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PENSION DEPARTMENT.

10th November 1881, No. 1192.

Pensions.

Read again—

Letter to the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, dated 16th September 1881, No. 909.

Read also the following letter:—

From CLEMENT SIMPSON, Esq., Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, to the Acting Under Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 7th October 1881.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th ultimo, together with copy of Proceedings of Government, Pension Department, 18th June last.

2. You intimate that as A. Lutchmanna Mudali was employed in the preparation of Trade Returns solely in the interests of the Chamber of Commerce, and as the establishment was maintained only on the condition that its whole cost should be borne by them, the pension to which Lutchmanna Mudali has become entitled should also be paid by them, and that the Accountant-General will apply, therefore, to me to recover any amounts from the Chamber that have already been disbursed on account of the man's pension.

3. This intimation is made under a misapprehension; and to show this I may mention that in 1850 a temporary arrangement was made by the Chamber with the Collector of Sea Customs for the publication of monthly returns of the Import and Export trade of Madras, the Chamber agreeing to contribute Rs. 50 per mensem towards defraying the cost thereof, and receiving 25 copies for distribution among its members. This arrangement, which was approved by Government, was renewed in 1851 for three years. In May 1854, the Collector forwarded to the Chamber copies of some correspondence relating to these returns, and solicited the opinion of the Chamber as to whether they should be continued. The Chamber replied that the statements were of much interest and value to all engaged in trade at Madras, and expressed their hope that they might be continued, suggesting, at the same time, certain additions and alterations that they thought would render the returns more complete. On this representation the arrangement was made permanent.

4. In March 1876, the Collector of Sea Customs, under instructions from the Board of Revenue, inquired if the Chamber would bear the entire cost of the compilation and publication of the monthly statement, as it was of no use to Government for which elaborate returns were separately prepared. He stated that the Chamber's subscription of Rs. 50 per mensem did not cover the total cost of printing. The Chamber, after comparing the statement with the voluminous returns compiled for the special use of the Board, pointed out the advantages enjoyed by the former over the latter, and expressed their opinion that "the preservation in various parts of the country of so handy and prompt a monthly record of the Commerce of Madras is an end cheaply obtained * * *. The throwing, therefore, on this Chamber of the whole cost of a publication which has so much to recommend it would be, the Chamber feel, a hardship that under the circumstances they may fairly request may not be inflicted." The Board concurred with the opinion of the Chamber, and ordered the discontinuance of their own Trade Returns, and they approved of the continuance of the publication of the monthly statement.

5. I am not in a position to say that Lutchmanna Mudali was solely employed at the Custom House in the preparation of the monthly statements; but I may state that the Chamber are unaware of the condition to which you refer that the whole cost of the establishment for preparing the Trade Returns should be borne by them. The arrangement since 1851 has been simply this,—that the Collector of Sea Customs has undertaken to furnish the Chamber with a certain number of monthly statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of local trade, and that the Chamber, on their part, have agreed to pay a monthly contribution of 50 rupees towards the cost of preparation and publication.

6. The records of the Chamber for the last thirty years have been searched in vain for any mention by the Collector of Sea Customs of the liability of the Chamber to pay the pension of the persons employed in preparing the statements referred to, and I have the honor to submit that, under these circumstances, the Chamber cannot be blamed for declining to accept the responsibility alluded to in your letter.

7. A copy of this letter has been forwarded for the information of the Accountant-General, who has requested the Chamber to pay the pension referred to from the 18th January last.

ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1881, No. 1192.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched:—

[Here enter, No. 1193, dated 10th November 1881.]

(True Extract.)

J. A. DAVIES,
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1881} Madras.

PENSION.

Dated November 10th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 10th November 1881, No. 1192.

NOVEMBER.

Pensions.—Letter from the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, stating that the Chamber are not liable to pay the pension granted to A. Lutchmanna Mudali who was employed in the preparation of Trade Returns in the Office of the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, forwarded to the Government of India.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

Pensions.

No. 1193.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
FORT SAINT GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Jacob's letter, No. 2382, dated the 18th August last, directing that the superannuation pension of Rs. 12-8-0 granted to Arcot Lutchmanna Mudali, late Clerk, Sea Customs Office, Madras, should be borne by the Madras Chamber of Commerce, as the man was employed in the preparation of Trade Returns solely in the interests of the Chamber of Commerce, and to inform you that on the purport of your directions being duly communicated to the Chairman of the Chamber, that gentleman has taken exception to the liability on the grounds stated in his letter recorded in the accompanying Proceedings of Government, No. 1192, of this date. I am now to request instructions as to whether the Government of India will, in the circumstances and upon the following observations, still insist on the charge being made.

2. It is observed that the Secretary of State's despatch of 2nd May 1878, alluded to in your letter, was in answer to one affording explanation on certain points connected with the preparation of the Trade Returns of Madras, special reference for that purpose being made to the Proceedings of this Government of 30th May 1876, No. 721, where the subject of the cost of the returns required by the Chamber of Commerce was fully discussed. The then Chairman protested against the whole cost of a publication which was generally useful being thrown upon the Chamber; and on the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, who admitted the utility to the public of the statements, this Government decided that no further charge beyond the Rs. 50 per mensem for the clerks should be made, and also, at the same time, pointed out that the clerks were under the exclusive control of the Collector of Sea Customs. It was upon a perusal of these Proceedings, the conclusions in which were apparently accepted, that paragraph 4 of the above despatch of the Secretary of State was written; and I am to point out that no such condition as that the *whole cost* of the establishment should be borne by the Chamber of Commerce is there laid down as inferred in your letter.

3. This Government would, therefore, recommend that the same course be followed now as in the similar case of G. Narrainswami Naidu sanctioned by the Government of India in 1870 (letter No. 4175, dated 31st December 1870 to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras); and that the particular establishment under reference should in future be classed with, and added to the list of, those entered in Clause (*e*), Section 80, of the Civil Pension Code.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
10th November 1881.

Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

1881.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

From
The Secretary to the Govt. of
Fort St. George,
To
The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Dept. of Finance and Commerce.

Dated 10th November 1881.

Issued

Recd.

No. 1193.

Enclosure.

Pensions.—Recommending that the pension of Rs. 12-8-0 a-month granted to A. Lutchmanna Mudali, late a Clerk, Sea Customs Office, Madras, which the Government of India directed should be borne by the Chamber of Commerce, be paid by Government; and that the establishment employed in the preparation of the Trade Returns of Madras be added to the list of those entered in Clause (e) of Section 8 of the Civil Pension Code.

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Chamber of Commerce,
Madras, 7th October 1881.

From

The Chairman,
Chamber of Commerce.

To

The Actg Under Secretary to Government,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th ultimo, together with copy of Proceedings of Government, Pension Department, 18th June last.

You intimate that as A. Lutchmana Mudali was employed in the preparation of Trade Returns solely in the interests of the Chamber of Commerce, and as the Establishment was maintained only on the condition that its whole cost should be borne by them, the pension to which Lutchmana Mudali has become entitled should also be paid by them, and that

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the Accountant General will apply, therefore, to me to recover any amounts from the Chamber that have already been disbursed on account of the man's pension.

This intimation is made under a misapprehension; and to show this, I may mention that in 1850 a temporary arrangement was made by the Chamber with the Collector of Sea Customs for the publication of Monthly Returns of the Import and Export trade of Madras, the Chamber agreeing to contribute Rs 50 per mensem towards defraying the cost thereof, and receiving 25 copies for distribution among its members. This arrangement, which was approved by Government, was renewed in 1851 for three years. In May 1854 the Collector forwarded to the Chamber copies of

of some correspondence relating to these Returns, and solicited the opinion of the Chamber as to whether they should be continued. The Chamber replied that the Statements were of much interest and value to all engaged in trade at Madras, and expressed their hope that they might be continued, — suggesting at the same time certain additions and alterations that they thought would render the Returns more complete. On this representation the arrangement was made permanent.

In March 1871, the Collector of Sea Customs, under instructions from the Board of Revenue, enquired if the Chamber would bear the entire cost of the compilation and publication of the Monthly Statement, as it was of no use to Government for which elaborate returns were separately prepared.

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He stated that the Chamber's subscription of Rs 50 per mensem did not cover the total cost of printing. The Chamber, after comparing the statement with the voluminous Returns compiled for the special use of the Board, pointed out the advantages enjoyed by the former over the latter, and expressed their opinion that the preservation in various parts of the country of so handy and prompt a monthly record of the commerce of Madras is an end cheaply obtained x x x. The throwing, therefore, on this Chamber, of the whole cost of a publication which has so much to recommend it would be, the Chamber feel, a hardship that under the circumstances they may fairly request

request may not be inflicted." The Board concurred with the opinion of the Chamber, and ordered the discontinuance of their own Trade Returns, and they approved of the continuance of the publication of the Monthly Statement.

I am not in a position to say that Lutchmana Mudali was solely employed at the Custom House in the preparation of the Monthly Statements; but I may state that the Chamber are unaware of the condition to which you refer that the whole cost of the Establishment for preparing the Trade Returns should be borne by them. The arrangement since 1851 has been simply this — that the Collector of Sea Customs has undertaken to furnish the Chamber with a certain number of monthly Statements prepared in accordance with the

the requirements of local trade, and that the Chamber on their part have agreed to pay a monthly contribution of 50 Rs towards the cost of preparation and publication.

The records of the Chamber for the last thirty years have been searched in vain for any mention by the Collector of Sea Customs, of the liability of the Chamber to pay the pension of the persons employed in preparing the statements referred to, and I have the honor to submit that under these circumstances the Chamber cannot be blamed for declining to accept the responsibility alluded to in your letter.

A copy of this letter has been forwarded for the information of the

the Accountant General who has requested the Chamber to pay the pension referred to from the 18th January last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servt

Clement Simpson

Chairman.

Pen: G.O. 16th September 1881
No 909 & 910

Pensions (1881) Department.

No. 1523.

From

" " The Chairman
Chamber of Commerce
Trincomalee

No.

Dated 7th
Recd. 8th } October 1881.

Subject.

Stating that the
Chamber are not liable
to pay the pensions
granted to A Lutchima
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was employed in
the preparation of
Trade Returns in the
Office of Collector of
Sea Customs, Trincomalee

Co No 1192, & 1193

Govt. of {1881} Madras.

Pensions

Noted 10th Nov 1881
Issued

Pensions Letter from the Chairman Chamber of Commerce stating that the Chamber are not liable to pay the pension granted to A Lutchmana Chetty who was employed in the preparation of Trade Returns in the Office of the Collector of Sea Customs Madras. Forwarded to the Govt of India.

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Pensions

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1523

Read again letter to the Chairman Chamber of Commerce dated 5th Sept 1881. vide G.O. 909

Read also the following letter from Chairman Chamber of Commerce

From Chairman Chamber of Commerce

Dated 7th October 1881.

~~FOR ORDERS.~~ Order thereon 10 Nov 1881 No 1192

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

[H.E. 10 Nov 1881 No 1193]

No 1193

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India
Dept of Finance & Commerce

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Jacobs letter No. 2382, dated the 18th ultimo last, directing that the superannuation pension of Rs 12. 8 granted to Arcot Lutchmanna Mudali late clerk, Sea Customs Office, Madras should be borne by the Madras Chamber of Commerce, as the man was employed in the preparation of Trade Returns solely in the interests of the Chamber of Commerce, and to inform you that on the purport of your directions being duly communicated to the Chairmen of the Chamber, that gentleman has taken exception to the liability on the grounds stated in his letter recorded

in the accompanying Proceedings of Government dt. 1192 of this date. I am now to request instructions as to whether the Govt. of India will in the circumstances, and upon the following observations, still insist on the charge being made.

2. It is observed that the Secretary of State's despatch of 2nd May 1878 alluded to in your letter, was in answer to one, affording explanation on certain points connected with the preparation of the Trade Returns of Madras, special reference for that purpose being made in the Proceedings of this Government of 30th May 1876 No. 721, where the subject of the cost of the returns required by the Chamber of Commerce was fully discussed. The then Chairman protested against the whole cost of publication which was generally useful, being thrown upon the Chamber, and on the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, who admitted the utility of the statements to the public, this Government decided that no further charge beyond the Rs 50 per annum for the clerks should be made, and also at the same time pointed out that the clerks were under the exclusive control of the Collector of Sea Customs. It was upon a perusal of these Proceedings, the conclusions in which were apparently accepted, that para 4 of the above despatch of the Secretary of State was written, and I am to point out that no such condition as that the whole cost of the Establishment should be borne by the Chamber of Commerce is there laid down, as inferred in your letter.

3. His Government would therefore recommend that the same course be followed now as in the similar case of G. Narainswami Naidu sanctioned by the Govt. of India in 1870 (Letter No. 4675 dated 31st December 1870 to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,) and that the particular Establishment under reference should in future be classed with, and added to the list of, those entered in Section 80 clause (e) of the Civil Pensions Code.

I have &c.
(Sd) F. R. Pogson
Secy to Govt.

Fort St George
10th Nov 1881

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Pensions (188/) DEPARTMENT.

From
The Secy to the Govt of India
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No. 1193

Dated 10-
Recd. 15-} November 1881

No.

SUBJECT.

Pensions Recommending that the pension of Rs 12-8- a month granted to V. Lutchmana Mudaliar late a Clerk Sea Customs Office Madras under the Govt of India direction should be borne by the Chamber of Commerce, be paid by Govt; and that the Establishment employed in the preparation of the Trade Returns of Madras be added to the list of those entered in Clause 2. of Section 8 of the Civil Pension Code.

Nos 1192 & 1193.