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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	508	Press Mis.
Dated	2 - 6 -	1882

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2ND JUNE 1882, No. 508, PENSION.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., dated 9th May 1881, No. 438, Pension.

READ—also the following papers :—

From the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, dated 31st January and 15th February 1882, Nos. 487 and 858.

Official Memorandum to the Director of Public Instruction, dated 10th March 1882, No. 26.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 20th April 1882, No. 2249.

Endorsement of the Pension Department, dated 29th April 1882, No. 46.

From the Accountant-General, dated 19th May 1882, No. 19—J.A.E.

ORDER—dated 2nd June 1882, No. 508, Pension.

In supersession of G.O., dated 9th May 1881, No. 438, Mr. J. J. Fonceca, late Assistant Drawing Master in the School of Arts, is granted an invalid gratuity of Rs. (200) two hundred, equal to two months' pay, for his qualifying service of two years and ten months.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Accountant-General.
" Director of Public Instruction.

Ed. C. Howarth.

Govt. of (1882) Madras
PENSION.

Order, dated 2nd June 1882, No. 508.

Gratuity.—Granting, in supersession of G.O., dated 9th May 1881, No. 438, an invalid gratuity of Rs. 200 to Mr. J. J. Fonceca, late Assistant Drawing Master in the School of Arts.

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To His Excellency The Right Honorable
Elphinstone Mountstuart Grant Duff
Governor of the Presidency of Madras
President of the Council of Fort St George.

The Humble Petition of John —
Joseph Fonceca late drawing master
in the school of Arts in Madras but
now without employ residing at the
Kuzi within the local limits of Madras
aforesaid

Sheweth:

1. That your Petitioner was employed as the Drawing master of the School of Arts in Madras from the 1st of May 1877 to the 28th of July 1877 on a monthly salary of Rupees 300 per mensem and again from the 11th of November 1877 up to the 30th of August 1880 on a monthly salary of Rupees one hundred consequent to a reduction of the establishment.
2. That on the 1st of August 1880 he was compelled by suddenly increasing blindness to tender his resignation.
3. That in forwarding his resignation to Government

Thro the Director of Public Instruction, Mr R. F. Chisholm
the superintendant of the School of Arts, and his immediate
superior in office, forwarded the under-quoted letter on the
2nd of August 1880

"I have the honor to forward you a letter from Mr
"Torceca, the drawing master of this School intimating
"that in consequence of his blindness he is unable to
"continue the duties of drawing master".
"Mr Torceca is the only professional artist in
"Madras, and, ~~as a result~~, I trust the Government, when
"accepting his resignation will take this fact
"into consideration"

"His practice has never been good and now
"that the calamity of blindness has overtaken him,
"he will be without any means of support. He was
"drawing master of this school from the 1st of May 1877
"to the 20th of July 1877 and again from the 1st of
"November 1877 to the present time"

4 - That on the 7th of August 1880, Mr R. F.
Chisholm received the underquoted official
communication from the Director of Public
Instruction which was duly forwarded to me

N^o

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction
To

The off^{rs} superintendant - School of Arts -

N^o 3030

Dated 7th August

Despatched

Received

} 1880

Enclosures

Reference letter N^o 89 dated 2nd of August 1880

"Mr. Anceca can claim two month's pay as gratuity."
"Mr. Chisholm should send in the usual application"

signed - H. B. Grigg

Director of Public Instruction

5- That your Petitioner took the above official communication, as coming from the Government, ^{knowing} that it was to Government Mr. Chisholm had addressed and represented his case, thro the Director of Public Instruction.

6- That your Petitioner, after having the above order communicated to him, considered that the "usual"

application" that was called for by the Director of Public Instruction was only an official formality that had to be observed, before he could receive "the two months pay as gratuity."

7. That the "usual application" was sent in by Mr. Chisholm pursuant to orders.

8. That after having kept your Petitioner waiting for nearly a year, without any intimation or notice, your Petitioner, was paid the insignificant sum of Rupees (17) seventeen by the Accountant General of Madras, as being the proper and only sum to which he was entitled to receive and not "the two months pay" viz: Rupees Two hundred.

9. That during the many months, your Petitioner was kept waiting for the gratuity he was led to expect, your Petitioner had also to abandon the exercise of his Profession, publicly, as an artist, owing to the same sad and painful cause that compelled him to resign his post as Drawing Master to the School of Arts.

10. That your Petitioner for nearly half a century was the only artist in this city, and, as such, from time to time, served the Government, the respective Governors, and the General Public, but so meagre and uncertain were the emoluments of his practice, that, the exercise of his profession

was, up to the very time, blindness compelled him to abandon it, one long struggle, during which he never had the time or opportunity to lay by a store for his old age, having had a family to bring up and educate.

11. That your Petitioner, having never received any intimation whatsoever, that the amount of the gratuity 18. Rupees 200/- was likely to be curtailed, and being confident, that he would receive that amount for certain and being in want, anticipated the said sum of Rupees (200). Two hundred

12. That the hardship of your Petitioner's position has been much increased by the receipt of only Rupees (17) seventeen in lieu of the sum of Rupees Two hundred, that for many months your Petitioner had been confidently expecting.

Under these Circumstances your Petitioner humbly prays that Your Excellency will be pleased to grant your Petitioner, as a compassionate gratuity, the difference between the sum he expected to receive and the sum he actually did receive, and for such further and other relief, as to your Excellency may seem meet or the nature of his case may require.

Your Petitioner ever prays. &c.

J. J. Meera

Read again
Office of the Director of
No. 487. Public Instruction
Madras, 31st January 1888
From *the*
CURRENT No. 53

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the
accompanying letter, No. 324 dated
the 20th Instant, with enclosure,
from the Officiating Superintendent
of the School of Arts.

2. Mr. Fonceca having served
for two years, I was under the im-
pression that a gratuity of two
months' pay would be granted to
him; but the case having been
sent to the Accountant General
that officer advised the grant of
the amount sanctioned in G. O.
No.

No. 438 dated the 9th May last, and which is all the rules allow.

3. I cannot help commiserating the misfortune which has overtaken Mr. Fonceca, and the circumstances which necessitated the reduction of the gratuity have no doubt made the case one of peculiar hardship, but I do not see on what grounds to put forward a claim for special consideration, the greater portion of Mr. Fonceca's life having been spent not in the service of Government but as a private artist. The case seems to be one purely for the compassionate consideration of Government, and I shall be glad if some measure of relief is granted. I believe that Mr. Fonceca served the public well but it is his misfortune that his pupils and those for whom he worked have left the —
Country

Country. There is no source but charity therefore to which he can look for help.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

W. B. Pyj

Director of Public Instruction

W. B. Pyj

From

The Director of Public Instruction

Madras

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

No. 487.

Dated 31st January 1882

Recd.

Enclosures: 2.

Subject

Submitting with remarks
petition from Mr. Fonceca late
Drawing master,
of the School of Arts -
praying for relief in
consideration of his
deplorable condition

L. P. 275

No 324.

School of Arts
Madras 20 January/82

From

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R. F. Chisholm Esq
Offg: Superintendent
School of Arts

To,

The Director of
Public Instruction
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward
you a petition from Mr J. Fonceca late
a Drawing Master in this School.

The facts therein related
are substantially correct.

I would have declined to
forward any petition of this kind
were it not that the case appears to
me one of unusual hardness, and can
form no precedent for future calls
on the public purse by others.

One of unusual hardness,
because in this country there are not
those Asylums for the blind which
the humane have provided in most
civilized countries as a recognition
of the most terrible affliction which
can befall man, and whatever munificence
Government can be pleased to bestow
will

will form no precedent, because
Madras as at present constituted
will probably not require an Artist
for many years to come - Mr. Pinca
who did fairly the kind of art de-
manded from him, never gained more
than a kind of hand to mouth
existence.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

W. H. L. S.

W. H. L. S.

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Ann
The Off. & Supp.
Scholarships

N^o 324

Drain 203 Jan 1882
Res 203 Jan 1882

Inwändig Pächter
für M. J. F. Fonceres, lte.
Downing Master in the
Schule.

In Ed. no. 53/82

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Pension G. O. 9: May 1881
N^o 438

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Pension 1882
Chanc. Dept
N^o 472

From
The Director of Public Instruction
Madras

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

No. 2249

Dated 20th } April 1882
Received 24

26-4-82

CURRENT No. 196

Subject
Eni 2.

Submitting a letter from
the Superintendent of the
School of Arts enclosing a
Medical Certificate on behalf
of Mr. Fonseca. Referred.

no 858.

Office of the Director of
Public Instruction,
Madras. 15th February 1882.

From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

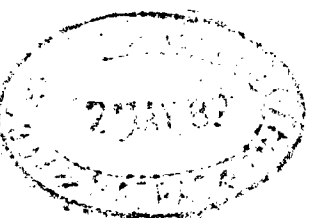
In reply to your reference on Current
no 53 of 1882, I have the honor to state that I
simply submitted Mr. Fonseca's Memorial to
Government for their orders. I do not think
that his case falls within any section of the
Pension Code, and if relief is given, altho' for
such exceptional treatment I think he
has not shown cause, it must be sanctioned
outside the rules, as an act of grace on the
part of Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obed. servant,

H. B. Figg
Director of Public Instruction

By Mr. Figg



From ^{St. Pauli} Council (1882) Sept
(School of Arts)
The Director of Public Instruction
No 335 Madras.

To _____
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

no 858.

Dated 15th February 1882

Received 20

1882 7 March 1882

CURRENT NO. 85

no

Ann 4.

Subject.

Stating that Mr. Fonseca's
application for pension was
submitted not under any section
of the Pension Code.

~~SECRET~~ DEPARTMENT.

PAPERS to be read in Proceedings:—

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X No. 86 ——— of 1882.

With Entry

No. 2249

Office of the Director of
Public Instruction
Madras, 20th April 1882

From

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George

Sir,

Sir,
As directed in Official Memo-
-randum dated 10th Ultimo, No. 26,
Pension Department, I have the honor
to forward a letter from the Super-
-intendent, School of Arts, enclosing
a Medical Certificate for Mr. J. J.
Fonccca in support of his claim to
a full invalid gratuity.

I have the honor to be,

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Your Most Obedient Servant,

H. H. Page

Director of Public Instruction

Ex. 24

Order

~~The Government
much regret that
they have no power
to comply with this
request.~~

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Agoston 27/2/82

Well - I do think Dubois
and John Rank 2 minutes.
Give my love, as usual, for all.

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From

Reference to Current No. 53
of 1882 Educational
No. D. P. J.

The Director of Public Instruction
Madras

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

is reported to state
the reason for the
Petition Code rather
authority under which
application is made.

No. 487.

Dated. 31st January 1882
Received. 2 Feb^y 1882.

P. M.

5/2/82

Fort St. George
13/2/82

To The Director of Public
Instruction
Just 4. Dec^r 13/2

CUT No. 53

Enclosures: 2.

Subject

Submitting with remarks
petition from Mr. Fonceca
late Drawing Master of
the School of Arts praying
for relief in considera-
tion of his deplorable
condition.

See P. 275

School of Arts
Madras 15th Feb 1882

From
D. F. Chisholm Esq^r
Off: Superintendent
School of Arts
Madras

To
The Director of
Public Instruction
Madras

Sir
With reference to your proceedings
No. 1582 dated 11th March 1882. I have
the honor to enclose the required Medical
Certificate for Mr. J. Fonceca in support
of his claim to a full invalid gratuity.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedt Servt

W. Chisholm
Off: Superintendent

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No 2715/82

From
The Superintendent
of Police Dept

Dated 15 April 82
Recd 17 do

See A-472.

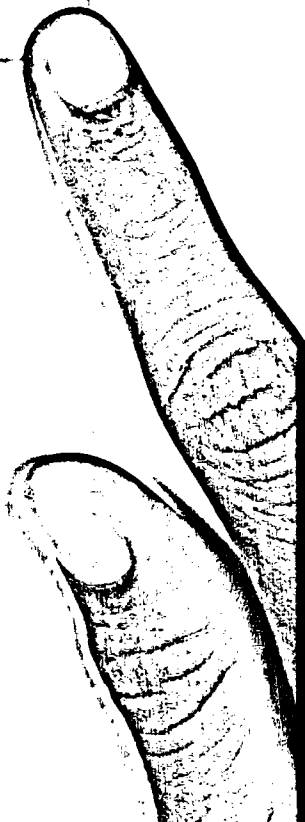
Submitting a Medical Certificate
for Mr J. Fonceca in support
of his claim to a well
deserved gratuity

19/4/1982

No 270 90k

This is to certify that I have examined
Mr J. Fonceca late drawing master
School of Arts and find him
suffering from Cataract of both
eyes. He is physically a hale man
of about sixty years of age

Madras
27th March 82 } A. Carter M.D.
Surgeon to District



Pension DEPARTMENT.

Fort Saint George,
Accountant-General's Office,
19th May 1882.

No. 348
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From *H. T. Clouston Esq.*
OFF ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To
THE *Ag. Under Secretary to Government,*
Pension Department.

SIR,

With reference to your Endorsement
N^o 1,6 dated the 29th April 1882, upon letter
from the Director of Public Instruction, N^o.
2249 dated the 20th Idem, requesting me to
report the amount of retiring allowance to
which Mr. J. J. Fonseca, late a drawing
master, school of Arts, will be entitled
with reference to the Medical Certificate
now furnished, I have the honor to state
that should Government be pleased to
consider the Medical Certificate signed
by Dr. Porter and dated 27th March 1882
sufficient to support the claim of Mr.
Fonseca to an Invalid Gratuity, though
the latter retired from the service so long
ago as August 1880, there would seem to

In N^o 472 *H. T. Clouston*

be no objection to the revised grant of an Invalid
Gratuity of Rupees 200... equal to two months
pay in lieu of the reduced Superannuation
Gratuity of Rupees 13-5-... sanctioned in
Government Order No. 138 dated the 9th May
1881, Pension Department.

The enclosures to the endorsement
under acknowledgment are herewith returned.

Shave the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

H. Leggett
Offg. Accountant-General.

No. 10.

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No. 26.

Off. Memor.

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Pension Department

With reference to his
letter No. 858 dated 15th February 1882
the Director of Public Instruction is
informed that if Mr. J. J. Fournier can
now obtain a regular Medical Certificate,
that at the time he last resigned his
post he was then incapacitated for further
service solely on account of loss of sight
and to no such extent as old age and
natural decay; that he will in that
case be eligible for a full Invalid gratuity
in lieu of the reduced superannuation
gratuity already granted, his report should be
submitted in due course.

10th March 82.

(To the Director of Public Instruction)

J. A. Davis
By Under Secy.

Pen. G. O. 9 May 1882 N° 158

Pension (1882) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,

Madras,

To

THE Member Secy. to Govt.
Revenue Department

No. 158
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Dated

19th

Received

22nd

May 1882.

No.

Subject.

States that should Govt.
see fit there would seem to
be no objection to the revised
grant to Mr. J. J. Fonseca
of an Invalid gratuity of
Rs 200/-

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Official Memorandum

With reference to his N° 158
dated 7th July 1882,

The Director of Public
Instruction is ^{informed} ~~informed~~
that if Mr. J. J. Fonseca
can obtain a ^{revised} ~~revised~~ ^{revised} ~~revised~~
of the time he ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~is~~
this post, he was then
~~revised~~ ^{revised} ^{revised} ^{revised}

= Capable for further ser=
vice ~~vice~~ ^{on acct. of} ~~vice~~ ^{on acct. of}

loss of sight, & if he

~~is~~ ^{is} ^{is} ^{is}

~~is~~ ^{is} ^{is} ^{is}

and natural decay;

and to report the result

of such ~~report~~ ^{report}

that he ^{will} ^{will} ^{will} ^{will}

be eligible for a full Invalid

gratuity in lieu of the reduced

superannuation gratuity already paid

with in the course of

a report should be submitted

in due course

To The Director of Public Instruction

10-3-82

9/3/82

Memorandum

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Pension Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again G.O. of 9th May 1881 N^o 438.-

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and 15th February 1882 N^{os} 187 & 558.

Official Memo. to the Director of Public Instruction dated 10th
March 1882 N^o 26

From the Director of Public Instruction dated 20th April 1882 N^o 229

Endorsement of the Pension Department dated 29th April 1882 N^o 46

From the Accountant General dated 19th May 1882 N^o 116
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Order thereon 2nd June 1882 N^o 508.

In Supersession of
of G.O. dated 9th May 1881,
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in the School of Arts, is
granted an Invalid gratuity
of Rs(200) Two hundred equal
to two months pay, for his
qualifying Service of 2 years
and 6 months.

29/5/82

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To the Accountant General
- - - Director of Public Instruction
JAC.

Recd 9-6-82

G.O. N^o 508 of 1882

Ch. J. J. J.
Govt. of {1882} Madras.

Dated *2^d*
9th *June* 1882, No. 508

Nos.

Granting in copies:
: Session of G. C. dated 9th
May, 1881 N. 438, and
invalid gratuity of Rs 200
to Mr. J. J. J. J.
late Assistant Master in the School
of *St. Peter's*