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PENSION DEPARTMENT.

Pension.

No. 182.

FROM

THE OFFG. CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to your letter, No. 14, dated 2nd May 1876, I am directed to forward a copy of the Proceedings noted in the margin, furnishing information called for. I am further to observe that the Devastanam Establishment service has always been admitted to count for pension, and that it was in fact service under Government. Moreover there can now be very few men left whose claims for pension can be affected by its inclusion or otherwise. Under these circumstances, this Government hope no objection will be taken to its admission in the present instance.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
9th April 1877.

Offg. Chief Secretary.

Proceedings of Government, Pension Department.

Read the following papers :—

From D. BARBOUR, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Pension Department, dated Simla, 2nd May 1876, No. 14.

With reference to your letter, No. 204, dated 24th March 1876, regarding the pension of H. A. R. Narayana Row, late third Vernacular Accountant in the office of the Collector of Tanjore, whose total service includes a period of four years and six months spent as Devastanam Gumastah, I am directed to request that the Government of India may be informed as to the nature of the devastanam establishments, and the footing on which men were employed on those establishments.

Referred to the Collector of Tanjore for report, through the Board of Revenue.

OOTACAMUND,
18th May 1876.

(Signed) H. B. GRIGG,
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st February 1877, No. 753.

Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 13th November 1876, No. 4105:—

As directed in the docket from the Acting Under Secretary to Government, dated 18th May 1876, on the letter* from the Secretary to the Government of India,

* Herewith returned.

dated 2nd idem, No. 14, I have the honor to report that, subsequent to the Treaty entered into between East India Company and the Tanjore Rajah, the devastanams were taken under Government management in 1812 in consequence of the several intrigues and malpractices of the self-interested stanikans and others who had the sole management of pagodas. Separate establishments were maintained in the huzur and elsewhere in the district for the collection of revenues, preparation of accounts, and the management of the internal affairs of pagodas. These establishments were dispensed

From Board, 1st December 1856, No. 4006. with from 1st July 1858; but the pagoda
To do., 4th March 1858, " 44. lands were not made over to the trustees
To do., 29th November " " 258. until November 1858.

2. There is nothing on the record to show on what conditions the establishments were entertained, but from the concluding part of the Notification published at page 1016 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 16th June 1857, it appears that the devastanam services have all along been reckoned as pensionable, and there are several cases in which the Government have sanctioned pension, taken into account the period of service on the devastanam establishment, when deciding upon the eligibility for pension of a retiring officer.

Submitted to Government with reference to endorsement on a letter from the Government of India, dated 2nd May 1876, No. 14.

2. No papers relating to the entertainment of devastanam establishments in Tanjore can be traced in the Board's Office. The inference to be drawn from the notification quoted by the Collector seems rather to be that service on such establishments was not considered to qualify for pension, the object of showing it separately being to exclude it.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON.
Acting Sub-Secretary.

ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1877, No. 181.

These Proceedings will be communicated to the Government of India, with reference to their letter, 2nd May 1876.

2. The Government observe that the notification in question cannot bear the inference drawn by the Board, as both prior to and subsequent to its date such service has been held qualifying.

(True Extract.)

H. B. GRIGG,
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

1877.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From
The Offg. Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Fort St. George,
To
The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated 9th April 1877.

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Enclosure.

Pension.—Forwarding Proceedings of Government furnishing report called for as to the nature of Devasthanam Establishment, and the footing on which men were employed on those establishments.

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The Secretary to the
Government of India
Financial Department.

Dated 9th April 1877.

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