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from 27th August to 2nd September 1859.*

No. 22. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 23rd July 1859, No. 64.

1. At Ernacollum in the Cochin country two miles distant from British Cochin, lives a Miss Johanna Thereisa Van Lieuwen, aged 67 years and blind. Her father, a Dutchman, received from Government a Pension of Rupees 35 per mensem up to the time of his death.

2. After this event a Pension of Rupees 11 qrs. 2. rs. 66, was allowed to each of his two unmarried daughters, one of them is dead, and the other is the person alluded to in the first paragraph of this letter. She is now very infirm and states that she has a widowed sister, a Mrs. Johanna Frederica Correya altogether dependent on her for support, and who will in the event of her demise be left perfectly destitute.

3. The Joint Magistrate at Cochin has inquired into the case and reports that he believes the statement regarding Mrs. J. F. Correya to be correct, that her husband was a sea-faring man, and that he has not been heard of for years.

4. Miss J. T. Van Lieuwen now prays that on her death Government will be pleased to confer on her sister, a portion of the Pension which she now enjoys.

5. Mrs. Correya is no doubt in very poor circumstances, and on the death of her sister her destitution will be extreme, but whether Government will consider such grounds sufficient to establish a claim to Pension is very doubtful. I have brought the matter to the notice of Government at the request of Miss Van Lieuwen.

No. 23. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE THE PRESIDENT, dated 22nd August 1859.

The Lady should, I think, be informed that in the event of her predeceasing her sister, the case of the latter will be considered.

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 31st August 1859, No. 520.

Resolved, that Miss Van Lieuwen be informed that in the event of her predeceasing her sister Mrs. Correya, the case of the latter will be favorably considered.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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sions to them accord-
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To Special Agent for Foreign
Settlements 18 Nov 1825.
From do 31 Oct 1825

Note. This List however does not in-
clude all the pensions granted
by the Govt. The Return furnished by the Special
Agent for Foreign Settlements with his letter of
the 31st Oct 1825. dated 30 January 1829 con-
tains a full account of these pen-
sions with a detailed report on
the General state of the List for the 31st October 1825.
(which to the Govt grades of these
Pensioners as they stood on the 31st
January 1829) shows a very con-
siderable diminution in their
number & in the charge incurred
on their account.

Honble Comr. 19 Aug 1828 Nos
paras 20 & 29.
Despatch Foreign Dept
dated 14 April 1830 No 1.
Paras 30 & 35.

These proceedings
having been reported to
the Honble the Comr of
Directors they commu-
nicated the following
observations in reply:

"These pensions, though
few of them are individually
of considerable amount,
are so numerous, that ac-
cording to Col. Fraser's es-
timate they, collectively
impose

impose upon the British
Govt, a charge not far short
of £3,000 per annum. And
though we do justice to the
humane feelings by which
you are actuated and are
far from being insensible
to the claims which the
situation of many of the
individuals in question
gave them upon your
charity, we are of opinion
that a much smaller sum
judiciously applied would
have satisfied all the im-
perative demands of humanity
and that we should not then
have been, as we are now,
charging at our own expense
and to our great inconvenience
the obligations incurred by a
Foreign Government."

"We should not have ob-
jected to the Pensions which
you granted to those among
the discharged servants and
dependents of the Dutch
Govt who were not in the
receipt

receipt of any allowances
from their own superiors.
But there was a still great-
er number of Persons
actually receiving Pensions
from their own Govt to whom
you granted additional
allowances, often equaling
& not unfrequently exceed-
ing the amount of their
Pensions, we think that
this should not have
been done, except in cases
of sufficient peculiarity
to constitute exceptions to
the general rule. The Dutch
stipends were in but few
cases insufficient to supply
the mere necessities of life.
What might be said was
that they were not sufficient
to support the Pensioners
in a manner suitable
to their former rank.
Such however as they
might be, they were all
which the Dutch Govt
had been in the habit
of

of bestowing, & they were all
which the persons to whom
they were granted had any
reason to expect, and were
what they had or should
have calculated upon, when
they entered the Service. As
their engagements with the
Dutch Govt. were voluntary,
it is to be presumed that
they had an equivalent in
some shape for this as for
any other adverse contingency,
and that on the whole their
situation was as eligible, as
that of the rest of their
countrymen or failed to be
so only through their own
fault."

"We are aware that
you profess to have afforded
relief to none but widows
& orphans or persons who
had not the means of
proceeding to Java, & we do
not find on a careful ex-
amination of the different
cases

cases, that you have in
reality, deviated from
this rule. But the widows
& orphans of Officers in
the Dutch service were
generally provided for
by the Dutch Orphan
Fund; & as for those
persons whom want of
means prevented from
crossing to Batavia, it
would often have been
more desirable to have
provided them with a
passage to that place
at the public expense."

"We are persuaded
that the liberality with
which you gave additional
pensions to many persons
already pensioned by the
Dutch Govt., was the cause
which has since led that
Govt. abruptly to stop, with-
out any reason assigned,
all the pensions which it
previously allowed to its
discharged

discharged functionaries and other persons on the continent of India. By this act the whole of the Dutch pensioners from the retired Chief of the Netherlands Establishment down to superannuated clerks at a few Rupees per month have been left a burden upon the charity of the British Govt. We cannot suppose that the Netherlands Govt. would have incurred the obloquy or been guilty of the cruelty of leaving this multitude of persons to perish with hunger. But though it would scarcely have left its old servants in absolute want, it has no objection to throw the burden of supporting them upon the Govt. on which they had no claim, but to whose liberality many of them were

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were already indebted for a larger provision than they had received from the justice of their own country.

Colonel Fraser, we observe, inclines to the opinion that the pensions payable from the Orphan Fund to which the Officers in the Dutch Service had subscribed were the legal property of the representatives of the subscribers, & that in withholding these, the Dutch Govt. has been guilty not of rapacity simply, but of direct plunder. This may be true, but it would require a more minute knowledge of the practice of the Dutch Govt. & of the constitution of the establishment in question than we possess to justify us in soliciting His Majesty's Ministers to address any representation to the King of the Netherlands.

Fatherlands founded on the
above position. And
since the 1st July, with
the Fatherlands, no pro-
visions were made for the
care, which has now arisen,
an omission which we
join with you in regretting,
we fear that there is no
remedy & that we must
continue to bear the heavy
expense which has been
thrown upon us, for under
present circumstances we
cannot think of ordering
you to strike off any part
of the allowances which
are the only support of
these unoffending, and
injured individuals."

"We shall content
ourselves with directing
you to intimate to each of
the pensioners that his stipend
is granted only for his own
life, & that after his death

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no part of it will be con-
tinued longer than until
his children attain the age
at which each should be
capable of providing for
himself, or some of them
of supporting the remain-
der."

In the case submit-
ted by the Collector of
Malabar with his letter of
the 28th July last, the ap-
plication is for the aged and
infirm daughter of Mr. R.
J. Van Leeuwen who received
a pension of 35 Rs. a month
from the British Government
under sanction of the Government
of the 1st January 1844. On his death in
March 1845 a pension of
Rs. 20-5-4 or two-thirds
of the lapsed amount
was continued under the
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From Collector of Malabar

To Govt of India

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of one of the daughters. The
 applicant is the ~~supervisor~~
 in the receipt of No. 11-2-87,
 and she solicits that in
~~the event of her death~~
 a portion of the pension
 may be conferred on her
 widowed sister Mrs. J. G.
 Corrya, who was not
 provided for, when the
 pension to her sisters
 was sanctioned, having
 been then married, and
 who will be left perfect-
 ly destitute in the event
 of her sister's demise,
 being entirely dependent
 on her for support.

L. D. H.
 142 Kingsport.

With
 promise
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 of her
 in sister's

~~Then in the morning,~~
~~truly as an act of~~
~~charity, asked the Supreme~~
~~Government to consider~~
~~that the pension to the~~
~~widowed sister~~

The lady should,
 I think, be informed that
 in the event of her
 predeceasing her sister -
 the case of the latter
 will ~~also~~ be
 considered. L. D. H.
 22 July 89

Thank we may see with or
 possibly insured with

Memorandum

on the

subject of the pensions
granted by the British
Govt to the servants of
Subjects of the Netherlands
Govt, in reference to a letter
from the Govt of Malabar
dated 28 July 1857. No. 24.

Read by the Council of the
Netherlands at the meeting of the 28th July 1857.

(Order of the Council of the 28th July 1857. No. 320)

Resolved, that
Hijz. E. de Lincum be informed
that in the event of her proce-
eding her duties as a
the case of the latter will be
favorably considered.

J. J.

To the Govt of Malabar. (Sept 5)