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PENSION DEPARTMENT.

Pension.

No. 214.

FROM

C. G. MASTER, Esq.,

Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I am directed to forward the accompanying Memorial from T. Subba Rao, late Tahsildar of Cassergode, South Canara, appealing to the Secretary of State against the orders of this Government, which were confirmed by the Government of India declining to grant him an increased pension.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

OOTACAMUND,
7th May 1879

Acting Chief Secretary.

From T. SUBBA RAO, Pensioned Tahsildar of Cassergode Taluk, South Canara District, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Mangalore, 2nd January 1879.

I beg most respectfully to enclose a memorial addressed by me to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India on the subject of my pension, and request your Honor will be pleased to transmit the same to England for the favorable consideration of His Excellency.

TO

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA,

In Council.

The humble Memorial of TOMBAT SUBBA RAO, pensioned Tahsildar of Cassergode Taluk, South Canara District, Madras Presidency, dated Mangalore, 2nd January 1879.

MY LORD, MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP,—That your Lordship's humble memorialist, with the profoundest deference and submission, begs leave to intrude

upon your Lordship's most precious time with a representation of his hard case, and to state that he having been ordered to retire from his office of Tahsildar of Cassergode in December 1875 under the rule of 55 years age, and the Government of Madras having granted him a pension of Rupees 102-12-0, instead of Rupees 112-8-0, being half of his pay (Rupees 225) as recommended by the Collector of the district, and thereby caused a reduction of Rupees 9-12-0 in his pension, and his petition to the said Government for a reconsideration of his case, and finally his appeal to the Government of India having failed to obtain redress, your Lordship's memorialist, extremely aggrieved, is driven to lay this memorial before your Lordship in Council as his ultimate resource; and he sanguinely hopes that the circumstances of his case will meet with the kind and favorable consideration of Her Majesty's benign Government as represented by your noble Lordship in Council.

2. That the circumstances of his case appear from the printed copy of his petition to the Government of India, which your Lordship's memorialist respectfully begs to enclose herein; so that he need not repeat them all, but respectfully crave your Lordship's kind perusal of the said copy of petition.

3. That your Lordship's memorialist, however, begs to lay before your Lordship more prominently the following facts, namely, that, as would appear from his pension application, out of his total service of forty-one years, one month, and three days* a period of thirty-one years, seven months, and twenty-two days was spent in superior grades, of which seven years, ten months, and fifteen days were in his post of Tahsildar of Cassergode on Rupees 225 (viz., † five years, eight months, and eighteen days before, and ‡ two years, one month, and

twenty-seven days after his transfer to Kandapur); that the cause of the reduction in the amount of his pension is the fact that the last five years of his service, on the average emoluments of which pension is calculated, included a period, short as it was, of one year, three months, and eighteen days passed in the lower-class Tahsildarship of Kandapur to which he was transferred from Cassergode; that this transfer is clearly proved to have been made under a mistaken view as to his efficiency, inasmuch as the very same Collector, upon whose recommendation the transfer was made, himself recommended and obtained your Lordship's memorialist's restoration to Cassergode; that, therefore, your Lordship's memorialist begs earnestly to submit to your Lordship's benign consideration, he should not, in justice, be made to suffer the consequences of the said mistaken view by a diminution of pension for the remainder of his life in addition to the loss of the higher pay already sustained by him during the time he was transferred to Kandapur; that it is under such hardship that your Lordship's memorialist seeks a relaxation of strict rule by your Lordship in whose hands lies the power of treating such cases exceptionally; and he humbly but firmly believes that his case will be found not unworthy of such treatment, considering that he has had at his credit more than the required five years' service in his post interrupted for a short time only by what was, as already stated, clearly referable to error in opinion as to his capacity; whilst, on the other hand, his retirement was compulsory (it was not on invalid certificate) and premature, and without the consideration due to his hardship from the result which has now ensued, and which, consistently with the repeated wishes of Government in the matter of superannuation pensions, might have been avoided if he were allowed to complete the last five years' service by a retention in the service (as was done for only one year) for two years, ten months, and three days more,—a period which would have expired by the 7th October last.

Service in Cassergode Tahsil on restoration from
Kandapur from 7th October 1873 to 3rd
December 1875 = 2 1 27
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4. That your Lordship's memorialist begs to add that he is fully aware of the Home Government's general disinclination to increase the State charges by the

grant of pensions in excess of what the regulations provide, and also its declaration that mere length of service, however faithfully performed, is not in itself a sufficient ground for exceptional reward; but he need hardly submit that it is not mere length of service upon which he ventures to claim the concession he seeks, for

* Among the gentlemen under whom he served are—
Mr. James Fraser,
„ G. Lee-Morris,
„ William Molle Cadell,
„ Lewis McIver,
„ Edward Gibson,
Hon. J. R. Kindersly, J.
and
Mr. H. S. Thomas,
„ J. Sturrock,
„ G. Stokes.
„ A. McC. Webster.

who are now
in England;

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in India.

although he has had an attested honorable service* of forty-one years, his claim rests chiefly on the ground of an unmerited transfer for which it would be extremely hard upon him to suffer, and for which a compulsory retirement has debarred him the means of obtaining a remedy so far as the amount of his pension was affected; and while many cases have been specially considered by the Home Government and the grant authorised of pensions in excess of what is ordinarily allowed by the rules,

it is clear that your Lordship's memorialist's pretensions do not extend to any thing higher than half the pay of his post, which, under the circumstances as already set forth, he trusts he will be found peculiarly to deserve.

5. That your Lordship's memorialist, however, finds it to his great misfortune that his case has not been able to attract the sympathy of the Governments to whom he has petitioned, yet, with all deference to them, he hopes that it will not fail for want of recommendation from these higher Authorities.

6. In conclusion, your Lordship's memorialist humbly prays your Lordship in Council will deign to take into your benign consideration the foregoing facts, and also those stated in the enclosed copy of the petition to the Government of India, and be graciously pleased to order the grant to him of the deficiency of Rupees 9-12-0 per month in his pension, and thereby secure to him fully the reward of a long and faithful service.

For which act of justice and benevolence, your Lordship's memorialist and his large family shall, as in duty bound, ever pray for the prosperity of your Lordship and of Her Majesty's Imperial Government, of which your Lordship is the noble representative.

(Signed) TOMBAT SUBBA RAO,
Pensioned Tahsildar of Cassergode Taluk,
South Canara District.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PENSION DEPARTMENT.

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

Dated 7th May 1879.

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No. 214.

Enclosure.

Pension.—Forwarding Memorial from T. Subba Rao, late Tahsildar of Cassergode, South Canara District, appealing against the orders of this Government which were confirmed by the Government of India declining to grant him an increased pension.

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Pension DEPARTMENT.

No. 214

To

The Secretary to the Government

of India,
Financial DEPARTMENT.

Sir,

To the Secy to the Govt of India 21/11/79
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7-11-79
N^o 28-5-79

16 copies of the Memorial to follow

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DEPARTMENT.

No. 214

To
The Secretary to the
Government of
Mineral Department.

Dated 2nd May 1879.
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Respecting Memorial
from J. Andrew Davis late
Inspector of Barracks with
reference to his appeal
against the order of his Court
which was confirmed by the
Court of Appeal, desiring to be
granted his own medical pension.

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