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Pension DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

26th June 1878, No. 971.

Read the following papers :—

Read again—

G.O., 7th March 1878, No. 357.

G.O., 31st May 1878, No. 1,353.

Read also the following papers :—

No. 313. Proceedings of the Standing Board of Medical Officers at the Presidency, assembled under the provisions of G.O., Revenue Department, No. 1,353, of the 31st May 1878, to examine and report upon the state of health and fitness for further service of M. Venkannah, Tahsildar of Survasidhi.

Madras, 15th June 1878.

President :

Surgeon-Major W. H. HARRIS, M.D.,
In charge Office of Deputy Surgeon-General,
I.M.S., Presidency and Northern Districts,

Members :

Surgeon D. R. THOMPSON, M.D.,
Surgeon A. M. BRANFOOT, M.B.

THE Board, having assembled and carefully examined the patient and read the record of his case and heard the opinion of his Medical Attendant, find that the ulcers are now healed, but considering the probable existence of a constitutional taint, and consequent liabilities to a return of the affection, are of opinion that he is incapacitated for further service.

(Signed)	W. H. HARRIS, M.D., Surg.-Major, for Dy. Surg.-Genl. I.M.D.,	} President,
(„)	D. R. THOMPSON, M.D., Surgeon, 1st District,	
(„)	A. M. BRANFOOT, M.B., Surgeon,	} Members.

No. 343.

FORWARDED to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with reference to G.O., No. 1,353, of 31st May 1878.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
18th June 1878.

(Signed) G. SMITH, M.D.,
Surgeon-General, I.M.D.

No. 314. From H. St. A. GOODRICH, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 28th March 1878, No. 370.

With reference to the order of Government, No. 357, of 7th instant, I think that the Government ought to be informed of the following matters within my knowledge.

2. M. Venkanna has been inefficient owing to the recurring outbreaks of disease to which he is liable ever since I joined the district* and from a previous time.
* September 1874.

3. I found him hardly able to do duty in 1875, and received complaints that he was physically unable to do his work. I allowed him to remain, having heard that he was making progress towards a better state of health.

4. Major Balmer, when Deputy Inspector-General of Police, however, on a visit of inspection, found him not long after quite unable to sit in cutcherry, and represented to me, both in writing and verbally, that the man could not do his magisterial work.

5. I had some conversation with my Acting Principal Assistant Collector, and obtained further evidence which satisfied me that he was unfit for duty, and I required him to be examined by Surgeon-Major Nash, the Civil Surgeon. Dr. Nash told me the man was incurable, but might perhaps have temporary periods of fair health; on Venkanna's urgent entreaty, I allowed him three months' privilege leave, which he took in December 11th, 1875. He appeared to be in the enjoyment of much improved health when he rejoined, and I permitted him to take up his appointment; a few months after which time I began to receive petitions again.

6. In 1877 those who complained several times alleged that if Venkanna attended Office the room was not endurable owing to the offensiveness of his sores. Dr. Nash had informed me that these were syphilitic, and he thought hereditary; Dr. Smith and Dr. Dalgairns are, I understand, of the same opinion.

7. Finding that Venkanna could not continuously do his duty, and Mr. Roupell, his Divisional Officer, reporting to the same effect, I ordered his examination.

No. 315. From MANTHA VENKANNAH, Tahsildar of Survasidhi Taluq, in Vizagapatam District, to the Honorable W. HUDLESTON, dated 25th January 1878.

I BEG to enclose a copy of my petition to His Grace the Governor, and most respectfully pray that your Honor may be pleased to bring my case into favorable consideration.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From MANTHA VENKANNAH, Tahsildar of Survasidhi Taluq, Vizagapatam District, to HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS, Governor of Fort St. George, dated 25th January 1878.

I most respectfully and humbly beg to state that I am the Tahsildar of Survasidhi Taluq in the Vizagapatam District. My age is 39 years. I have got 20 years' service.

2. A few anonymous petitions regarding my bad health were received by the Collector. Upon which he directed me to appear before the Civil Surgeon at Vizagapatam for medical examination. On the receipt of his order, I wrote to the Collector that my present illness did not prevent me from discharging my duty, and submitted a certificate from the Apothecary under whose treatment I was. But the Collector again issued a second order to say that I should at once come away. I obeyed and appeared before the Civil Surgeon. The Collector, in the mean time, wrote to the Civil Surgeon to examine me, not relying on my statements and those of the Apothecary. I was never under the treatment of the Civil Surgeon, and I was quite new to him. On examining me for five minutes, he certified that I was unfit for further Government service. I then said that another Doctor would have to certify to that

effect. The Civil Surgeon then wrote to the Regimental Surgeon, who came and signed the certificate at the former's request without examining me. This certificate was sent by them to the Collector, who recommended that I should be transferred to the Pension Department.

3. I never had any leave except the three months' privilege leave granted by the same Collector two years ago.

4. I beg to submit that the said Civil Surgeon's Certificate is erroneous. For he never tried with my ulcers even for a single day. He further observed that these ulcers are incurable. On the contrary, a European Doctor, whom I met on board the steamer on my way here, observed that my ulcers were superficial, and they would be cured in a month or two, and recommended the Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which alone, he said, had cured his ulcers of two years' standing, which his fellow-doctors had pronounced incurable. This miraculous medicine I have been applying for the last two weeks after I came here. It has cured one of my ulcers and almost cured the only remaining one. If I should be compelled to take pension on the strength of the erroneous certificate of the Civil Surgeon at Vizagapatam, nominally backed by another, my future prospects would be marred. I passed the Deputy Collector's and Magistrate's Test, and was recommended by more than one Collector for Deputy Collector's post. I have invariably given satisfaction to all my superiors who testified to that effect.

5. I made an appeal to the Board of Revenue stating these facts; but they have returned my petition with an endorsement that the subject of my petition was under the consideration of Government; I then put in a petition on the 18th instant, together with my petition to the Board, and their endorsement, in the Government Office. But no reply has been as yet granted.

6. I therefore pray that your Grace may be pleased to grant me two months' privilege leave, to which I am entitled, or sick leave for three months, referring me to the Medical Board for the cancellation of the Surgeon's certificate.

7. In conclusion, I beg to add that the Sub-Sheristadar of my district was allowed 18 months' sick leave, when his sight was defective, and was allowed to join his post at the end of the said period; and I beg that a similar indulgence may be allowed, granting me the leave I have applied for above. I most earnestly beg to request that your Grace may be pleased to grant me an interview for showing myself before your Grace, in order that I may move your gracious mind, how painful it would be for a man of my age (39 years), strength, and prospects, to be compelled to retire so soon.

8. I live in Parthasarathi Iyengar's bungalow in Triplicane, near the Temple, and I most respectfully pray that your Grace's favorable answer may be communicated to me there.

No. 316. ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1878, No. 971.

Miscellaneous.

In view of the opinion of the Medical Board, which is borne out by the Acting Collector's account of M. Venkannah's state of health for some years past, the original Medical certificate granted to him by the local Medical Officers is accepted, and he will be invalided from its date.

2. The Acting Collector will submit, through the regular channel, application for such pension or gratuity as M. Venkannah may be entitled to with the least possible delay.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Acting Collector of Vizagapatam.
" the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" the Accountant-General.
" the Pension Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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N. 416

Dated June 26th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 26th June 1878, No. 971.

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M. Venkannah, Tahsildar of Surasiddhi, Vizagapatnam District.—Ordering — to be invalided, and directing the Collector to submit speedily, through the regular channel, application for such pension or gratuity as the man may be entitled to.

On 18th May 1878 28307

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