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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Pension **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 675 Press / Mis.

Dated 20-10-1879.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

20th October 1879, No. 675.

Pension.

Read the following papers :—

From the Collector of Tanjore, dated 15th September 1879, No. 443.
" Offg. Assistant Accountant-General, dated 23rd August 1879, No. 400 and 401 A.D.J.

Order thereon, 20th October 1879, No. 675.

It is clear from the Collector's report that Mr. G. V. Melson was never formally removed from the service but was on sick leave at the time of his death.

2. No retiring allowance is therefore admissible, but the half salary paid to his widow should not be recovered.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Accountant-General.
" Collector of Tanjore.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of 1879 Madras.

PENSION.

To
The ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 20th.
Issued
Recd.
Encl.

G.O., 20th October 1879, No. 675.

OCTOBER.

Pension.—Declining to grant any retiring allowance to Mr. G. V. Melson, late Superintendent of Sea Customs, Tranquebar.

APPLICATION FOR {PENSION / GRATUITY.

1. Name of Applicant. George Valentine Melson
2. Father's name. Romulus Melson
3. Sect or Caste. East Indian
4. Residence. Tranquebar
5. Present or last employment. Conservator of Port Tranquebar
6. Date of beginning of service. 1st March 1864
7. Date of end of service. 1st February 1876

	Y.	M.	D.
8. Length of service including breaks	9	3	13
of which superior	8	9	8
inferior	"	"	"
non-qualifying and breaks	"	6	5

9. Class of {pension / gratuity} applied for, and cause of application* Under Section 69 rules and Section 59 (a) of the Civil Pension Code (3d Edition)

	Rs	as	P
10. [Average] emoluments or pay.	30	"	"
11. Proposed pension.	"	"	"
12. Proposed gratuity.	240	"	"

13. Date from which to commence. —— " ——
14. Place of payment. Tranquebar Mayavaram Taluq
15. Date ~~Age~~ of applicant birth by Christian Era ~~on this~~ date. 11th February 1826
16. Height. 5 Feet 6½ inches
17. Marks. One cut mark near the right temple.
18. Date. 31st January 1878

A. Thomas.
Collector
SIGNATURE OF THE HEAD OF OFFICE.

*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.

HISTORY OF THE SERVICE (SHOWING BREAKS) OF George Valentine Melson

Establishment.	Appointment.	Pay. RS.	Pay. A.	Pay. P.	Acting allowance RS.	Date of beginning.	Date of end.	Period reckoned as service. Y.	M.	D.	Period not reckoned as service. Y.	M.	D.	Remarks.	How verified.	Remarks by Accountant-General.
Tanjore Collectorate.	Conservator of Port Tranquebar	30	"	"	"	1st March 1864	31st August 1866	2	6	"	2	6	"	a	Verified from the records	(a) This period of Service does not count for gratuity being Service vitiated by removal on account of Misconduct.
						Break from 1 Sept 66	to 18	"	"	"	2	7	18			
	Do	30	"	"	"	19th April 1869	25th September 1873	4	5	7	"	"	"	b		(b) Do being Service rendered in an Acting Capacity
	On Sick Leave					26th September 1873	25th Novr 1873	"	"	"	"	2	"			(c) Verified from the records of the Collectors Office Tanjore and the verification confirmed by the Audit Registers on record in this Office.
	Conservator of Port Tranquebar	30	"	"	"	26th November 1873	26th September 1875	1	10	1	"	"	"	c		
	On Sick Leave					27th September 1875	1st February 1876	"	"	"	"	4	5			
	Total period of {superior / inferior} service…						....	8	9	8						

REMARKS BY HEAD OF OFFICE.

1. As to character and past conduct of Applicant. Once degraded for misconduct & afterwards promoted Conduct was good subsequent to degradation so far as is known to this office.

2. Explanation of any suspension or degradation. Full particulars given in Procs of Govt Revenue Department dated the 17th Novber 1866 (G. O. No 3142)

3. Regarding any gratuity or pension already received by Applicant. See Chapter XX. None

4. Explanation under Section 47, Rule 1, so far as the Head of the Office can give it. None

5. Any other remarks. Mr Melson was on sick leave when he applied for pension. No medical certificate was obtained. He died on the 25th March 1876.

Collector
SIGNATURE.

No A D J / 401

CERTIFICATE AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL.

Certified that qualifying Service in Superior Grades has been duly proved for 5 years 2 months and 2 days; but that no retiring allowance is admissible as the applicant's incapacity for Service on the date of retirement Viz: 1st February 1876, was not formally established by a Medical Certificate, as required by Section 62 of the Civil Pension Code 4th Edition.

It will be seen from the remarks of the Collector set opposite to No 5 on the 3rd Page of the application, ~~that the applicant died on the 25 March 76~~ From a Bill on record ~~from~~ in this office, it seems that an absentee allowance equal to a moiety of Pay supposed to be due to Mr Melson as Conservator of the Port at Tranquebar from 2nd February to 25 March 76 was drawn by the Collector, and paid to Mrs Melson in September 1876. As the applicant was not entitled to any allowance from the date of retirement, the erroneous payment amounting to Rs 26-9-4 should be ordered to be recovered from his Estate.

To
The Under Secretary to Government
Pension Department.

Fort Saint George,
Account Genl's Office
23rd August 1879.

W Chapman
Offg Asst to Accountant General
For Accountant General

APPLICATION FOR {PENSION OR GRATUITY—

Date of application. 23rd August 1879

Name of applicant G. V. Melson

Last appointment. Conservator of Port Tranquebar

Class of {pension or gratuity.

Amount of pension sanctioned.

Amount of gratuity sanctioned.

Date of Commencement.

Date of sanction.

Ack No 675

To be returned with reply on reverse.

AUDIT DEPARTMENT. A.S. Minor.
4 3 78

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
27th February 1878

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS,

TO THE Collector of Tanjore

VIDE *your Application for* Pension and Gratuity *on behalf of* the late Mr G. V. Melson

THE undersigned has the honor to Enquire:—

1. Why the applicant was shewn as the permanent incumbent of Tranquebar Sea Customs Superintendentship from 19th April 1869 to 25 Septr 73 while the Audit Registers ~~on record~~ in this Office show that he was only an acting incumbent — having drawn moiety of the pay of the Superintendent of Muthupetta and moiety of that of Tranquebar up to 24th May '70 and full pay up to July '70.

Why ~~was~~ the applicant was shewn as the permanent Superintendent of Tranquebar Sea Custom House from 1st March 1864 while from the Audit Registers of 1st May '64 he appears to have been an acting incumbent.

What were the permanent appointments of the applicant while acting during the periods mentioned in the two paras above ~~points~~. Please

Arthd Webster
Collector

enter them in the proper column of the accompanying Service Book.

4. Whether the post of Superintendent of Tranquebar was a full vacancy from 1st March 1864 whether any other individual counted service in that appointment from that date.

5. Why the applicant was shewn as permanent Conservator of Tranquebar Port from 1 March 1864 to 31 August 1866, while from the Audit Registers of 1st May 1864 and 1865 on record in this office he appears to have been only acting.

6. Whether the post was a full vacancy from 1 March 1864 and was the applicant confirmed in it; if so, when?

7. What was the cause of 2 yrs 7 ms and 19 days break from September '66 in the applicant's service as Conservator.

8. Why the applicant was shewn as permanent Conservator from 19th April 1869 to 25th September 1873 while from the Audit Registers he appears to have drawn only moiety of pay up to 24 May and full pay up to 31 August 70 as acting incumbent, the other moiety having been given to Manika Pillay.

9. Why the applicant's signature was not obtained in the 7th Column of the 2, 4, and 6th pages of the Service Book.

Treasury Deputy Collector's Office
Tanjore 15th June 1878.

No. 1242

10. Why a Medical Certificate of the applicant's unfitness was not obtained when he applied for pension, as required under Sec: 53. C. P. Code

11. Why the applicant was allowed pay till 25th March '76 while he is shewn to have retired from 1 February 1876

12. From what sources the applicant's pay as Conservator was met and in what proportion

13. Who are the legal heirs of the applicant entitled to claim the pension or gratuity if sanctioned by Government.

14. What was the cause of an application not having been sent till now.

Please send copy of G. O. No. 3243 dated 14th November 77 and copies of orders under which he was degraded in March 64 and transferred to Tranquebar in 1869 and the original or true copy of the letter from the applicant asking the Collector to obtain a pension ~~for~~ him.

W. Donald
Offg. Dy. Acctt. Genl.

letter No. 676 dated 21st September 1876. Vide also this office letter No. 39 dated 11th January 1877.

I have &c.
(Signed) Y. Magusingary
Deputy Collector

(True Copy)

Edwd Webster
Collector

No 2189

Collectors' office
Camp- Settippalam
28-6-78

D. D. No 23

Has the honor to forward copies of the papers noted in the margin× giving all the information therein required, and to state that the reply to query No 12 will be sent as soon as the same is received from the Treasury Deputy Collector.

× Treasury Deputy Collector's letter No 1242 dated 15th June 1878 with one enclosure
× Sub Collector's letters Nos 252 & 921 dated 15th March 1878 & 15 December 1876
Government Order 19th November 1866 No 3142
" 14th November 1877 No 3243
Orders to Sea Custom Superintendent Nos 10 & 25.
The original application of Mrs Melson
His service Register.

Webster
Collector.

compd. P.F.

Collectors' office
Camp Settappulam
Tirutrapundi taluq
28-6-78

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No 1242

Treasury Deputy Collector's Office
Tanjore 15th June 1878.

From
The Deputy Collector
in charge of the Treasury
Tanjore

To
The Collector of
Tanjore

Sir

With reference to your endorsement× No 807 dated 26th March 1878, I have the honor to submit herewith replies to the several interrogatories, made in the Accountant General's letter dated 27th February 1878 and called upon this office to be explained.

× Returned with its 2 enclosures.

2. In connection with this I beg to state that the widow of the applicant had drawn the pay of the applicant, upto the date of his death, with reference to the Sub Collector's letter No 676 dated 21st September 1876. Vide also this office letter No 39 dated 11th January 1877.

I have &c.
(Signed) Y. Maqusingary
Deputy Collector

(True Copy)

Webster
Collector

compd. P.F.

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Replies to the questions on the Pension Application of Mr. Nelson late Superintendent of Sea Customs Tranquebar.

Answer to questions No. 1, 2, 5 and 8.

The Office Copies of the Registers contain identical facts and why he was otherwise entered in the service Register as permanent cannot be accounted with reference to the records forthcoming on the subject. The office of Conservator has all along been an additional investiture with the Superintendents of Sea Customs at Tranquebar.

" 3. Mr. Nelson was the permanent translator× and Sea Customs Superintendent× of Muttupetta respectively while he had acted as Superintendent of Sea Customs Tranquebar in 1864 and 1869 and these are accordingly entered in the Service Register

× Vide page 205 of Dt. Gazette dated 2d April 1864
× " 340 of do 15th May 1869

" 4. The appointment was a permanent vacancy; his predecessor in office

Mr. T. Moran having been appointed to Sea Customs Superintendent, Negapatam, on the death of Mr. Johns Roze. It is to be added that Mr. T. Moran had also died without a pension. Under the circumstances none but the applicant could have counted service in the appointment.

Vide page 674 of Ft. Gazette
12th September 1868.

Answer to question No: 6. The appointment of Conservator was likewise a full vacancy and the particulars as to how long he had acted and when he was confirmed are not traceable on the Abstracts.

" 7. The break was occassioned owing to the reduction of the applicant to the Sea Customs Superintendent of Muttupetta the conservatorship as stated in para 1 being an exofficio appointment to all Superintendents of Sea Customs Tranquebar

" 12. The answer to this question will be separately submitted as the search made on records having produced no decisive information

(Signed) J. Magusingary
Deputy Collector

(True Copy)

Webster
Collector

compd.

Inc No 798

Tanjore Sub Collector's office
Negapatam 15th March 1878

No. 252

From
The Acting Sub Collector
of Tanjore

To
The Collector of
Tanjore

Sir

With reference to your endorsement No. 626 of the 7th Instant, on the Accountant General's Memo dated the 27th Ultimo, I have the honor to state that the Answers to the questions contained in paras 1.2.3.4.5.6 7.8 and 12 of the above memo should be ~~opened~~ obtained from the Treasury Deputy Collector who is responsible for the correctness of the entries made seeing they were verified in his Office.

2. I cannot explain why Mr. Nelson's signature was not obtained in the 7th column of the 2d, 4th and 6th pages of the Service Book.

3. No medical certificate was obtained as

the applicant died before the verified statement of his services was received from the Treasury Deputy Collector.

4. The reason why pay was allowed upto the 26th March 1876 was fully explained in my letter of the 15th December 1876 No 921.

5. The Applicant left a widow + sons.

6. The Government Proceedings of the 14th November 1877 No 3243 show fully why the application was not made till now.

7. All the papers called for in the above memo are herewith sent.

I have &c—

(Signed) A. Cruickshank
Ag Sub Collector.

(True Copy)

J H Webster
Collector.

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Compd

Tanjore Sub Collector's Office
Negapatam 15th December 1876.

No 921

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From
The Ag. Sub Collector
Tanjore

To
The Collector of
Tanjore

Sir

With reference to your docket dated the 23d November last on the petition[x] of Mrs Nelson I have the honor to state that it appears from the records of this Office that the late Mr Nelson who was Sea Custom Superintendent and Conservator of Port Tranquebar applied for leave on Medical Certificate which was granted and afterwards extended to the 6th February 1876. After availing himself of his leave for over 4 months, he applied for pension on the 2d February 1876. His Service register was forwarded to the Treasury Deputy Collector on the 5th of the same

[x] Herewith returned with its enclosures

same month. On the 26th May the Treasury Deputy Collector wrote that Mr. Nelson was reported to have died on the 25th March and that the arrears of pay due to him could be paid to his widow who was demanding them if the leave granted were extended. The then Sub Collector replied that he need not consider the application for pension but he could pay the arrears of pay due to the deceased to the person who took out letters of administration. Mrs. Nelson sent a petition to me after I took charge which I forwarded to the Deputy Collector and she was paid what was due to her husband viz half pay from 2d February to 25th March. The object of the petition so far as I can make out seems to be to get a gratuity for the time the deceased was Conservator of Port and if not this, I don't know what it is. Mr. Nelson was appointed to both offices in March

1864

1864 but he was reduced in August 1866. In April 1869 he was again appointed to act in both offices and was confirmed in May 70 since which time he was drawing a consolidated salary of 80 Rs a month. His entire service amounted to 30 years 11 months and 15 days of which 25 years 2 months and 26 days were superior service. I have caused the records of this Office to be searched in order to find what order was passed by Government when the Sea Custom Superintendent of Tranquebar was appointed to be Conservator of Port also but no such order can be found. Even if pension had been applied for and granted Mrs. Nelson could not have got more than what she has done viz half of the pay the deceased obtained. There is nothing to show that so much was given on account of the deceased being

Sea Custom Superintendent and so much on account of being Conservator of Port and without the Government Order regarding the appointment of Conservator of Port, I am unable to say whether the petitioner is entitled to gratuity or not on account of her husband having been Conservator of Port for I presume this is the gist of the application but my opinion is so far as I can see from the records before me that the petitioner has got all she can get for her husband seems to have been drawing a consolidated salary of 80 Rs for the five years prior to his death.

I have &ca

(Signed) A. Crunckshank
Ag. Sub Collector.

In No 798

(True Copy)

Frdk Webster
Collector.

Compd. P.E.

Proceedings of the Madras Government Revenue Department 17 November 1866.

No 416. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th October 1866 No 7657:—

Read again letter from the Collector of Tanjore, dated 10th August 1866, recorded in Board's Proceedings of 18th September 1866, No 6664.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated Vallam, 26th September 1866 No 256.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 18th September 1866, No 6664. I have the honor to forward, herewith, copy of Mr Burnell's Report on the conduct of Mr Nelson in the case referred to by Mr Banbury.

From the Head Assistant Collector, to the officiating Collector of Tanjore, dated Mayaveram, 27th June 1866, No 90.

1. In reply to your letter, dated June 16th & the Government Order accompanying it, requesting my opinion as regards the conduct of Mr. Melson, I beg to make the following remarks.

2. Mr. Melson admits that he went on board the "Jaffna" in company with Mr. Potts to take tiffin with the Master. When I saw him on his coming off from the vessel, he certainly, as well as the Inspector, had been indulging in liquor.

3. He disappeared soon after I first saw him, and I next saw him early the morning after; I cannot find that he gave the best assistance towards procuring boats till the morning; the boats for unloading were procured by my peons.

4. The Master told me that he had presented a sheep to Mr. Melson in return for assistance in getting stores. On my asking what he had got for him, he told me a leg of Mutton. I was also told, and the Master admitted it, that Mr. Potts had received a bag of gram as a present.

5 There can be no doubt that the entertainment on board the "Jaffna" was the cause of that vessel being stranded, & I consider that Mr. Melsons presence was most improper. I have above given you an example of the acceptance, by Mr. Melson, of a present from the Master, and there can be little speculation as to what induces a Master of a ship to make presents to a Sea Custom Superintendent. But I have reason to believe, from very wide-spread rumours, that such presents are commonly made to him.

6. You will, doubtless, recollect a recent case in which a French Master of a ship applied to you for a refund of some dues improperly collected. He originally applied to me (I was then in Tranquebar), but I told him I had no authority in the case, however, I then heard enough from him to shew that Mr. Melson had neglected his work, & that in consequence

the ship had been delayed some days - Merchants are very reluctant to make complaints in such cases, if they do, they are sure to be annoyed by the Manager -

7. I do not think that Mr. Nelson is a fit person to remain as Superintendent of Sea Customs at Tranquebar. A very safe person who will not take advantage of his position is required there. I also consider that an occasional enquiry amongst the European and Native Merchants, regarding the Sea Custom Superintendent's Conduct, would be advisable.

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1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted to Government with reference to Government Order dated 7th June 1866 No. 1371. Revenue Department -

2. The Board consider that Mr. Nelson has been very leniently dealt with, and that his re-employment in any more important post than that to which he has been reduced inexpedient, or at least should not be permitted without special sanction.

No. 417 Order thereon 17th November 1866 No. 3142. Miscellaneous -. The Government agree with the Board in their remarks in paragraph 2 of the foregoing Proceedings. Mr. Nelson's practice of receiving presents must be stopped, and he must not on any account be re-employed at Negapatam, or be promoted without the Board's sanction

(True extract) Signed J. D. Sim
Secretary to Government

Communicated to the Collector of Tanjore
(By order)
(Signed) W. Hudleston
Secretary.

Revenue Board Office Madras
23d November 1866.

(True Copy)

Compd.

Collector

Sec No 798.

Government Of Madras

Revenue Department.

14th November 1877 No. 3243

Read the following paper :-

No. 130. Petition from Mrs. L. Nelson to the Honorable 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. Nelson 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 2 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 2 or more appointments are allowed under rule 5 section 66 of the Civil Pension Code to pension or gratuity or pension & gratuity according to the length of service in the respective offices, I humbly submit that my late husband

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is clearly entitled under the rule quoted to pension in one and gratuity in the other. He drew on seperate Abstracts Rs 50 for the former post and Rs 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 seperate heads of service.

5. I beg to add that when Mr Vanderloze 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 applicants claims have been overlooked by the Collector, you will be graciously pleased after making due enquiries 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.

4th May 1877. /Signed/ D. F. Carmichael
Offg: Chief Secretary.

Referred to the Collector of Tanjore for report.

Fort St. George
8th May 1877. /Signed/ H. B. Grigg
Ag. under Secy to Government.

No. 131. From H. S. Thomas Esquire Collector of Tanjore to C. G. Master Esquire Secretary to Government Revenue Department. dated Tanjore 5th November 77 No. 3765

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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.

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 4 months he applied for pension on the 2d February 1876. His Service Register was forwarded by the Sub Collector to

to the Treasury Debuty 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 Government. 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. Nelson to any gratuity on her deceased husband's account.

No. 132. Order thereon 14th November 1877

No. 3243.

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

2. A copy of (Pension Department) Government Order 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)

(Signed) C. G. Master
Secretary to Government.

(True Copy)

[illegible] No. 798

W. W. Webster
Collector

Compd.
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9/o R. No. 61

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6/o 2-2-76

J. Cameron, Esquire,
Sub. Collector of Tanjore,
Negapatam.

Respected & kind Sir,

I most respectfully beg to bring to your kind notice that having derived no benefit by the sick leave, and being incapable of discharging my duties satisfactorily any longer without prejudice to the Public service and my own interests, I extremely regret on account of the large and growing family I have depending on me for support, for being compelled to make this application for pension in consequence of failing health.

From the Service Register herewith submitted your honor will observe that I entered the Public service in February 1845, and have faithfully served the Government

(Signed) A. Cruickshank
Ag. Sub Collector

(True Copy)

Compd. PF

W. W. Webster
Collector

for a period of thirty years and have uniformly discharged my duties to the entire satisfaction of my different Superiors.

Since the beginning of last year my health has been gradually sinking down and I have now little hopes of recruiting the same by taking a further extension of sick leave, and I therefore humbly request your honor will be graciously pleased to submit my application for a good service pension with your most valuable recommendation.

Tranquebar,
2nd February 1876

I beg to remain,
Respected & kind Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
G. Nelson

In C. No 798.

No. 10.

To
Mr. Nelson
Superintendent of Sea Customs
Tranquebar

As Mr. Burnell the late Head Assistant Magistrate of the District recorded distinctly and strongly about your bad character, the Collector considers in his letter dated the 9th Instant No. 862 it to be just that you should be transferred to a post of less responsibility than that of the Superintendent and Conservator of the Port of Tranquebar and has transferred you to the appointment of Sea Custom Superintendent of Muttupettai.

You should proceed at once and take charge from Volaganada Modaly the Acting Superintendent of Muttupettai and do your duties carefully.

On your reporting the date of taking charge orders will be given to make the necessary alterations in the Pay Abstract.

Negapatam
14-8-66

(Signed) A. R. Hutchins
Sub Collector

(True Translation)
(Signed) A. Cruickshank
Ag. Sub Collector

(True Copy)
Webster
collector

Compd. DJ

In C No 798

No 25

To

Mr Nelson

Superintendent of Sea Customs

Muttupettai

I have appointed you to act as Sea Custom Superintendent and Conservator of the port of Tranquebar.

Give over charge to Manie Pillai the Head Clerk and tell him to discharge the duties carefully until Latchmanasami Naidu who has been appointed in your stead comes and takes charge. Proceed to Tranquebar, assume charge of the Sea Custom from Devachudamani Pillay and do your duties.

Note down the transfers in the Pay Abstract from this date.

Negapatam
19-4-69.

(Signed) J. W. Best
Sub Collector

(True Translation)

(Signed) A. Cruickshank
Ag. Sub Collector.

(True Copy) Jn W Webster
Collector

Compd

In No 798.

No. 1526.

Treasury Deputy Collector's Office,
TANJORE, 10th July 1879

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From

The Deputy Collector
in charge of the Treasury,
TANJORE.

To

The Accountant General
Fort St. George
Madras

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. $\frac{A.D.K.}{273}$ dated 14th June 1879 to the Collector of Tanjore, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to send the objection memo dated 27th February 1878, for answering Query No. 12, as, by an oversight, no Office copy seems to have been retained in this office.

Forwd vide A.D.K./343 d/ 22 Jul 79

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed't Servant

Deputy Collector

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
12 JUL 79
MADRAS

Compd. W.N.

No. $\frac{\text{A. D. K.}}{343}$

For
9th 7/79

~~Audit~~ Treasury account Department.

To be returned with reply on reverse.

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
22d July 1879.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS,
TO THE Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury
Tanjore

VIDE *your* ~~*Application for*~~ letter ~~*on behalf of*~~ No. 1526 dated 10th July /79

THE undersigned has the honor to forward herewith in original this Office memo dated the 27th February 1878, and to request that it may be returned at an early date accompanied by the information called for, in this Office memo No. $\frac{\text{ADK}}{273}$ dated the 16th Ultimo, in respect of the Pension and Gratuity applications of the late Mr. G. V. Nelson

R. C. Chapman
Offg Asst to Accountt Genl
for Accountt Genl

1879.

FROM
The Deputy Collector
in charge of the Treasury,
TANJORE.

To
The Accountant General
Ft St George
Madras

Dated
Despatched } 10 July 1879.
Received

No. 1526

ENCLOSURES,

Regarding the [illegible]
the Office memo
dated 27 February 1878

No 599
Treasury Dy Collector Office
Tanjore. D/ 30 July 1879

No. 1730

Has the honor to state that two thirds of the pay of Conservator was met from Port Fund and one third from (Marine) Imperial Fund.

A Munro Jr
Deputy Collector

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No 798

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
1 AUG 79
MADRAS

THE ENTRIES IN THESE COLUMNS ARE TO BE REATTESTED EVERY FIVE YEARS; EACH ATTESTATION SHOULD BE CAREFULLY RULED OFF THE DATE MAY BE CLEARLY SHOWN.

Name of Officer.		George Valentine Melson
Caste or Race.		East Indian
Residence.		Tranquebar
FATHER'S	Name.	Romulus Melson is dead.
	Residence.	"
Date of birth.		11th February 1826
Age.	Years	47.
	Ms.	2.
	Days.	"
Exact Height.	Feet.	5-
	In.	6 1/2
Personal marks for identification.		Marks of a cut near the right temple
Date of Entry.		April 1873.
Signature of Officer.		G. V. Melson
Signature and designation of the head of the Office.		2nd Collector

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Writer, English Record Office	Temporary.	.	10	.	1846. 15 Feby			1845 30 June	work finished	
Writer ~~assistant~~ to the English Record Keeper	Permanent —	.	10		1845 1 Septr		[illegible] Sub Collector	1847 ? Jany	Promoted —	[illegible] Sub Collector
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~~Writer~~	— Do —		20		1850 1 May			28 Feby/51	Promotion	
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Translator: Collr. Office	Do.		70.		1860 11 Octr			1860 15 Octr	Transferred	
2. Head Accountant	Do.		70 —		1860 16 Octr			1863 31 Octr	Do.	

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Character of Officer.

No entry need be made in this Column except when there is any thing, either good or bad to be recorded. Suspensions should be noted here when the order of suspension is passed.

Mr. Nelson has conducted the duties of Head Post Office Writer under my Superintendence for a period of 2 years & 3 months — During that period his assiduity and attention have afforded me great satisfaction —

(Signed) Wm. Holloway

Acting Collector

21st May 1853.

Madura 24th March 1863.

Mr. G. Nelson

1st Accountant

Treasury Deputy Collector's

Office Tanjore.

Sir,

You told me while I was leaving Tanjore that you would like to have in your hands an expression of my opinion regarding you as one of my Chief assistants in the Treasury Office at Tanjore. And it gives me the greatest pleasure to say that if I was tolerably successful in acquitting myself favourably in the discharge of the peculiarly onerous duties that devolve on the Treasury Officer in such a District as Tanjore, I owe much of it to the manner in which you assisted me —

To a complete knowledge of your business you added a praiseworthy steadiness and an industrious & patient application which enabled me to place perfect

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							perfect confidence in the accuracy of any particular business which I might have entrusted to you in addition to your general & ordinary duties. You never got tired of work & you never slurred over any thing through hurry – and never attempted to conceal an omission or error. And above all you were most respectful & cheerfully obedient to orders – I wish you speedy promotion and all success in life, but I fear that the account Depart. of a Collector's Office affords so little opening for promotion or rather that Accountants are so often passed over by Collectors as beneath consideration in the distribution of the general patronage of the District, that men like you are not very favorably circumstanced. I hope however that things may change for the better in this respect & that at any rate such may not be the case as regards yourself. And I remain Yours faithfully (Signed) M. Sadasiva Pillai Princl. Sudr. Ameen Late Dy. Collr. Treasury Tanjore.	Sub Collector			Sub Collector
Acting Head Clerk under the Collector.	Acting.	Hd. ~~English~~ Accountt.	100.		1863 1 Novr.				1864 15 Jany.	Transfer.	
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Superintendent of Sea Customs & Conservator of Tranquebar	Acting Permanent	Translator ~~Collector~~ Collector's Office	80	acting full pay	1852 1st March		Sick leave from 26th Sept. to 25th Nov./73. — Do — from 27th Sept./75 to 1st Feby/76.	B. Ellis Sub Collector	1866 31st Sept.	Removed	B. Ellis Sub Collector
Do of Mootterpettah	Do		50		1866 1 Sept.				1869 15 April	Transferred	
Do Do & Conser. of Tranquebar	~~Acting~~ Do		65		1869 15 April				1870 24 May	Confirmed	
Do Do	Acting Permanent	Supdt. of S.l. Mutterpettah ~~Substantively~~	80	acting full pay	1870 25 May				1 Feby 1876	Applied for pension.	

Ar. Thomas.

Compd. B.M.

SERVICE BOOK

OF

Name. George Sebastian Nelson

Caste or Race. East Indian

Residence. Nanguchery

FATHER'S.
Name. Romulus Nelson
Residence. Dead

Date of birth. 11th February 1826

In a No 98

1/5/7 452

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No. $\frac{\text{A. D. K.}}{273}$

To be returned with reply on reverse.

AUDIT DEPARTMENT.

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
14th June 1879.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS,

TO THE Collector of Tanjore

VIDE *your Application for* ~~Pension~~ Gratuity *on behalf of* late Mr. G. V. Nelson

THE undersigned has the honor to request that the Collector will be good enough to ~~forward~~ furnish as early as possible the information promised in his reply to Query 2012 of this Office Objection Memo dated 27th February 1878.

E Whiteley

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J. S.
12-6.

J. K.
13/6.

W. C. Chapman
Offg. Asst. to the Acctt. Genl.
for Offg. Acctt. Genl.

Compd. B.M.

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Reply.

Two-thirds of the pay of Conservators were met from "Port Fund" and one-third from "Marine" Imperial Fund.

Tanjore 5. 8-79

W Lintul
Hd Sub Collector
in charge

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ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
8 AUG 79
MADRAS

In C No 798

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No. 443

Tanjore Collector's Office
Mannargudy 15th February 1878

From
The Collector of
Tanjore

To
The Accountant General
Madras.

Sir,

As directed in G. O dated 14th November 1877 No. 3243, I have the honor to submit herewith 2 applications on behalf of the late Mr Nelson of Tranquebar, one for pension for his services as Sea Custom Superintendent, and the other for gratuity for his services as Conservator of the port of Tranquebar.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your Most obedient Servant,

for Collector.

Accountant General's Office
Recd 10 2 187
Ansd

Compd B.M.

Pension 1879 Dept

From No. 797

the Collector —

of Tanjore

the Accountant General

Madras.

Dated 15th &
Recd 3rd February /79

No. 443

Enc: 3

submitting two Appli-
:cations in behalf
of the late Mr Melson —

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APPLICATION FOR { PENSION / GRATUITY.

1. Name of Applicant. George Valentine Melson
2. Father's name. Romulus Melson
3. Sect or Caste. East Indian
4. Residence. Tranquebar.
5. Present or last employment. Superintendent of Sea Customs Tranquebar.
6. Date of beginning of service. 15th ~~January~~ February 1845
7. Date of end of service. 1st February 1876

	Y.	M.	D.
8. Length of service including breaks	30	11	15
of which superior	25	2	26
inferior	4	8	"
non-qualifying and breaks	1	"	19

9. Class of { pension / gratuity } applied for, and cause of application* Under Section 52 & 59 of the Civil Pension Code (3rd Edition)

	Rs	as	P
10. [Average] emoluments or pay.	50	"	"
11. Proposed pension.	25	"	"
12. Proposed gratuity.	"	"	"

13. Date from which to commence. 2nd February 1876
14. Place of payment. Tranquebar, Mayaveram Taluq
15. Date of Applicant's birth ~~Age of applicant on this date,~~ by Christian Era 11th February 1826
16. Height. 5 feet 6½ inches
17. Marks. One cut mark near the right temple
18. Date. 31st January 1878

*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.

Collector

SIGNATURE OF THE HEAD OF OFFICE.

HISTORY OF THE SERVICE (SHOWING BREAKS) OF George Valentine Melson.

Establishment.	Appointment.	Pay. RS.	A.	P.	Acting allowance RS.	Date of beginning.	Date of end.	Period reckoned as service. Y.	M.	D.	Period not reckoned as service. Y.	M.	D.	Remarks.	How verified.	Remarks by Accountant-General.
Tanjore Collectorate	Writer English record office	10	"	"	"	18th February 1845	30th June 1845	"	"	"	"	4	14	Temporary	Verified from the Records	This period of service does not count for Pension being service rendered in Inferior grades. Verified from the records of the office of the Collector of Tanjore and the verification confirmed partly by the Annual returns & partly by the Audit Register on record in this office
	Out of employ	"	"	"	"	1st July 1845	31st August 1845	"	"	"	"	2	"			
	Writer [illegible] Nam Fund	10	"	"	"	1st Septr 1845	31st January 1847	"	"	"	1	5	"	Inferior Grade		
	Do Do fund	10	"	"	"	1st February 47	31st May 1847	"	"	"	"	4	"			
	Postoffice Jawabnavis	5 15	"	"	"											
	Do Writer	10	"	"	"	1st June 1847	30th April 1850	"	"	"	2	11	"			
	Do Jawabnavis	5 15	"	"	"											
	Revenue writer	20	"	"	"	1st May 1850	28th February 1851	"	10	"	"	"	"			
	English Record Keeper	35	"	"	"	1st March 1851	30th June 1860	9	4	"	"	"	"			
	Do	40	"	"	"	1st July 1860	10th October 1860	"	3	10	"	"	"			
	Translator	70	"	"	"	11th October 1860	15th Do Do	"	"	5	"	"	"			
	English 1st Asst	70	"	"	"	16th Do Do	31st Do 1863	3	"	16	"	"	"			
	Asst English Head Clerk	100	"	"	"	1st November 1863	15th January 1864	"	2	15	"	"	"			
	Translator	70	"	"	"	16th January 1864	28th February Do	"	1	14	"	"	"			
	Supt Tranquebar Sea Customs	50	"	"	"	1st March 1864	31st August 1866	2	6	"	"	"	"			
	Do Muttupettai	50	"	"	"	1st September 1866	18th April 1869	2	7	18	"	"	"			
	Do Tranquebar	50	"	"	"	19th April 1869	25th September 1873	4	5	7	"	"	"			
	On Sick leave	"	"	"	"	26th Septr 1873	25th Novr 1873	"	"	"	"	2	"			
	Supt of Sea Customs Tranquebar	50	"	"	"	26th November 1873	26th September 1875	1	10	1	"	"	"			
	On Sick leave	"	"	"	"	27th Septr 1875	1st February 1876	"	"	"	"	4	5			
	Total period of {superior / inferior.} service …						………	25	2	26						

REMARKS BY [illegible]D OF OFFICE.

1. As to character and past conduct of Applicant.	Once degraded for misconduct and afterwards promoted. Conduct was good subseq[illegible]t to degradation so far as is known to this Office
2. Explanation of any suspension or degradation.	Full particulars are given in Procgs of Government Revenue Department [illegible]ted the 17th November 1866 (G.O. No 3142)
3. Regarding any gratuity or pension already received by Applicant. See Chapter XX.	[illegible]e
4. Explanation under Section 50 47, Rule 1, so far as the Head of the Office can give it.	[illegible]e
5. Any other remarks.	Mr Melson was on si[illegible] leave when he applied for pension no medical certificate was [illegible]tained. He died on the 25th March 1876

[illegible]
Collector
SIGNATURE.

No A 0f / 400

CERTIFICATE AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL.

Certified that qualifying service in Superior Grades has been duly proved for 25 years, 2 months, and 26 days; but that no retiring allowance is admissible as the applicants in capacity for service on the date of retirement viz. - 1st February 1876, was not formally established by a Medical Certificate as required by Section 62 of the Civil Pension Code 4th Edition.

It will be seen from the remarks of the Collector opposite to No 5 on the 3rd Page of the application for Pension, and from a Copy of the Sub Collectors letter No 921 dated the 15 December 1876, herein enclosed, that the applicant died on the 25th March 1876, and that an absentee allowance equal to the moiety of his Pay as Supt of Sea Customs Tranquebar, erroneously supposed by the Sub Collector to be due to the applicant up to the date of his death, was, on application, paid to his widow Mrs Melson - This erroneous payment amounting to Rs 44-4-9, should be ordered to be recovered from the estate of the deceased.

The marked delay that has occurred in the disposal of this application is due to a reference to the Collector of Tanjore on the 28th February 1878. the reply to which was not received in this Office until the 8th Instant.

To
The Under Secretary to Government
Pension Department.

Fort Saint George,
Accountt Genls' Office
23rd August 1879

[illegible] Chapman
Offg Asst to Accountant General
for Accountt General

Pension 1879 20 Sept No 798

APPLICATION FOR {PENSION ~~OR~~ ~~GRATUITY~~

Date of application. 23rd August 1879

Name of applicant G. V. Nelson.

Last appointment. Superintendent of Sea Customs Tanjore.

Class of {pension or gratuity.

Amount of pension sanctioned.

Amount of gratuity sanctioned.

Date of Commencement.

Date of sanction.

O. No 678

Pension Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following papers

From the Collector of Tanjore dated 15 September 1879 No. 443

— " — Offg. Accountant General dated 23rd Augt 1879 No. A.D.J. 400+401

Pens Nos: 796 & 798

Order thereon 20th October 1879 No. 675.

It is clear from the Collector's report that Mr. G. V. Nelson was never formally removed from the service but was on sick leave at the time of his death. No retiring allowance is therefore admissible but the half salary paid to his widow should not be recovered.

+ Vide Offg. A. G.'s letter No 131 in G.O. 14 Nov: 77 No. 3243. The man had applied to retire but had not submitted a medical certificate or been formally removed when he died. The Acct. Dept. want to recover the 1/2 salary paid to him or his heirs for the time between his application to be invalided & his death.

I never [illegible] red tape. [illegible] The A. G. disallows claim to [illegible] [illegible] from ill health because the man died before a Med. [illegible]

21/10/79

To The Acctt. Genl. }
Collr. of Tanjore } 20.10.

L.D.
Case of Mrs. G. W.
Nelson

Pension 1879 Deptt

Pension

To
The Accountt Genl

Dated 20th } Octr 1879.
Despd " } Octr 1879.

No. 675.

Declining to grant any retiring allowance to Mr. G. W. Nelson late Suptt of Sea Customs Tranquebar

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