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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

14th November 1877, No. 3,243.

Read the following paper:—

No. 130. Petition from Mrs. L. MELSON, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Negapatam, 29th April 1877.

I most respectfully beg you will be kindly pleased to lay the following few lines before His Grace the Noble Governor in Council for his favorable consideration and orders.

I am the widow of the late Sea Custom Superintendent and Conservator of the Port of Tranquebar. Being incapacitated for further service from failing health, my late husband, G. V. Melson, put in an application for pension, which was kindly accepted by the late Mr. Cameron, who was the then Sub-Collector of Tanjore, but to the extreme regret of the family, before his pension could have been sanctioned he died, leaving a large family without making any adequate provisions for their support.

2. After repeated applications on my part, the Collector lately passed an order for the payment of a moiety of his pay as the amount of pension due to him, but refused to pay the amount of gratuity in consideration of the two offices he had held.

3. My late husband had been in the service of Government for more than 30 years, and latterly at the time of his retirement discharged the duties both of Superintendent of Sea Customs and Conservator of the Port for a period of nearly 11 years.

4. As persons holding two or more appointments are allowed under Rule 5, Section 66 of the Civil Pension Code, to pension or gratuity or pension and gratuity according to the length of service in the respective offices, I humbly submit that my late husband is clearly entitled under the rule quoted to pension in one and gratuity in the other. He drew on separate abstracts Rupees 50 for the former post, and Rupees 30 for the latter, the salaries of the said two appointments not being a consolidated amount as was erroneously supposed by the Collector, but quite distinct and separate, each charged under two separate heads of service.

5. I beg to add that when Mr. Vanderlown, the late Sea Custom Superintendent and Conservator of the Port of Cuddalore, retired from service, the benefit of this rule was not denied him.

6. I therefore most respectfully beg that as your poor applicant's claims have been overlooked by the Collector, you will be graciously pleased, after making due inquiries in the matter, to sanction the amount of gratuity which my late husband is entitled to, and which has been improperly withheld from his poor widow and his distressed family.

With sentiments of highest respect.

No. 978.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

4th May 1877.

REFERRED to the Collector of Tanjore for report.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
8th May 1877.

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

No. 131. From H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to
C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
dated Tanjore, 5th November 1877, No. 3,765.

WITH reference to the Acting Under-Secretary's endorsement on Mrs. Melson's
petition,* dated 29th April 1877, I have
the honor to submit the following report.

* Returned herewith.

2. The late Mr. Melson, who was Sea Custom Superintendent and Conservator
of Port Tranquebar, applied for leave on Medical Certificate which was granted,
and he afterwards extended it to 6th February 1876. After availing himself of his
leave for over four months, he applied for pension on the 2nd February 1876.
His Service Register was forwarded by the Sub-Collector to the Treasury Deputy
Collector for verification. While this was being done, Mr. Melson died on the
25th March 1876. Thereupon, the Sub-Collector ordered that Mr. Melson's pension
application need not be considered, and that he might be treated as having been
on sick leave till the date of his death, and that the arrears of leave allowance due
to him might be disbursed to his widow Mrs. Melson. This has, in fact, been done.

3. The order of the Sub-Collector does not entail any loss upon Govern-
ment: Mr. Melson's pensionable service as Sea Custom Superintendent amounts to
25 years, 2 months, and would entitle him to pension equal to one-half of his
pay which is exactly the same as the leave allowance paid.

4. As for his service as Conservator of Port upon which petitioner seems to
lay stress, the remuneration given seems to be of the nature of an allowance and
the service not pensionable, so as to entitle Mrs. Melson to any gratuity on her
deceased husband's account.

No. 132. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1877, No. 3,243.

Miscellaneous.

THE Collector of Tanjore will have
the late Mr. Melson's application for
pension forwarded for the consideration
of Government in the usual manner.

2. A copy of (Pension Department) G.O., 28th September 1875, No. 560,
relating to the Office of Conservator of a Port will be furnished to all Collectors
of Maritime Districts.

(True Extract.)

C. G. Master
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Tanjore.
,, the Pension Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Dated November 14th.

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Encl.

G.O., 14th November 1877, No. 3,243.

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Nos. 130—132.

Mr. Nelson, *Sea Custom Superintendent and*
Conservator of Port, Travancobar. — Directing
Collector of Tanjore to forward to Government in
the usual manner application for pension of the
late —, and ordering a copy of Pension Depart-
ment G.O., 28th September 1875, No. 560, relat-
ing to the Office of Conservator of a Port to be
furnished to all Collectors of Maritime Districts.

Order No. 282 Nov 1877 No. 560

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