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Political DEPARTMENT.

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No. 59. Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Government Agent of Tanjore, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 8th November 1860, No. 467.

1. I have had the honor of receiving the Order of Government, No. 609, dated 13th October, and in which the Government decline to sanction the commutation of the Pensions in the List forwarded with my letter of the 22nd September, in those cases in which the amount of Pensions exceeds Rupees 2 per mensem. I would beg, however, respectfully to request that the Government may be pleased to re-consider this Order and on the following grounds:

2. As the Government are aware, Mr. Kerr, the Officiating Special Assistant Collector, has, for some time past, been engaged on the special duty of mustering the Pensioners and of receiving applications for commutation, and in conformity with the Orders of Government, a notification was issued in the District Gazette of the 16th March 1860, inviting Pensioners whose Pensions did not exceed Rupees 5 per mensem to commute the same at the rates which have been laid down.

3. In submitting the first statement shewing the number of applications for commutation which had then been received, I took occasion to mention* that the number of applications was likely to be large and the amount required for commutation very considerable. Up to the date of the Government Order of the 13th October, no intimation whatever was made that the limit for allowing commutation was to be reduced, and the Pensioners, in common with myself, were of opinion that commutation would be granted and that in fact, the bargain was concluded by their acceptance of the terms offered to them.

4. The rejection of the applications last forwarded is therefore, I respectfully submit, a withdrawal, on the part of Government, from carrying out terms which they themselves had voluntarily offered and which had been accepted doubtless in the full hope and confidence that they would be acted up to. The refusal to fulfil these terms, I beg also to state, is in my opinion, likely to be productive of serious inconvenience and hardship to the Pensioners, many of whom had to receive considerable sums of money and who, on the faith of the offer of Government, had made arrangements for profitably investing or disposing of the same. The case of members of the same family, some of whose Pensions were above and some below Rupees 2 is, I submit, also deserving of consideration, and I would particularly beg to bring to notice the case of the Jetties or wrestlers, who have come forward "*en masse*" to accept the terms of commutation. I have reason to know, that in doing so, they have been actuated not only by the dislike which they naturally have to the inconvenience and annoyance of a monthly roll call, but also with the view of seeking employment at some other Native Courts. These individuals generally form themselves into parties and unless the whole party could commute, it is probable that not one of them would have come forward. The advantages to the State of getting rid of this class of Pensioners instead of allowing them to subsist on the charity of Government in indolence and idleness are so obvious, that it is unnecessary for me to say more.

5. On these considerations, I would respectfully submit that Government would be pleased so far to modify their Order as to admit all the applications for commutation included in my last List being complied with.

6. The difference, in a financial point of view, is considerable, *viz.*, Rupees 67,189-8-0, but when expectations have been voluntarily held out, I submit that in justice and good policy they should be fully and fairly carried out.

No. 60.

ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1860, No. 680.

Under the considerations represented by the Government Agent at Tanjore, the Government resolve to accede to his request, and accordingly sanction the commutation of all the Pensions

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entered in the List, submitted with his letter of the 22nd September last, the total amount to be disbursed to the applicants under this, and the previous Order of the 13th ultimo, No. 609, being Rupees (1,17,996-12-0) one lac, seventeen thousand, nine hundred and ninety-six, and Annas twelve.

2. It is to be understood however, that for the future and until further orders, no applications to commute will be admitted when the Pension exceeds 2 Rupees per mensem, unless on very special grounds, as in the case of the Jetties mentioned by Mr. Cadell in paragraph 4 of his letter. The Agent should make this generally known, and in instances where he may have occasion to recommend the commutation of Pensions above the limit, should warn the parties distinctly that the grant of such commutation will depend altogether on the pleasure of Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Recd.

In his Prospective Estimate for the year 1860/61 the Secy. General has allotted for the commutation of Canjore pensions,

Rs. 298,000-0

The same amount is authorized to be disbursed for the commutation of such pensions up to the present time, including the last List in full, viz

21st June 1860. Rs. 1082 — Rs. 16,870-4-0

28th July — — — — — Rs. 10,545-12-0

24th September — — — — — Rs. 70,453-2-0

Canjore List now ordered to be paid in full — — — — — Rs. 1,17,996-12-0

Number of pensions 897. Total Rs. 2,15,865-14-0

Balance available Rs. 82,304-2-0

Sd/-
14th Nov. 1860.

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Read the following letter
from the Govt Agent at Tanjore

(Dated 8th Nov^r 1860. N^o 467)

Order thereon. 17th November 1860. No 680

Under the considerations
represented by the Govt Agent
at Tanjore, the Govt resolve to
accede to his request and ac-
cordingly sanction the commu-
tation of all the pensions entered
in the List submitted with his
letter of the 22nd September last -
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To the Coll^y & Court Agent
at Tanjore
— " — Acct^y General.
— " — Civil Auditor.

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According to the request
of the Court of Directors and
sanctioning the Committee of
all the persons entered in the
list submitted with his letter of
the 22nd September last. The total
amount to be disbursed to the
applicant under this and the
previous order of the 27th March
being Rs 17,996.12. but for the pur-
pose of mutual further orders no
application to Committee will be
submitted when the Division exceeds
Rs 2 per Month

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