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Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

—11th September 1880, No. 923.

Pensions.

Read again—

Proceedings of Government, Pension Department, dated 2nd October 1873, No. 495.

Read also the following paper :—

From A. C. TUPP, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 24th July 1880, No. 745-N.

Treasury Account Department.

I have the honor respectfully to request that His Grace in Council will favor me with orders on the following matter at as early a date as may be convenient. The procedure which at present obtains in this Presidency in respect of applications for retiring allowances appertaining to the Public Works Department under which such applications are passed through my office for submission to Government is, in my opinion, opposed to the provisions of the Civil Pension Code (Section 87), under which, I think, it is clear that such cases should be finally disposed of by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, who is, under the terms of the Code as laid down for the past seven years, the Accountant-General "*of his department*" and therefore the last officer through whom the case should pass before reaching Government.

2. It is greatly to be regretted that the force of the abovequoted words "*of his department*" has been so long overlooked by my office considering the large amount of extra work which has necessarily been entailed upon it by the oversight. The result of the present practice cannot be considered satisfactory inasmuch as Public Works cases cannot be disposed of otherwise than superficially by this office, which is nevertheless held finally responsible for their correctness.

3. The fact that there are at present 120 Public Works cases awaiting disposal in the Pension Department will serve to show, allowing for the special pressure resulting from the recent extensive reductions in the Public Works Department, that the work of my office is materially affected by the present practice, and it is, I think, most expedient that the Examiner of Public Works Accounts should be held wholly responsible for all cases appertaining to his department even apart from the provisions of the Code.

4. It is necessary that the point should be formally decided by Government, as in G.O., No. 495, of 2nd October 1873, it was laid down that the Civil Accountant-General should dispose of such cases. About two months after the issue of this Order the amendment of the Civil Pension Code (Sections 84 and 87) was made by the Government of India, and Section 87 now distinctly lays down that the cases should be finally disposed of by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, who is, under the terms of the Code, the Accountant-General of his own department (see Note 2, Section 84, Civil Pension Code). This alteration in the Code should have been brought to the notice of Government by my office, and I regret that this was not done.

5. I have, now for some time past, had a temporary establishment specially engaged for pension, work, and if the Public Works cases are retained on my file, it will be necessary to employ these temporary clerks for some time longer. The Examiner of Public Works Accounts, on the other hand, is, I believe, reducing his office

largely on account of the recent reductions, and the retransfer to him of this work, which legitimately belongs to his department, may save the reduction of some of his employes and relieve Government of pensionary charges besides the expense of the temporary establishment above mentioned.

ORDER THEREON, 11th September 1880, No. 923.

The Government see no reason to continue the present arrangement, which may therefore be discontinued unless the Examiner of Public Works Accounts can show any sufficient objection.

2. It does not appear that the discontinuance of the submission of applications for retiring allowances for officers and subordinates of the Public Works Department through the Accountant-General will entail any additional labor on the Examiner's Office, where the provisions of Section 87 of the Pension Code are already conformed with, or that the retention of any establishment now found superfluous will be necessitated.

(True Extract.)

LORNE A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Accountant-General.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

Pension Department

Fort Saint-George
Accountant-General's Office
23^d December 1880.

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From
The Accountant-General
to the Government of Madras,
To The Under-Secretary
to Government,
Pension Department,
Fort-Saint-George.
Sir,

With reference to your Endorsements
Nos 2619 & 2657 dated the 16th December 1880, refer-
ring to me for remarks 2 applications from the
Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, for
the grant of Extraordinary Pension and Gratuity
to the families of certain persons killed during
the performance of their duties, I have the
honor to state that Government, by their
order No 923 dated the 11th September 1880, Pension,
relieved this Office from the duty of dis-
posing of application for any kind of Pension
or Gratuity on behalf of persons employed in
the Public Works Department, & I have therefore
transferred the applications under reference
to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts for
disposal.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed^t Servt.

[Signature]
Off Account-General

G.O. of (1880) *[illegible]*

PENSION.

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

Dated September, 11th.

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G.O. 11th September 1880, No. 923.

SEPTEMBER.

Pensions—Dispensing with the present arrange-
ment whereby applications for retiring allowances
for officers of the Public Works Department are
submitted through the Accountant-General, and
directing that the duty of their submission to
Government devolve on the Examiner of Public
Works Accounts.

Prison Department
Form No 2997
The Account General
Madras

To
The Under Secretary to Govt
Prison Department
Fort St George

Dated 23rd December 1880
Received of the Prison Department
Madras Rs 15.00.00
No: 114497
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the above and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the Prison Department for their consideration.
Yours faithfully,
D. H. Account
Genl Secy to Govt
Prison Department
Dated 11 September 1880
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