

No. 47.

From, Colonel A. L. Barron C. B.,
Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Pension Department,

Sir,

(a)
H. 372 dated 10th
May 1872.

(a) With reference to Proceedings of Government, sanctioning, as a special case, an Invalid Pension of Rspees 25 per mensem to C. Venkatarangum Naidoo, late a Clerk in this Office, but conditional on his refunding certain gratuities received by him in 1857 and 1871, I have the honor to state that I have received a representation from Venkatarangum, setting forth his utter inability to return the above gratuities. The amounts received were, in 1857 Rspees 900, and in 1871, Rspees 600, making in all Rspees 1500, or equal to 5 years' grant of the pension to which Government have recently admitted him.

2. Venkatarangum was for 24 months out of employ, after he had ceased to perform duty in the Chief Engineer's Office; and having no other source of income, he states that he was compelled to use the amount of the first gratuity for the sustenance of himself and ten other members of his Family, who were entirely dependent upon him. After

After his services had been dispensed with from this office, he had, also, with the exception of the second gratuity, no means of support: and, in fact, had he not used these gratuities, he states that he would have had simply to starve. Venkatarangum Naider submits, that out of the small pension of Rupees 25 he cannot possibly repay the comparatively large sum of Rupees 1500; and even if he could succeed in raising that amount on condition of surrendering $\frac{1}{2}$ his pension to the lender, it would take some 10 years to pay off the principal, whilst the whole amount of his pension would not more than suffice to pay the interest which Native bankers would charge him, for a loan of Rupees 1500.

3. Under these circumstances, he has the prospect of being deeply in debt for the remainder of his life, and that which was intended as a boon to support him in his old age, would practically occasion him great pecuniary distress.

4. In consideration therefore of his advanced age (67 years) and his past services of upwards of $\frac{1}{2}$ a century, which have been fully recognized by the several officers under whom he has served, as well as by Government; I beg to recommend that, as a special case, he may be allowed to draw the pension granted him, without being required to refund the gratuities already spent by him.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. B. Carr to Colonel M. A.,

Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines

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June 5. June 1872 & 1873

London 1872 Department

No 558

From
The Inspector General
of Ordnance & Magazines

To
The Secretary to Government
Warrior Department

Dated 5th June 1872
Revised 6th

No 47

Recommendation for
Revised stated that the
Inspection of Ordnance
may be exempted from
regulating practice granted
him, and that he be allowed
to draw funds

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Order thereon 6th June 1872 & 1873

Colonel Barrow will be furnished
with a copy of S. O. dated 5th instant
Major General Department, declining
to release Inspectors of Ordnance
the conditions subject to which a
pension was conferred upon him

CCS.

The enclosed

To the Chief Clerk General of Ordnance & Magazines
Dec 1872