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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

8th March 1880, No. 488.

Pensions and Gratuities.

Read the following paper:—

No. 48. *Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.*

Financial,
No. 8.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
5th February 1880.

MY LORD DUKE,—I have considered in Council your Financial letter of the 12th December 1879, No. 23, requesting that payment may be made in this country of a pension and bonus awarded to Mr. H. Lyon, late an Executive Engineer of the Fourth Grade, under the scheme for the reduction of the Public Works Department.

2. I cannot but regard this request as inconsistent with your Public Works letter of the 7th November last, No. 65, in which you requested that certain officers might be informed that the bonuses granted under paragraph 5, Section II, Clause 5, must be paid in India whether the officers concerned were on duty or on furlough. You will, however, have already learnt from my Financial despatch of the 15th ultimo, No. 2, and the despatch to the Government of India which accompanied it, that I have decided not to refuse to officers who retire under the scheme for the reduction of the Public Works Department, while on leave, permission to draw their gratuities in this country at the official rate of exchange if they desire to do so. Mr. Lyon retired in India, but I would not, on that account have refused to comply with your request that his bonus should be paid in England were it not that in a letter addressed to this office, a copy of which is enclosed, he has intimated that he has authorized his agents at Madras to receive the money there. Under these circumstances his pension only will be issued in this country, and I request that I may be furnished with an explanation of your proposal in reference to the payment of this bonus which might possibly have led to a double payment.

I have, &c.,

To His Excellency the Most Noble
The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

(Signed) CRANBROOK.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. LYON, Esq., late Executive Engineer, Madras Public Works Department, to Her Majesty's Under Secretary of State for India, dated Melrose Villa, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, 13th January 1880.

I beg permission to inform your Lordship that I was directed to retire from the Public Works Department of Madras under the Resolution of the Government of India dated 31st July 1879. I retired from the 1st October last, and left Madras on the 7th idem. Previous to my leaving I was for several days in consultation with the Deputy Chief Engineer and Examiner of Public Works Accounts with a view to get my bonus and pension papers settled; but owing, I presume, to my having petitioned the Madras Government on a matter connected with my promotion before retirement, which would affect the amount of my bonus and pension, there has been much greater delay than I anticipated in getting the subject disposed of and the necessary orders passed. I was given to understand that the papers would be ready within a few days after the date fixed for my departure (7th October), and, as I could not postpone that, I left instructions with my agents, Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., in Madras to receive

the bonus money and pension papers and forward the latter to me. I expected to get them by the mail after I reached England, but up to date they have not arrived, and I learn from my

agents (who forward copy of a letter to them from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 20th November last,) that sanction of Government has not yet been given.*

* The words of the Examiner's letter are "the application has already been forwarded to Government for sanction, and early orders on the same are expected."

2. I have, therefore, to request your Lordship to be good enough to order the payment of a quarter's pension (from 1st October 1879) in anticipation of arrival of the necessary papers as I am without employment at present and require money. I beg to forward a memorandum†

† For perusal and return. I received from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts before leaving India, which will perhaps be an assistance in determining the amount of pension payable to me. I may observe that my petition to the Madras Government, which I have mentioned as probably causing the delay, was that my promotion to Executive Engineer, Fourth Grade, should be made permanent for reasons which I need not now enter into, as I shall have to address your Lordship on the subject at a future time if this has not been sanctioned by the Madras Government.

No. 49.

ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1880, No. 488.

Recorded with reference to despatch to the Secretary of State, No. 3, dated 22nd January 1880, copy of which, with the present despatch, will be communicated to the Pension and Public Works Departments.

(True Extract.)

R. Paulin
Chief Secretary.

To the Pension Department, } with copy of Despatch No. 3.
" Public Works Department, }
" Accountant-General.

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To
THE PENSION DEPARTMENT,

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