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Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	785	<i>Press</i> Press Mis.
Dated	15-12-1876.	

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Pension or Gratuity.

Read the following letter from the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 1st December 1876, No. 431 :—

I herewith forward a letter from the Church Committee of St. Matthias' Church, Vepery, enclosing a petition from Mr. A. F. Zscherpel, Organist and Singing Master of St. Matthias' Church, that, in view of the reduction of Church Establishment to take place in April 1877, he may be allowed a pension from Government of Rupees 21 per mensem, the salary assigned for a Singing Master.

2. The Church Committee very strongly recommend that the request of the petitioner may be granted.

3. Mr. Zscherpel states in his letter that he has discharged the duty of Organist and Singing Master for forty-one years and upwards "without interruption, and without applying for leave, as also without being a single Sunday absent." Chapter III of the Civil Pension Code, under the head of "General Principles" and "General Exceptions," Section 8, states that "pension and gratuity" are not earned by a person whose whole time is not retained for the service of Government, merely because he is paid by Government for work done for it."

4. Under these circumstances, it only remains for Government to treat the case of the petitioner as exceptional, if they are disposed to do so, in consideration of his long and uninterrupted services for a period of forty-one years and upwards.

From the President and Chaplain and the Lay Trustees of Vepery, to the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, dated Vepery, 4th November 1876.

We have the honor to request that you would be good enough to forward the enclosed letter from Mr. Zscherpel, Organist of St. Matthias' Church, Vepery, on to the Bishop and Government for their consideration.

2. We beg very strongly to recommend the request of the letter, to point out that the case is a very exceptional one, and that there would have been no need of such a request but for the reduction of Church Establishments on April 1st 1877.

3. Few servants can have such claim to the kind consideration of Government, and we trust that you will also give this letter from Mr. Zscherpel your recommendation.

(Signed) A. C. TAYLOR, *President and Chaplain.*
(") E. BROCKMAN, } *Lay Trustees.*
(") J. MILLS, }

From Mr. A. F. ZSCHERPEL, Organist of St. Matthias' Church, Vepery, to the Rev. the President and Trustees of St. Matthias' Church, dated Madras, 30th October 1876.

With reference to the Government Order stating that the allowances hitherto paid to certain Churches shall, on 1st April 1877, be discontinued, I take this opportunity of addressing you in view to my case being exceptionally treated, should it not come under the customary regulations of the service.

2. I trust that the order on its being carried out will not affect servants of considerable standing in the service, as in the case of one in my situation.

3. I must here state that I was originally appointed as Organist and Singing Master on a salary of Rupees 70 per mensem; but the salary was subsequently reduced, the Government having dispensed with the Organist's pay and retained that of the Singing Master.

4. For forty-one years and upwards I have served without interruption and without applying for leave, as also without being a single Sunday from duty. This circumstance alone should entitle me to special consideration, and I have every hope that it will give due weight to this application which is for a small pecuniary provision, and which provision I would regard as a reward for services long and faithfully rendered.

5. I may here state that the services in Vepery are more frequent than in the other divisions; consequently its duties heavier, and my labors were willingly given on all occasions without any additional emoluments for the same.

6. Notwithstanding all this, I received as Singing Master less remuneration than the Singing Masters in the other divisions. While others got Rupees 21, I only received Rs. 17-8-0. In other words, the Singing Masters of other Churches secured for themselves better advantages in a monetary sense than myself who had always a large choir to attend to.

7. These circumstances I bring to notice in no carping spirit, but with the object of asking your Committee to see me righted now that matters have taken a different course.

8. I believe I am not asking too much when I appeal to your Committee to represent my case to Government as a special one, and to secure for me a pension on Rupees 21, the salary assigned to Singing Masters. For a very long period, as the Church records will show, I have drawn only Rupees 17-8-0 or Rupees 3-8-6 less, and it will be some compensation for my long and tried services should your Committee secure for me the pension solicited.

9. There need be no apprehension of my case establishing a precedent. My case is so peculiarly different from others that a precedent can hardly arise. There has not been an instance, at least in this Presidency, where a servant has performed his duty unremittingly for forty-one years, and I repeat that it would be hard indeed to deprive a servant of any long standing after such marked service of a small boon which would give him some aid in his declining years.

10. Government have always been considerate to their employes who have done their legitimate service, and I feel satisfied that they will not begrudge me of a pecuniary provision to which I feel myself fairly entitled after my long and arduous connexion with the Church.

11. I entirely rely on your Committee to give this appeal your strong support when forwarding the same to the higher authorities of the State.

No. 127.

Referred, to the Accountant-General, for the usual verification and report.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
4th December 1876.

(Signed) H. B. GRIGG,
Acting Under Secretary.

No. 589.

The undersigned has the honor to state that out of Mr. A. F. Zschierpel's alleged services of forty-one years, only service of thirty years from 1847 has been proved from the Annual Returns and Audit Registers on record in this office as Singing Master on 17½ Rupees per mensem, and that his service previous to 1847 cannot be verified for want of details of the establishment in the Annual Returns. No pension or gratuity, however, is admissible, as under Section 8 of the Civil Pension Code Church servants are debarred from receiving the above.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
7th December 1876.

(Signed) R. W. LODWICK,
Accountant-General.

ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1876, No. 785.

The Government are debarred by Section 8 of Civil Pension Code from granting pensions in such cases.

2. The application is rejected accordingly.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

.. Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. 1876.
 In reply to inform you that the President of the
 Trustees of St. Matthias Church
 Rev. & Dear Sir, I have the honor to
 acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. 1876.
 With reference to the
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Obdt. of 1876: 37.000rs.

PENSION.

To THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,

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Dated December, 1876

Issued

Recd.

End.

G.O., 15th December 1876, No. 785.

DECEMBER.

Pension or Gratuity. — Declining to grant
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Received Rs. 865/176

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Vepery
Madras
Nov. 4. 1876.

To the Venerable
the Archdeacon of Madras

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Etrochine au. } Lay - Trustees
Mills.

No. 431. Ecclesiastical Department.

To The Honble W. Huddleston
Chief Secy. to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Madras, 1st December 1876.

Sir,

Nov 4. 1876.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obed^t. Servant,

C. R. Drury.

Arohae.

No 589

The undersigned has the honor to state that out of the 57 Garrisonists alleged to have been in the service of the U.S. Army from 1847 to 1849, only 11 have been found in the annual Returns and Audit-Registers on record in this Office. No other names are on the 1st of Nov. 1849, but the list has been furnished for want of details of the Establishment in the annual Returns. No provision on gratuity however is authorized in the section 8 of the Civil Pension Code. Should demands be advanced from receiving the above.

Wm. L. Davis - George
Secretary to Office }
7th December 1876.

Wm. L. Davis
Accountant General }
to the Chief Secretary
to Government -
Pension Dept.

James Sec. Dept.
From the Pension Dept.
The Sec. of the Pension
to the Hon. Mr. Secretary
Chief Secy. to Govt.
St. Louis, Mo.
No 431.
Dated 1st Decr. 1876.
Recd 20 - - -
Pension

Forwarded a letter dated
Nov. 4th 1876 from the Pension
Commissioner of the Pension
Dept. to the Hon. Mr. Secretary
a letter from the Pension
Dept. to the Hon. Mr. Secretary
for a
Pension. Recd. 20th Decr. 1876.
from Govt. and returned
only that the Pension Dept.

Received at the Pension
Dept. 12 1876
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Ans'd - - -

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Referred to the Pension
Dept. for the same verification
and report -
H. L. Davis - George }
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to the Pension Dept.
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Pensions (1876) DEPARTMENT.

From

The Accountant General

No. 589.

Dated

Received

7th } December 1876.
9th }

No.

875.

Verifies the services
of Mr. A. F. Zecherful,
as singing Master,
and states that church
servants are debarred
from receiving pensions
or gratuities.

With orders

Order drawn 15th December 1876. No. 985.

The full amount of the
for printing Posters & book cases.
a statement is signed accordingly.

To the Accountant General
at the General Land Office

Dec 11/76
6/11/76

C. B. Dwyer

Govt. of 1876 Madras.

Pension

To the Accountant Genl.

Dated 15th December 1876.
Despatch 6th January 1877

G. O. 15th December 1876, No. 785

Nos.

Declining to grant
pension or gratuity
to A. F. Bocherpel,
Singing Master
of Saint Matthias
Church, Vepery,
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