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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

7th December 1880, No. 2275.

Pensions.

Read the following paper:—

No. 30. *From E. J. SINKINSON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Simla, 4th November 1880, No. 3475.*

I am directed to forward the accompanying extract from a letter from the Comptroller-General, No. 1361, dated 30th September 1880, pointing out that delay in the disposal of applications for pension or gratuity is in many cases due to inattention to the Rules of the Civil Pension Code by the Head of the Office who submits the application.

2. The Government of India have repeatedly sought to mitigate the hardship which is occasioned to an officer retiring from the service, by delay in the settlement of his pension or gratuity; and, in order that this object may be more completely secured, I am to request that, with the permission of His Grace the Governor in Council, Heads of Offices may be instructed to observe more carefully, than heretofore, the Rules in the Civil Pension Code, regarding the preparation and submission of applications.

Copy of this letter (without the extract) forwarded to the Comptroller-General, with reference to his letter, No. 1361, dated 30th September 1880.

Also, to the several Accountants-General and Deputy Accountants-General in independent charge for information.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

EXTRACT from a letter from the Comptroller-General, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, dated 30th September 1880, No. 1361.

I would suggest that the present return is hardly calculated to show the actual causes of delay in passing pension cases through the necessary forms, as it shows only the facts connected with the very latest stage in the proceedings. Of course, my opinion, in such matters, may be a little prejudiced; but I certainly think that the blame, in most cases, lies with Heads of Offices in preparing the papers, and in their disregarding the plain requirements of the rules. I have also seen several cases delayed through the difficulty the Head of the Office finds in collecting verifications from other administrative officers.

I have procured the following statistics of work done by the Accountant-General, Bengal, this year, which will support my view that the Account Offices are not those which are to blame for the delays.

One hundred and four applications have been returned by the Accountant-General, Bengal, since 1st January 1880, because they were submitted to him by the Head of the Office without the prescribed verification statements of services. It seems to be one of the most elementary rules in the Code that the first step which the Head of the Office has to take is to get a list of services and verify it (Section 83). The figure just given shows in what a large number of cases the Head of the Office prefers to fire off the whole case in an inchoate condition at the Accountant-General.

The Accountant-General also took a number of old pending cases on which he is just about to report to Government that he cannot get the local officers to answer his inquiries, and he finds that the average detention has been ten months and twenty-seven days in local offices, twenty-seven days in Accountants General's Offices.

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1880, No. 2275.

Communicated to all Departments of Government and to Heads of Departments for careful attention.

(True Extract.)

J. P. Davis
for Chief Secretary.

To the Departments of Government.
„ Heads of Departments.
„ Accountant-General.

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