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Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

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No. 54. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated Simla, 29th May 1873, No. 432:—

Pension and Gratuities.

Read the following letter from the Government of India, to the Secretary of State for India, dated 17th January 1873, No. 39.

We have the honour to report, for Your Grace's approval, that we have sanctioned a compassionate allowance of Rupees 50 a month to Mr. J. S. Robertson, Brevet Branch Pilot on the Bengal Establishment, whom it is considered expedient to remove from the service on account of intemperate habits.

2. We take this opportunity of representing to Your Grace that we often experience great difficulty from the rules in force not allowing the grant of a pension when, owing to inefficiency, which may, perhaps, not always be his fault, an officer is no longer able to perform satisfactorily the duties required of him.

3. We forward herewith a copy of the papers relating to the case of Mr. Fell, as an illustration of the inconvenience. Mr. Fell was a school-master in Akyab, and after serving Government for about twenty-eight years, he was removed for inefficiency, for which he was clearly not to blame.

4. Even the rules applicable to pension on medical certificate would not always meet such cases, and we should be glad to be allowed to exercise a discretion in granting to officers, whom it is desirable to remove from the service for inefficiency, due to whatever cause, such pension as may in each case seem to us expedient. We should limit such pension, ordinarily, to the amount admissible under Section 56 of the Civil Pension Code: it would probably be very seldom necessary to grant even so much.

5. What we wish is to be able to discharge, upon some reasonable conditions, an officer whom it is not desired to keep in the public service, but whose conduct has not been such as to justify his dismissal without any provision for his subsistence, or, perhaps, the infliction upon him of any penalty whatever.

From Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 27th March 1873, No. 133.

I have considered in Council your Financial letter dated the 17th January 1873, No. 39, reporting the circumstances under which you have sanctioned the grant of a compassionate allowance of Rupees 50 a month to Mr. J. S. Robertson, a Branch Pilot on the Bengal Establishment, and requesting to be "allowed to exercise a discretion in granting to officers, whom it is desirable to remove from the service for inefficiency, due to whatever cause, such pension as may in each case seem to" you "expedient."

2. I confirm the grant of this compassionate allowance to Mr. Robertson, but I cannot sanction any general arrangement by which pensions not authorized by existing rules could be granted without reference to the Secretary of State. I shall, however, be prepared to consider any proposal you may make for the grant of a special pension in a case of the nature to which you refer, but such proposed grant should always be made to, and be sanctioned by, me, before any communication on the subject is made to the officer concerned.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
5th June 1873.*

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the above be forwarded *confidentially* to—
The several Departments of the Government of India (the Marine Department
being especially referred to Financial Resolution No. 319, dated 17th January
1873), and

The several Local Governments and Administrations.

(Signed) D. BARBOUR,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 55.

ORDER THEREON, 5th June 1873, No. 793.

Communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

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