6 - 11
1857 @ 70 Rs. - " - 3 - 12

the honor to inform
you that the services
of Mr. L. Spiring
in the late Military
Auditor General's
Office, have been
verified from the
records of this Office
as marginally indicated.
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2. The above individual
resigned his appointment on the
11th February 1857.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

H. D. S. L. S. L.
Controller of Military Accounts.

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17th August 1865.*

No. 279. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Ootacamund, 18th July 1865, No. 1,349 :—

Sir,

1. Adverting to the Government Orders No. 956 of the 9th of May, and No. 1,323 of the 15th of June last, I have the honor to forward Mr. Spring's defence,* together with a copy† of his explanation forwarded to Dr. Cleghorn.

* Enclosure No. 1.
† Do. No. 2.

2. With regard to Mr. Spring's statement that Teak is given on license in Cuddapah, Salem, and Madura, I may here inform you that, with the exception of the Cumbum valley forests in Madura, which are reserved and worked by the Department, there is no Teak worth reserving in any of those Districts, as it is all stunted and of small growth; whereas in the belt of forest comprising the Bolumpetty, Sholaykurray and Chenat Nair forests of the Coimbatore and Malabar Districts, the growth of Teak is very fine, but its felling has been stopped since conservancy came into force, as all the ripe trees were felled out some years ago. The Chenat Nair forest is leased to the Railway with a distinct clause that no Teak is to be felled, and Teak was purposely omitted in the seigniorage lists of Coimbatore. Mr. Spring was well aware of these facts; he, however, allows Teak to be felled, and fixes the price himself, and never even reports that he has done so. The order given to Rungiah Gownden and Boriah Gownden in June to cut Vengay and Black-wood for the Jail, appears to have been a written order, and not a verbal one, as before stated by me in my letter No. 1,266, of the 28th of April last; it was, however, afterwards altered verbally into permission to cut Teak also. On the 1st of July, Mr. Spring informed me verbally that he intended felling some Vengay in the Sholaykurray and Bolumpetty forests for the Coimbatore Jail, and I told him that it would be a good plan. No mention was made of Teak or Black-wood, and no report was ever made to me concerning the contract. Boriah Gownden and Rungiah Gownden were allowed to enter the Sholaykurray forests in June, and appear to have had the whole run of the forests undisturbed until November, when the Revenue authorities put a stop to their proceedings. These contractors had then just effected the sale of some valuable timber; but this was attached and marked, and consequently was not removed. On account of this sale one of them (the other is dead) was fined 1,000 Rupees, and sentenced to three years' imprisonment. It is impossible to say what timber may or may not have been felled and sold out of those forests between June and November, as no supervision was exercised by Mr. Spring. No felling at all should have been allowed without the supervision of Mr. Spring or of his Overseer. Mr. Spring pleads sickness, but he had an Overseer attached to his establishment, and it was the healthy season.

3. With regard to your official docket No. 1,450 of 1865, dated the 26th of June (herewith returned), in which Mr. Spring complains that he was required to do

‡ Enclosure No. 3.

duty after his pay was stopped, I herewith forward copy of a letter† from Major Michael to the Conservator of Forests, by which you will perceive that that Officer refused to take the responsibility of

From
The Controller of Military Accounts,
Fort St. George,

To,
*The Asst. Conservator of Forests
in Charge of the Central Office
Madras.*

No.

Dated *26th July* 1870.
Received

Enclosure

Endorsement.

*Verifies the Review of
Mr. F. Spring in the late
Military Auditor General's
Office.*

Recd. in the 9347/11.

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Mr. Spring's outstandings and stock of timber; Major Michael was taken ill almost immediately after assuming charge, and he was unable to visit the timber depôts, and he informed me that most of the cart contractors, who were holders of large advances, were not at work, and that Mr. Spring had not adopted proper measures for handing over these outstandings; it was upon this that I ordered Mr. Spring to remain in the District, as reported in paragraph 9 of my letter to Government, No. 1,266 of the 28th of April 1865, and to hand over both the timber and outstandings to Lieutenant Bennet who was expected. I also recommended him to collect all the cartmen, so that no delay should occur in handing over, and informed him that if he did so, I should recommend that he should be allowed to draw his pay from the date of Major Michael's departure till the arrival of Lieutenant Bennet. Mr. Spring has not acted up to these orders, and, instead of handing over properly to Lieutenant Bennet, he has proceeded to Madras; he is suffering, I believe, from dysentery; but he has not forwarded a certificate from the Doctor at Coimbatore, that it was necessary for him to proceed to Madras. I may here mention that if Mr. Spring had given proper attention to his duty, all the cartmen would have been at work under his own or his Overseer's supervision; he appears, however, to have absented himself from the operations, and to have remained in at Coimbatore, some 40 miles away from his work, the contractors consequently left their work, and some are reported to have sold their bullocks.

No. 280. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1865, No. 1,912.

Forests, No. 6.

1. In a letter dated the 28th April 1865, No. 1,266, Captain Beddome, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, brought

to the notice of Government certain transactions in which Mr. Spring, Acting Assistant Conservator in charge of the Anamallay and Bolumpetty Range, had been involved, and which seemed, in Captain Beddome's opinion, to shew that he ought not to be allowed to return to the independent charge of a Range.

2. Government reserved their final judgment on the matter until they could be put in possession of fuller information; but in consideration of the irregularities which Mr. Spring had undoubtedly been guilty of, they ordered that payment of his salary should be discontinued until further orders—(G. O. 9th May 1865, No. 956).

3. Fuller reports on the conduct of Mr. Spring together with his written defence have now been submitted to Government, and they are constrained to observe that although criminality is not imputed to Mr. Spring, he is shewn to have paid away heavy sums of the public money without notifying what he was doing to his superiors, and without keeping any regular record of his transactions; and by these and other irregularities to have brought about such a state of confusion and disorganization in his Range, that Major Michael was obliged in self-defence to refuse to take over charge of it.

4. Under these circumstances, Government are of opinion that the loss of pay, from the 30th of April to the present date, to which Mr. Spring is subject, in accordance with G. O. 9th May 1865, No. 956, will be a proper punishment for the irregularities which he has been shewn to have committed; and they approve of Captain Beddome's proposition that Mr. Spring should be placed in future under

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some other Officer, and not be allowed to remain in independent charge of a Range. Captain Beddome will now direct Mr. Spring to resume his duties.

5. The Officer who is at present in charge of the Anamallay and Bolumpetty Range should carefully scrutinize the subject of the large advances made by Mr. Spring to cart-drivers and others, and a report should eventually be submitted to Government, shewing whether any of the advances made by him are unadjusted and irrecoverable, and if so, whether he is personally responsible for them.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
„ the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Madras Government
dated 17th August
1865

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Application submitted by Mr Spring with Testimonials in original & Statement of the case of Mr Thomas Spring Overseer Forests &c of the Forest Department furnished by the Garrison Engineer of Bangalore. Medical certificates submitted by the 18th Regt of Infantry, Com^d of British India 1844. Letter from the Colonel of the 18th Regt of Infantry, dated 5th July 1857. Letter from the Com^d of the 18th Regt of Infantry, dated 26th July 1857. Register of an application for Superannuation Pension.

Accountant General's Office
Recd 5 8 1870
Ans'd

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From
Office of Conservator of Forests
Camp Octacama 2nd Aug^r 1865
M
Major R. H. Beddome
Conservator of Forests.
To,
J. Lushington Esq^r
Act^g General to the Gov^t of
Madras.
Sir,
I have the honor to forward
herewith an application together with
the documents noted in the margin,
for the grant of Superannuation Pension
to Mr Overseer Thomas Spring of
the Forest Department; which after
verification, it is requested, may be
submitted to Government with such
remarks as you may deem necessary.
2. Mr Spring was employed
in the late Military Auditor
General's Office from 1st November
1844 up to 11th February 1857, his
services for that period having been
verified

verified by the Controller of Military
Accounts, as will be seen from the
accompanying communication, dated
26th July 1870 No 554. - Mr Spring
joined the Forest Department on
the 12th February 1857, as given in
the accompanying Statement of total
period of service, which, it is re-
quested, may be verified from the
records of your Office.

3. - The Garrison Surgeon of
Bangalore having declared Mr
Spring incapacitated for further
service, he was accordingly removed
from the effective Establishment
on the 1st July 1870, from which
date I beg to recommend that Super-
annuation Pension may be granted
to him by Government.

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No 23

OFFICE OF CONTR. MILY. ACCOUNTS,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

J. A. H. M. Major
Conservator of Forests

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Recd In No 934/70.

of the Case of Mr. Thos Spring
rest Department.

No 23

OFFICE OF CONTR. MILY. ACCOUNTS,

Fort Saint George.

From

The Controller of Military Accounts,

Fort St. George,

To

The Accountant General.

Dated 30 August 1870.

Received

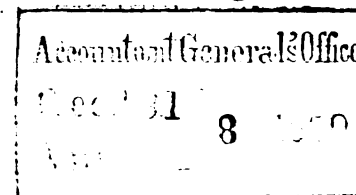
No. 457.

Enclosures.

In the reference to
the Memorandum from
the Accountant General
dated 25 August 1870,
No 1038, the Controller
of Military Accounts
has the honor to state,
that Mr. Spring
obtained no leave

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Revs In 934/70.

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after exposure or fatigue -
also from sunstroke or
of ago since which time
has become very defect-
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Submits an application
together with certain docu-
ments, for the grant of
higher remuneration in view of
the services & position of the
General Department, &c.

Enclosure No. 6.

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Received 30 August 1870
of the Accountant General

For the Accountant General

No 934.

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verified by the Controller of
Accounts, as will be seen from
accompanying communication,

on forfeiture of half, or full pay, during his
employment in the late Military Auditor
General's Office.

J. B. Seaford
Controller of Military Accounts

on the 1st July 1870, from a
date I beg to recommend the
annuation Pension may be
to him by Government.

Statement of the Case of Mr. Thos. Spring
overseer Forest Department.

Was sent into Bangalore by the Head
of his Department with a view to obtaining
his pension being quite unfit for the duties
required of him. - Has been attending as
an Out-patient at the Garrison Hospital
for the past two months having come from
Sittamangalum in the Coimbatore
District, where for the last 3 years he
states he has suffered from repeated at-
tacks of fever. - Was on arrival very feeble
and anemic, - bowels very irritable - ap-
petite capricious. Tongue foul, serrated
at the edges - Pulse natural but weak.
Skin warm dry - stated that the fever
was frequently followed by dysentery
or *Khianha*, which disabled him
from any duty for lengthened periods,
and being in the jungle he could
procure no medical aid - the Con-
stitution has become completely
broken down, and the fever returns
on the slightest exposure or fatigue.
Suffered also from *Sinistro* or
gout a half ago since which time
the memory has become very defect-
ive & completely disabled from
the duty required. Although im-
proved under the use of the medicine.

prescribed, Louis. Iron. Quinine and
strict attention to diet; he is never
likely to be able again to perform
the duties of his Department & I
have therefore granted him the
accompanying Certificate.

Bangalore
27th June 1870

W. H. S.
Super Major
Garnett Supton

I Henry Young Surgeon Major and
Garrison Surgeon of Bangalore, do hereby
Certify, that I have Carefully examined
Mr. Thomas Spring - Overseer in the
Forest Department that his age is
by his own statement 48 years & by
appearance about 50 years, & that I
find him to be unfit for further service,
not from old age and infirmity,
but from premature decay, the result
of Fever, not in my opinion attri-
butable to intemperance or other
irregular habits.

Bangalore }
27th June 1870 }

W. H. S.
Super Major
Garnett Supton

J. H. Young
Deputy Surgeon General &c &c

N^o 53.

Potatamund
Office of Dy. Consr. of Forests
5 July 1870.

From

W
Lt Col H. R. Morgan

Deputy Consr. of Forests

To

The Assistant, Conservator of Forests
In charge of the Central Office
Madras

Sir,

Agreeably to your letter N^o 133 dated
15 June 1870, I have the honor to forward Mr. Spring's
2 Medical Certificates, 5 Certificates showing when
he entered the service, his age, his average pay for
the last 5 years his leave & days, can be filled in the
Central Office.

* this return

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most Obedient Servant
H. R. Morgan

Deputy Consr. of Forests

Conservator of Forests

N^o 254.

Madras
Office of Dy Conserv of Forests
25th November 1870

From

14
Lieut. H. B. Morgan
Deputy Conservator of Forests

To

Major R. H. Bidder
Conservator of Forests

Sir,

With reference to your Assistant's letter
N^o 555 dated 21st November 1870, I have the honor
to inform you that Mr. Spring was ordered to
proceed to Bangalore on duty to appear before a
Medical Committee for Pension, and he remained
there for 2 months until he obtained a Medical
Certificate for Pension - being on duty during that
period viz^t 1st July 1870 -

2 Mr. Spring's pay was drawn for July
and August but under instructions from the
Central office the amount was refunded -

3 The hon^{ble} carrying out of the G. O. of 20th
January 1869 was due to Mr. Spring having
stated that his Service of 25 years would be
complete in November of that year. Consequently as
he had but a few months to serve he having taken
3 months privilege leave from 1st April to 1st July and
as he requested to be allowed for that short
period to remain at Collegal permission was

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given him to do so - afterwards it turned
out that Mr. Spring's time was not
complete until the 1st of July 1870. In the
mean time the vacancy in the Central office
had been filled up and Mr. Spring did
duty at Salliamangalam until sent to
Bangalore -

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
M. Morgan Esq.
Deputy Conservator of Forests

For. Secy. 13/5/70.

Bangalore 1st July 1870.

To,

Colonel H. R. Morgan
Dy. Conservator of Forests.

Sir,

I beg most respectfully to submit
the Certificate granted me by Dr. Young,
Garrison Surgeon, to enable me to submit
my application for Pension. The blank
form of "Register" is herewith returned,
as the information therein required can
only be obtained from the Office of Examin-
er of Claims. The testimonials of char-
acter granted me from the Officers of
the Military Auditor General's office are
herewith enclosed; and I solicit you will
kindly return them when no longer required.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant
Thos. Spring.

For. Secy. Major
Conservator of Forests

REGISTER of an application for Superannuation Pension under Pension Rules

published under date 3rd May 1861, from the Establishment of
the Conservator of Forests

1	Full name of Pensioner...	Thomas Spring		
2	Sect or caste...	East Indian		
3	Residence ...	Bangalore		
4	Present post ...	Overseer		
5	Date of commencement of service...	1 st November 1844		
6	Date of retirement from service ...	1 st July 1870		
7	Abstract of the grounds of application.	1. Good service ... 2. Inability to serve longer ... 3. Reduction of Establishment ...		
8*	How long unemployed, and under what circumstances.	1. Resigned the service from ... to ... 2.† Reduction of Establishment from ... to ... 3. Suspended from 30 th April 1865 to 17 th Aug st 1865 4. Dismissed for misconduct from ... to ...		
9	Total of service before 22 years of age ...	None		
10	Total of service not in Pension grades ...	None		
11	Total of leave other than privilege and preparatory leave ...	None		
	Grand Total...	" 3 18		
12	Total period in Pension grades counted as service ...	25 8 "		
13†	Age of the applicant at the time of this application ...	48 1 16		
14	Height ...	5 5 1/2		
15	Descriptive marks.—	A dark patch under the right breast: no other marks besides this		
16	Average salary of past 5 years ...	Rs.	A.	P.
17	Proposed amount of Pension...	90	11	11
18	Date from which to commence ...	1 st July 1870		
19	Place of payment ...	Bangalore		

* 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 Rs. A. P.
 Order sanctioning payment of gratuity was
 Amount of gratuity granted was Rs. A. P.
 Refund of gratuity was credited to the account for the month of

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

W. H. D. M.
Major
Conservator of Forests

Statement of total period of Service.

Establishment.	Post.	Pay.			PERIOD.					Accountant General or Controller of Military Accounts Remarks.	
		Rs.	A.	P.	From	To	Yrs.	Ms.	Ds.		
Military Auditor General's Office.	Writer	15	"	"	1 st Nov. 1844	1 st July 45	"	8	4	Verified from the records of the Controller of Military Accounts vide his letter dated 26 th July 1870 No 354	
	"	20	"	"	5 th July 45	31 st May 46	"	10	27		
	Ass ^{nt} Acc ^{nt}	35	"	"	1 st June 46	31 st Jan. 49	2	8	"		
	"	45	"	"	1 st Feb. 49	30 th Oct. 49	"	9	"		
	"	45	"	"	1 st Nov. 49	30 th Apr. 53	3	6	"		
	Indexer	60	"	"	1 st May 53	31 st July 53	2	3	"		
	"	70	"	"	1 st Aug. 53	1 st Feb. 57	1	6	11		
	Forest Conservancy Department.	Head Clerk	100	"	"	12 th Feb. 57	20 th Apr. 62	5	2	7	Verified from the records of this office It appears from Bill No. 14 for July 1870 that the applicant was in Government employ and drawing the pay of the post up to and of July although he was pronounced by the Medical Officers on the 27 th June 1870 to have been unfit for further service and it is very probable that he is still at duty but the Bill for August has not yet been received from the Treasury. From the leave returns on record in this office the applicant appears to have availed 2 months and 25 days sick leave during 1865/66 and therefore his qualifying service up to 27 th June 1870 after deducting the period of suspension and leave is yrs 25-1-23 and not yrs 25-8-11 as shown by the Conservator of Forests
		Sub. Ass ^{nt} Cons ^{nt}	150	"	"	21 st Apr. 62	8 th July 63	1	2	18	
		Cuddapa		"	"						
Ass ^{nt} Cons ^{nt}		200	"	"	9 th July 63	2 nd Feb. 65	1	6	25		
Anamallay			"	"							
Do		200	"	"	3 rd Feb. 65	29 th Apr. 65	"	2	25		
Salem			"	"							
Under Secy		90	"	"	30 th Apr. 65	1 st Aug. 65	"	3	18		
Secy			"	"							
Oversee		80	"	"	18 th Aug. 65	25 th June 66	"	10	9		
Bolampally	"		"								
Do	100	"	"	26 th June 66	10 th Decr. 69	3	5	15			
Collegall		"	"								
Do	50	"	"	11 th Decr. 69	30 th June 70	"	6	21			
Seigar and Suttamangalam		"	"								
Total.....							25	8	"		
Years. Months. Days.											
Deduct service before 22 years of age							...	...			
Deduct service not in Pension grades							...	...			
Deduct leave							...	...			
Net period of Service.....							25	8	"	Account General	

Draw an allowance of Rs 90 p.m. mensem as per annexed bill dated 27th October 1870

Explanation of Column 8 with quotations of orders of reinstatement.

Government in G.O. dated 17th August 1865 No 1912, observe that although criminality is not imputed to Mr. Spring, he is shown to have paid away heavy sums of the public money and they approved of Captain Beddome's proposition that Mr. Spring should be placed in future under some other officer and not to be allowed to remain in independent charge of a Range. Mr. Spring was directed to pursue his duties. An allowance of Rs 90 a month for the period during which he was under suspension from 30th April to 17th August 1865 was disbursed to him in accordance with G.O. 27th October 1865 No 2643. The recommendation made by Dr. Clynburn, the late Conservator of Forests, for removing Mr. Spring with advantage to another District and relieving him from further responsibility in regard to the heavy sums of the public money paid to Cart Contractors was approved by Government in Madras Proceedings dated 3rd May 1866 No 1087.

Detail of leave on half pay and full stoppage of pay.

From To Yrs. Ms. Ds.

None

Total of leave...

Explanation of any degradation.

Owing to severe stroke and subsequent ill health Mr. Spring was ordered in G.O. dated 20th January 1869 No 165, to do duty as an Accountant in the Central office, but this measure was afterwards cancelled. As Mr. Spring was unable to stand the effects of the climate in Collegal Forest, he was transferred to a minor Range in the Sattiamungalam Taluk on a reduced salary of Rs 50 p.m. mensem. This reduction is not attributable to misconduct.

Remarks by the head of the Office on past character and conduct of the applicant throughout the service.

In consideration of the services rendered to the State, and of the general good character borne by the applicant, Superannuation Pension is strongly recommended on public grounds for the remainder of his life; as the reward of his services to Government for a period of 25 years and 8 months.

Camp. Cotacamund Conservator's Office,
The Second day of August 1870.

J. R. Reddick Major
Conservator of Forests

No. 1077
REPORT OF THE Accountant General

Service qualifying for pension is proved for a total period of (up to 27th June 1870) .. 25 — 1 — 23
In the last 5 years of his service the average pay of the applicant's permanent post was ... 93 — 14 — 11
Applicant is eligible to a pension of Rupees 46-12-00 per mensem, equal to a moiety of his average salary during the last 5 years, under Clause III Section 6 of the Revised Pension Rules.

The salary drawn by the applicant subsequent to the date of medical certificate, should be recovered for credit of Government, in the manner laid down in Government Notification dated 22nd March 1869, published at page 493 Volume I of official Gazette for 1869.

Fort Saint George
Accountant General's Office,
8th September 1870.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Civil Pension Department.

F. R. R. R. R.
Accountant General

PENSION 1890 DEPARTMENT.

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From the *Accountant General*,
Fort Saint George.

To the Chief Secretary to Government,

Civil Pension Department.

PENSION 1890 DEPARTMENT.

From the *Conservator of Forests*

To the Accountant General ~~and~~ *of Military Accounts*.

Dated *8th*
Received *8th September 1890.*

Enclosures.

Dated *2nd*
Received *2nd August 1890.*

F. No 1384

Verifies the service

of *Mr Thomas Spring*
late *Overseer*

home on the establishment of the *Forest*

Conservancy Department

Register of an appli-

cation for Superannuation Pension in behalf

of *Mr Thomas Spring*
late *Overseer*

home on the establishment of the *Forest*

Conservancy Department

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Not on file 18/1/90

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

19th September 1890 19635

The 1st Annex sheet in the statement No 1

*Spring's case furnished by the American Engineer
of Bangalore under date 29 June 1890, it is stated
that Mr Spring was attending the hospital there for
two months; but the written application showing
leave granted to him at that time. The leave
of 7 weeks was spent on his private life. The leave
he himself was granted, it was reduce Mr Spring's
service below the prescribed limit of 25 years for
pension.*

*2. Major Robinson with etc. advised that
while Mr Spring served 6-18 days at Bangalore, why
he was retained in the service after the prescribed
time limit had been obtained, and the circumstances
under which J.O. 204 Jan 1889 was recommended.*

Do the Conservancy of Forests 1002-19/11/90.