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PENSION DEPARTMENT.

No. 317.

FROM

C. G. MASTER, Esq.,

Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

His Excellency the Governor in Council has recently had under consideration the pensions allowable to clerks in Munsifs' Courts in this Presidency.

2. Prior to 1863 these clerks were very poorly paid, some of them receiving so low a monthly salary as Rupees 6. In 1863, the minimum pay of these servants was fixed at Rupees 10; but, while their duties are such as to require educated and intelligent men of capacities in every way equal to those of the clerks in Revenue Offices, whose service is termed "superior," their scale of pay, both was, and is, such as to make their service in the lower grades rank as "inferior."

3. The rule which creates this distinction operates very hardly, even where a portion of a man's service has been on pay exceeding 10 Rupees, and cases have been known where thoroughly-deserving servants have been unable after a service of upwards of thirty years to obtain a pension either on the superior or inferior scale. As an instance in point, I am directed to invite attention to the case of Ravuri Nagabushanum reviewed in the Proceedings of this Government, dated 21st July 1873, No. 368, and forwarded to the Government of India with the letter noted in the margin.

4. His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that any arbitrary distinction between two bodies of men performing similar work is in itself inequitable, and, having in view the necessity of securing, as far as possible, the purity of the Courts of Law, he would strongly recommend that the clerks in Munsifs' Courts should be placed on the same footing as clerks in the various Revenue Offices, and should rank as superior servants. Unless this be done, it will be increasingly difficult to obtain the services of respectable men of good attainments, and yet, it is just such men that are required to fill these posts in which, though the temptations to corrupt practices and bad work are very great, the checks imposed by the inspection of European Officers are necessarily very rare.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

OOTACAMUND,
9th June 1874.

Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. Wright.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From
The Acting Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George.
To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated 9th June 1874.

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Enclosure.

Recommending that the clerks in Munsifs' Courts should be placed on the same footing as clerks in the various Revenue Offices, and should rank as superior servants.

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