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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revision DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<u>809</u>	Press Mis.
Dated	<u>28-12-</u>	<u>1876.</u>

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Pension.

Read again Proceedings of Government in the Pension Department, dated 14th October 1876, No. 625.

Read also letter from the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, dated 7th November 1876, No. 590.

Read also official memorandum to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, dated 9th November 1876, No. 21.

Read also letters from the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, dated 27th November and 13th December 1876, Nos. 62 and 655.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd December 1876, No. 809.

The Medical Committee having now certified that Mr. John Alexander Elkington, late Head Clerk, Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, is unfit for further service of any kind in the department to which he belongs, in consequence of serious and permanent impairment of nervous power, the Governor in Council is pleased to grant, under Sections 49 and 56 (c) of the Civil Pension Code, Mr. Elkington a monthly pension of Rupees (81-15-4) eighty-one, Annas fifteen, and Pice four, to which he is entitled for his qualifying superior service of twenty-five years and nineteen days, payable from the 1st September 1876.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Controller of Military Accounts, with Register:
,, Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines.

Ed. A. S. Rodgers.

DECEMBER.
1876.
Madras.
THE CONTROLLER OF
MILITARY ACCOUNTS,
Madras.
Issued
Dated December, 23rd.
Recd.
G.O., 23rd December 1876, No. 809.
PENSION.
Cost of 11876
Madras.

Pension.—Granting a pension of Rs. 81-15-4
 month to Mr. J. A. Elkington, late Head Clerk
 in the office of the Inspector-General of Ordnance
 and Magazines.

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APPLICATION FOR **PENSION**
~~GRATUITY~~

1. Name of Applicant. *John Alexander Elkington.*
2. Father's name. *John Elkington.*
3. Sect or Caste. *European.*
4. Residence. *Black Town, Madras.*
5. Present or last employment. *Head of Departt, 1st Class, Ordnance Office.*
6. Date of beginning service. *22nd May 1847.*
7. Date of end of service. *31st August 1876.*
8. Length of service including breaks
 of which superior
 inferior
 non-qualifying and breaks... ..

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9. Class of ~~pension~~ ^{pension} applied for, and cause of application* ... *Invalid Pension*
10. [Average] emoluments or pay. ... *Rupus-163.14.8.*
11. Proposed pension. ... *Rupus-81.15.4.*
12. Proposed gratuity. ... *"*
13. Date from which to commence. ... *1st September 1876.*
14. Place of payment. ... *Madras.*
15. Date of Applicant's birth by Christian era, § ... *12th February 1829.*
16. Height. ... *5 feet Seven and a half inches.*
17. Marks. ... *Scar on the left eyebrow and a slight contraction of the first digit of the fourth finger of the left hand.*
18. Date. *23rd August 1876.*

* If the application is for a compensation,
 pension or gratuity, the nature of the change of
 establishment which has given rise to the claim
 should be fully stated.
 § (If not known exactly, must be stated on
 the best information or estimate)

Macmillan Colonel R.A.
Off. Inspector General of Ordnance
 SIGNATURE OF THE HEAD OF OFFICE.

HISTORY OF THE SERVICE (SHOWING BREAKS) OF
Wm. A. Ellington Head of Department 1st Class attached to the
Ordinance Office, Fort La Grange, -

[illegible]

REMARKS BY HEAD OF OFFICE.

1. As to character and past conduct of Applicant. *Very good.*

2. Explanation of any suspension or degradation. *Suspended for having taken the benefit of the Insolvent Act from 14th December 1870. Restored with full pay from date of suspension to 15 February 1871; vide Order of Government No. 523 of 14 February 1871.*

3. Regarding any gratuity or pension already received by Applicant. *Nil.*

4. Explanation under Section 47, Rule 1, so far as the Head of the Office can give it. *Vide Letter attached, dated 23rd August 1876.*

5. Any other remarks. *None*

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CERTIFICATE AND REPORT OF THE CONTROLLER OF THE CIVIL PENSION CODE.

Certified that (subject to the remarks below recorded) qualifying service in { *superior* } grades has been duly proved for { *25* } years { *months* } and { *19* } days; and that an *invalid* { *pension* } not exceeding Rs. 81-15-6 per mensem, is admissible under Section 56(C) of the Civil Pension Code. - As the Inspector General reports his inability to procure such Certificate, although he considers Mr. Elvington eminently incapable for the Office he holds, the case should apparently be referred to the Government of India for Special Consideration with reference to despatch of the Secretary of State for India dated 27th March 1873, B. 743, published under Section 46 of the above Code. The calculations have been duly verified.

The total period of his Service { *29-3-10* } years. 29-3-10.

Direct. The period of his Service from 22 May 1847 to 11 February 1851, latter the date on which he attained the age of 22 years. - Go: 3-8-21

The period of his leave granted April to 30 September 1850 on the forfeiture of Privilege. - 6-0

a Memo: 4-2-21

1 Letter of the Offg. Insp: Genl: of Andee & Nag: dated 23rd August 1876, B. 148. 25-0-19

and 1 Service Book are herewith returned.

Offg. Secy: of Ind: Sect: 7
for 11 Enge 25 Sept. 1876

W. Davis Esq. Colonel,
Offg. Controller of Ind: Sect:.
Pension Department.

Madell
Offg. Inspector General of Ordnance & Ammunition,
S. G. NATURE.

Pension 1876 Report
No. 600.

APPLICATION FOR { PENSION ~~and~~ GRATUITY	
Date of application. 23 ^d Aug 7 1876	
Name of Applicant. Wm. J. A. Ellington	
Last Appointment. Head Clerk	
Class of { pension or gratuity	
Amount of pension sanctioned.	
Amount of gratuity sanctioned.	
Date of commencement.	
Date of sanction. 64-625 23-12-76	9-1-77
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the Presidency. The Service Book &c
are herewith returned

Wm. J. A. Ellington
Surgeon General MD

Presum 1876. Sept 10
From *No 898*
SECRETARY THE SURGEON-GENERAL,
INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
Fort Saint George,

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Cession Dept.
No. 655

Dated 13th December

REFERENCE.
Your official Memorandum
No 21 of the 9th ultimo.
Subject.

Forwards Certificate
in the prescribed
form, of Mr. Elkington's
unfitness for further
service signed by the
Standing Board of
Medical Officers at
the

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certified that we have carefully
examined John Alexander Elkington, son of
John Elkington, Head Clerk in the Ordnance
Office. His age is, by his own statement, 46
years, and by appearance, about 46 years.
We consider John Alexander Elkington
to be completely and permanently incapacitated
for further service of any kind in the
Department to which he belongs, in consequence
of serious and permanent impairment of
nervous powers. His incapacity does not appear
to us to have been caused by irregular or in-
temperate habits.

H. J. van Ameringen

Snodgrass
4 November
1876

Deputy Surgeon General, President
S. M. S. P. D. P.
H. L. Hackett
Surgeon
C. L. Thorpe Surgeon

Recd: 1876
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Prison Department
No. 21.
Official Memorandum
The As. Under Secy to
Govt. Prison Department
is directed to return the
Medical certificate of
Mr. J. A. Elvington, Lake Head
Clerk in the Ordnance Office,
forwarded with Surgeon
General's endorsement
of the 7th inst. No. 5-90 in
view to the certificate being
re-submitted in the form
prescribed under section
51 of the Civil Prison Code.
sgt. A. B. Grigg.
For Secy } As. Under Secy.
9th Nov 76 }
To the Surgeon General
Ind. Med. Dept.
with Med. Certificate

the standing Board of Medical Officers
at the Presidency

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Surgeon General M.D.

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From *845*
SECRETARY TO SURGEON-GENERAL,
INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
Fort Saint George,

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Pension Dept.
No. 621

Dated *27th* November.

REFERENCE.
Your No 21 dated 9th Nov.

Subject.

Favor is requested
to return the Service
Book and other
documents regarding
Mr. Elkington, to be
resubmitted to
the

Pension (1876) DEPARTMENT.

From
*The Surgeon General
Indian Medical Dept.*
No. 590.

Dated *7th*
Received *8th* } *November 1876.*

No. *789.*

*Reports that Mr. J. D.
Elkington, Head Clerk in
the Office of the Inspector
General of Ordnance and
Magazines is unfit
for further service.*

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
1st July 1876.*

Ordinance—Establishments.

Read the following papers:—

No. 1. From Colonel R. CADELL, c.B., R.A., Officiating Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Military Department, Ootacamund; dated Fort St. George, 7th June 1876, No. 82-G.

With reference to the letter of my predecessor published in Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 3203, dated 29th September 1874, I have the honor to report that from that date to this no candidate for the post of the Uncovenanted Assistant in this office has appeared personally or applied in writing, and I concur with Colonel Napier Campbell in thinking that it is hopeless to expect to obtain a Civilian fit for the office on the salary of Rupees 350 or even for a larger sum as technical military knowledge is indispensable to conduct its duties efficiently.

2. Colonel Campbell suggested the temporary employment in this office of Store Serjeant Kernon and Bombardier (now Acting Sub-Conductor) Carson, whereby a certain saving was apparently effected, and Government acceded to this as a temporary measure.

3. Both of these men have since been promoted to Sub-Conductor, and Mr. Kernon has been replaced by Store Serjeant Baker (*vide* Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 1665, dated 31st March 1876). Acting Sub-Conductor Carson has been retained in the office.

4. Subsequent to the date of the sanction of Government to the above arrangement, Mr. Tallent, Second Head Clerk in this office, has been promoted to another department, and we have since been trying to carry on the heavy duties of the office without further aid, but I regret to say that my work is still in arrears. This has been partially caused by the bad state of the health of Mr. Elkington, the First Head Clerk, who will in August have to take his pension.

5. It would simply have been impossible to carry on the duties of the office had Colonel Campbell's suggestion not been carried out of allowing certain men from the Royal Artillery to enter the office. Such selected men are familiar with the articles regarding which they have principally to deal, whereas the very appearance and uses of the articles are unknown and mysterious to any one not professionally trained, which deficiency is to them and to work a grave drawback.

6. I would now suggest that a Warrant Officer should be appointed Manager in this office, performing, in part or wholly, the duties of the Uncovenanted Assistant and that the services of two Sub-Conductors or Store Serjeants should be permanently retained in it.

7. I have delayed writing this till I could obtain from Burmah, and give a short trial as Manager to, a warrant officer of high character. The result has been, as far as I can at present see, successful.

8. With regard to the salaries, I would, for the present, propose that the Warrant Officer's salary as Manager should be Rupees 300, and that the pay of Sub-Conductor Carson should be Rupees 195, and that of Store Serjeant Baker Rupees 160; in all Rupees 655.

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1st July 1876.*

9. To meet the above outlay there is, or will be—

	RS.
The salary of the Head Uncovenanted Assistant reduced from Rupees 500 to	350
The pay of Mr. Tallent, less 20 Rupees paid to a Junior Clerk	130
And Mr. Elkington's salary, which will be available in or after August 1876	175
Total...	655

10. It is, of course, obvious that Mr. Elkington's salary of Rupees 175 is not just at present available, but the Budget Estimate will not be exceeded if Government sanction at once (as I earnestly hope they will see fit to do) the arrangement proposed, because during April and May there has been a monthly saving of Rupees 230, and there will also be a proportional saving during the current month, until Government sanction the proposals made in this letter should they deem fit to do so.

11. The proposed arrangement contemplates that the Warrant Officer, who will be Manager, and the two Sub-Conductors or Store Serjeants, who will be permanently in this office, shall be considered as supernumeraries, and that their places should be filled up on the regular Ordnance List.

12. I beg further to request that I may be favored with an answer as soon as convenient, as the Officer in charge of the Grand Arsenal has frequently complained of the serious inconvenience caused by the absence of men from the duties of the Arsenal, where they are much wanted.

13. The usual statement of alterations proposed to be made in the office establishment is herewith enclosed for the information of Government.

No. 2. With report from the Controller of Mily. Accounts, dated 13th June 1876, B.

No. 3. No. 2988.

Referred back for report as to whether due publicity has been given to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Cardozo, and whether either of the men referred to in O.G., No. 1285, dated 13th March 1876, is qualified.

(By order,)

Ootacamund,
16th June 1876.

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 4. From Colonel R. CADELL, C.B., R.A., Officiating Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Military Department, Ootacamund; dated Fort St. George, 21st June 1876, No. 104-G.

In returning my letter, No. 82-G, dated 7th June 1876, received with your memorandum, No. 2988, dated 16th June 1876, I have the honor to report, for the

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
1st July 1876.*

information of Government, that it was well known in every office in the Presidency that Mr. Cardozo's appointment was vacant, he having been gazetted to another. On every other vacancy taking place, such as that of Mr. Tallent, late Second Head Clerk, applications flowed in in very great numbers.

2. I beg to add that I gave respectful consideration to O.G., No. 397, dated 2nd March 1876, but I came to the conclusion that either Mr. Aubry or Mr. T. Ramachendra Rao of the Police Commissioner's Office would be useless here, and, in fact, that they, from their want of technical knowledge of men and things military, would be impediments to the current procedure of ordnance affairs.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, 1st July 1876, No. 3277.

His Grace the Governor in Council resolves to forward the foregoing correspondence for the consideration and orders of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

Establishment Department.

Enclosures
One Service Book
Application for pension

ORDNANCE OFFICE:

Fort Saint George,

23 August 1876.

No. ⁴/₁₉₈

From

Colonel R. Cadell C. 13.

Off^r Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

To

The Under Secretary to Government,
Civil Pension Department,

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will, with reference to para 4 of my letter recorded in Proceedings of Government No. 3277 dated 1st July 76, bring to the notice of Government that Mr. Elkington, the Head Clerk in the Ordnance Office, was sent by me, as soon as he had served the time to entitle him to half pay pension, to the Physician, General Hospital, with a view to his obtaining the necessary Medical Certificate of unfitness for further service. I did not doubt that this Certificate would have been given, as Mr. Elkington's health has been for a considerable time far from satisfactory, but the Physician in charge of the General Hospital does not consider that there are sufficient Medical reasons to enable him to pronounce Mr. Elkington unfit for the service.

2.

From the service book of Mr. Elkington, which accompanied this letter, it may be observed that up to the time of Colonel Barron's penning the remarks he did in 1869 Mr.

Elkington

Oct. of 1876

MILITARY.

To

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL
OF ORDNANCE AND MAGAZINES.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 1st.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 1st July 1876, No. 3277.

S.

JULY.

Nos. 1-6.

Forwarding to the Government of India, for orders, correspondence in connection with a proposal by the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines to employ three military men in lieu of the Head Assistant and Head Clerk lately resigned, and another Clerk about to be pensioned.

Elkington had been considered to be not only a man of the highest character, but of great promise. About that time his health failed him, and very deep mental distress, resulting from numerous domestic misfortunes, no doubt tended for a time to aggravate his bodily infirmities.

3.- He subsequently however regained his health, and with it his capacity for work, so as to elicit from Colonels S. L. Barrow and W. S. Campbell recorded testimonials as to his expertness in the post he occupied and his fitness for even more lucrative ones. In 1874 however Mr. Elkington's mental incapacity for the duties required of him again became strikingly manifest, and ever since that time to the present, the successive Heads of the Ordnance Department have been compelled to express their dissatisfaction with his manner of performing his office work.

4.- His health appeared to be bad, his energy failed and his memory was so seriously affected, that so far as his personal official work was concerned, he was utterly useless. Colonel Stewart the Inspector General of Ordnance, and Magazines, for whom I am now officiating, a few months before his departure to England in November last year, wrote to Mr. Elkington as follows:-

"I have also been particularly struck with the remarkable want of memory you have shown of late, "new in regard of questions of but very recent occurrence; "you have seldom, if ever, been able to answer without "delay, or references, taking at times a whole day, the "most ordinary queries I have put to you, as to the previous

"previous correspondence on various subjects; and I write this "to recommend you to take your pension, as I cannot carry on "the work of this office, with you in your present position."

5.- Though I fully recognise and appreciate Mr. Elkington's past good services, I am, compelled now in the interests of Government to report that it is not desirable that he should any longer be retained in their "service".

6.- I beg to annex copy of a certificate from an Apothecary who at the time he granted it was in Government Service to the effect that Mr. Elkington suffered

* This is to certify that Mr. S. L. Elkington of the Inspector General's Office got a stroke of the sun in May last, while on leave at this station and was treated by me. When Mr. Elkington visited me in August last, he was convalescing.

Tripassoro
October 20th
1868.

(Signed) D. M. Sutyre
in Medical charge
of Tripassoro.

Elkington suffered from a sun stroke in 1868, and this possibly may have affected his memory. But whatever the cause of the failing faculty it is a most serious infirmity for a Clerk in Mr. Elkington's position in the Ordnance Office to suffer from, for it not only affects his general usefulness but may at any time lead to his committing some grave error which might result in much inconvenience to the public service. The changes introduced lately in the very nomenclature of Ordnance stores alone, not to speak of the numberless orders and numerous innovations which by reason of the progressive improvements in Military science, are almost daily being received in the Ordnance Office, demand that the Head Clerk in such an office, should be a clear-headed man, with a retentive memory, and Mr. Elkington now possesses neither of these essential qualifications.

7.- I therefore

7.- I therefore enclose for the consideration of Government the various papers which are directed to be sent on the occasion of any application for a pension for a retiring Clerk being submitted, with the exception of the Medical Certificate, which the Medical officer states his inability to grant, and trust that Government, taking into consideration Mr. ElKington's previous good services, will see fit to grant him pension under Section 56C of the Civil Pension Code.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. H. M. Colonel, R. A.
Off^r of Inspⁿ of Ord^r of H^qs.

Pension Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again Proc. of Govt Pension Department dated
11th October 1878 N. 625 also
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Recd Pension 1876 Department

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of the

The Off^r Inspector General
of Ordnance & Magazines.

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The Under Secretary
to Government,
Civil Pension Department.

Recd 18th August 1876.

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Recommendation for pension
stated within that a Mr.
Elkington Head Clerk in the
Ordnance Office may be
pensioned.

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from the 1st September 1876



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Cont. of 1876 Madras.

Pension

The Controller of
Military Accounts

Dated 23rd Decr 76

1876, No. 514

Nos.

Granting a Pension
of Rs 81-15-11 a month
to Mr. A. D. Elangudi
late Secy. to the
Office of the District
General of Ordnance
and Magazines.

To the Controller of Military Accounts with Regd
Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines
20/12/76

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