

Political (1896) Department.

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G.O., No. 109

Dated 13 Feb. 1896

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[Despatch Abstract.]

PAYMENT OF ~~PA~~RTISH PENSIONS IN THE TRAVANCORE
STATE.

Requesting the Resident in Travancore to consult the Darbar with a view to inducing it to accept certain procedure suggested by the Accountant-General for the---, and in doing so to point out that it has been adopted by the Mysore administration.

BACK PAPERS.

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CURRENT No. 1157

From The Resident in Travancore and Cochin

To The Chief Secretary to Government at Cochin.

Dated 26th August 1895.
Recd 29th "
Recd 2-5-95
Regd 2-5-95

No. C. 1432
Enclosures - nil.

CHIEF SECRETARY
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GOVERNMENT OF

Payment of Pensions
Submitting for the orders of Government
Certain proposals regarding the
to Pensioners residing at outstations
in Travancore.

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MADRAS

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(By Officer) Francis

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Griches, 26th August 1895

From

James Thomson Esq

Resident in Gravacere and Cochin

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

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Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of G. O. dated 8th July 1895 N^o. 438 Political. In that G. O. I am directed to report whether arrangements cannot be made with the Gravacere Residant for the payment of the pensions now directly drawn by the Officer in charge of my treasury and remitted to the Pensioners by means of funds obtained from the Mysore Treasury.

2. In reply I beg to state that, if what the Accountant General and Government mean is whether arrangements can be made similar to those now existing between British District and Subordinate Treasuries, I consider such a system open to objection in as much as the Gravacere account

System has not sufficiently advanced for this purpose.

3. The following arrangement however can be made and will be accepted by the Travancore Government: the pensioners will send their receipts to the Treasury Officer as at present and he after satisfying himself that every thing is in order will return them with a direction that they be credited over to the nearest Travancore Subordinate: these Officers will then make payments direct and recover through the Dewani Office. I have the honor to enquire whether this can be adopted.

Your most obedient servant
Thomson
Resident

CURRENT No. 1574

FORT ST. GEORGE,

Accountant-General's Office,

7th November 1895.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

No. 288

From F. C. Harrison Esq.,
Offg. ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
To THE Chief Secretary to Government,
Political Department.

SIR,

With reference to your Memo. dated the 25th October 1895 I have the honour to state that the proposal made by the Resident in Travancore and Cochin regarding the payment of pensions to pensioners residing at Out-stations in Travancore was rather circuitous, besides being objectionable from an audit point of view. Accordingly I proposed an alternative in my letter dated the 30th September 1895 and requested the Resident to obtain the sanction of the Travancore Government, if it sees no objection to its adoption. Reply not having been received, a reminder was sent to him on the 29th ultimo and on hearing from him I will duly address you again.

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

Harrison

Offg. Accountant-General

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CURRENT NO. 1574

PENSION (1895) DEPARTMENT.

From

The Accountant General

Madras.

The Chief Secy to Govt
Political Dept

No. 288

Dated

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8 NOV. 1895

Subject:

Noting that a reference
asked made to the
President in Travancore
Cochin regarding
payment of pensions
to pensioners residing
at out stations in Travancore
and on receipt of a reply
from him the Govt will
be addressed again on the
subject to await further report.

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(189) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,

MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Secy to Govt
Political Dept

No. 26

Dated

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26 } January 96
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Genl. H. C. 1184

GOVERNMENT SECRETARY
26 JAN. 1896
SUBJECT OF MADRAS

Reporting on the proposals
made by the President
in Travancore C
re payment of pensions
to pensioners residing
at out stations in
Travancore

Pension DEPARTMENT.

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FORT ST. GEORGE,
Accountant-General's Office,
30 September 1895.

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From

H. C. Harrison Esquire,

Offg. ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No 1432 dated the 26 of August 1895 to the address of the Chief Secretary submitting for the orders of Government certain proposals regarding the payment of pensions to pensioners residing at Out Stations in Travancore, I have the honour to state that the proposal made in para 3 of your letter is somewhat circuitous and is open to the objection that Bills once Audited and passed by the Treasury Officer might be altered subsequently by the payee. In view thereof you might perhaps not object to the Treasury Officer being instructed to send copies of Collector's halves of Berman

Pay orders to the Travancore Tahsildars who could identify and pay the pensioners directly they present their bills and note the payments on the reverse of the Permanent Pay orders. The bills would not require preaudit by the Treasury officer and might after payment be forwarded to the Dewan's office, which would submit them to the Treasury officer for reimbursement. If you can obtain the sanction of the Travancore Government to the adoption of this system, not only will the pensioners obtain payment of their pensions without any delay or inconvenience but the rules regarding payment of pensions prescribed in the Civil Account code will also be satisfied.

An early reply is requested.

I have &c.
(Sd) F.C. Harrison,
Offy. Accountant genl.

(True copy)

J.M. [unclear]
Asst Accountant genl

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(189) DEPARTMENT.

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From

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,

MADRAS,

To

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From

J. Thomson Esquire
Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

To

F. Le. Harrison Esquire,
Accountant General, Fort Saint George, Madras.

Sir, Referring to your letter N^o 2 $\frac{9.A.2}{210}$ of the 30th ultimo, I admit that the proposal made in para 3 of my letter ^{to Government} N^o 1432 of the 26th August last is somewhat circuitous but I regret to say that under the circumstances it is not easy to find a simpler one. There need however be no fear that under my proposal bills once audited and passed by the Treasury Officer might be altered and paid subsequently. If a payment order is so altered, the Travancore Sahib-dar will not accept it, but if by chance he does so, it will be ^{on his responsibility. No payment will be} made to the Dewan from this Treasury on any order before the Treasury officer sees it again.

2. You suggest that copies of collector's halves of permanent pay orders may be sent to Travancore Sahibdars so that they may identify and pay the pensioners directly they present their bills and note the payments on the reverse of the permanent pay orders. In this case the date of payment from the Treasury will always differ from the date noted by the Sahibdars and this will only lead to confusion and inconvenience. Very few Sahibdars know the English dates corresponding to the Malabar dates which they adopt. Moreover the suggestion, I should say, shifts the responsibility of making payments and seeing that the requirements of the British account code and Civil Service Regulations are fulfilled, from the British Treasury to the Travancore Sahibdar. It seems to me that this is highly objectionable and it is not like the Durbar will consent to it.

Resident's office.
Dindanuram 5th November 1895.
despatched 6th November 1895.

3. you say that the bills do not require for audit but there are several minor rules prescribed by the Civil Service Regulations which have to be observed in making payments. For instance

- I. Printed bill forms should invariably be used.
- II. Pensioners should always appear in person or send life certificates from competent persons.
- III. The income tax due on such of the pensions as are liable to it should always be deducted some at 4 and in one instance at 5 pice in the Rupee.
- IV. In calculating the income tax fractions of a Rupee should be omitted. The Travancore Sahibdars know nothing about

these rules and if they are entrusted with the duty of paying pensioners without instructions from the Treasury, there is sure to be considerable laxity in every one of these particulars, which cannot but land the Treasury in much ^{avoidable} correspondence for which moreover it can ill afford to spare time. It seems to me therefore that either the suggestion in my letter to Government should be adopted or pensioners should be left to make their ^{own} arrangements to draw their pensions directly from the Treasury.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

(Ed) J. Thomson.

Resident.

(True copy)

J. Thomson

Assistant Accountant General

Pension DEPARTMENT.

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FORT ST. GEORGE,
Accountant-General's Office,

14 December 1895.

No. $\frac{JAD}{378}$

From

F. C. Harrison Esquire,

Offy. ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No 154, dated the 6th of November 1895, I have the honour to state that your objection to my proposal contained in letter No $\frac{JAD}{210}$ dated 30th September 1895 seem to be two fold. Firstly you consider my suggestion shifts the responsibility of making payments and seeing that the requirements of the Civil Account Code and Civil Service Regulations ^{are} fulfilled from the British treasury to the Travancore Sahibdars. I must however point out that your alternative proposal also shifts the responsibility for payment on to the Travancore Sahibdars (as shown in your letter now under reply) whilst it deprives them of

safe guard which would be afforded them if they were (as I suggested) put in the position of Treasury Officers making payments under the rules of the Civil Account Code. In any case, I am of opinion that the Civil Account Code rules must be enforced, whoever is the paying officer. If therefore my proposal be found unacceptable, there seems to be nothing for it but to have all the pensioners brought to Irwandum for payment or to compel them to furnish life certificates in the usual course. As regards the four minor objections raised by you in paragraph 3 of your letter, they could be met if the following instructions were adopted.

(1) If a sufficient number of printed forms be sent to the Tahsildars or other disbursing officers, these officers can conveniently distribute them amongst the several pensioners who receive payment at their respective sub Treasuries. It is not necessary that these forms should be distributed exclusively by the Huzur Treasury Officer.

The rule requiring the pensioners to attend person or to furnish a life certificate in case of absence might be translated into the Telugu language and printed on the reverse

of each pension receipt. $\frac{10}{100}$

(3) and (4) The amount of Income Tax due on the amount of pension is invariably noted on each Permanent Pay Order. There will therefore be no confusion on this score.

With reference to the above explanation I have the honour to enquire whether you still consider that the suggestion made in my previous letter cannot be adopted. The favour of an early reply is solicited.

I have &c
(Signed) F. C. Harrison,
Offg Accountant General

(True copy)

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Assistant Accountant General

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Residents office

Madras, 7th January 1916.

From J. Thomson Esquire,
Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

To J. G. Harrison Esquire,
Accountant General to the Government of Madras,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th Instant. The objections to our respective suggestions are, as you state, that the one shifts the responsibility of making payments and seeing that the requirements of the civil account code and civil service regulations are fulfilled, from the British treasury to the Travancore Tahsildars, while the other shifts the responsibility of payment only. There is a difference between seeing that payments are correct and in due form and in making certain payments to order and it seems to me that the responsibility incurred in the latter case would not be great. When the Treasury officer passes a bill and says on it "pay so much," the Tahsildar's only responsibility is to pay the amount ordered and take a receipt for it which any one can easily do. I do not wish to put the Travancore Tahsildars in the full position of Treasury officers and do not expect that the Travancore government would consent to such a proposal; I would suggest that you submit the matter to government for orders.

2. Meanwhile I may observe that even now Pensioners are required to present themselves in person or furnish life certificates. The only difference in the future if my suggestion is not adopted will be that such of the Pensioners as have had their pensions remitted to them by funds on the Sarkar Treasuries will be compelled to appear in person or appoint agents to draw them directly from my Treasury.

3. As regards your remarks on the minor objections raised in my last letter, I have only to point out that these objections were based on local experience.

(True copy)

I have the honour to be,

Sir,
your most obedient servant
(Sd) J. Thomson
Resident.

Assistant Accountant General.

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Accountant-General's Office,

No.

26. 24 January 1896

From

J. C. Harrison Esquire,

Offg. ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government,
Political Department.

SIR,

* original returned
herewith

With reference to your endorsement
N^o 2072 dated the 5th of September 1895 referring
to me for report a letter from the Resident
in Travancore submitting for orders of Govern-
ment certain proposals regarding the payment
of pensions to pensioners residing at out-
stations in Travancore and in continuation
of my letter N^o $\frac{100}{208}$ dated the 7th November
1895. I have the honour to state that the
matter has been under correspondence with
the Resident of Travancore, as will appear from

copy

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. servant,
J. Maclean
Off. Accountant General.

Circumstantial General's letter No 260 dated 30 September 1895 to the Resident in Singapore
 The Resident's reply No. 1874 dated 5 November 1895 to the Circumstantial General
 Circumstantial General's letter No 260 dated 14 November 1895 to the Resident
 The Resident's reply No 26 dated 7 January 1896 to the Circumstantial General

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C. Nos. 1187 & 1574 of 1895
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FOR ORDERS

In the correspondence under cover of G.O. No. 438 Polt, d/ 8th July 1895, the A.G pointed out the irregularity of the practice in Travancore under which pensioners residing at places some distance from Trevandrum send their pension receipts and life certificates to the officer in charge of the Resident's Treasury by post and the latter draws the pensions due and remits them by means of hundis obtained on the Travancore Huzur Treasury in favour of the pensioners. He stated that the procedure was opposed to the rules in Chap: XIX of the Civil Account Code and that if any sum were ~~lost~~ lost during transmission, the question would arise as to who should make good the amount lost. He suggested as the best way to meet the difficulty either that the pensioners should be instructed to endorse payment of their pensions to some person residing near the treasury office to draw the pension and remit it to the pensioner in any manner he might choose, or that arrangements might be made with the Travancore state for the payment of the pensions as is done in the case of pensioners of the British Govt.

Govt., residing in Mysore. The Resident considered that the first of these ~~cases~~ courses ~~is~~ impracticable. He was accordingly instructed to report whether arrangements ~~could~~ ^{might could not} be made for carrying out the second of the A.G.'s suggestions.

In C.No.1187 Mr.Thomson stated that such a system would be open to objection inasmuch as the Travancore account system has not sufficiently advanced for the purpose. He stated, however, that the Travancore Govt. were willing to accept an arrangement under which the pensioners would send their receipts to the Treasury officer, as at present, and he, after satisfying himself that everything was in order, would return them with the direction that they be endorsed to the nearest Travancore Tahsildar, this officer making the payment direct and recovering it through the Diwan's office. This proposal was referred to the A.G. for remarks and, in his letter ^{730. 5th 1898} which forms an enclosure to C.No.116, he pointed out to the Resident that the procedure proposed by him would be somewhat circuitous and that it ~~was~~ open to the objection that bills once audited and passed by the treasury officer might be altered subsequently, by the payee. He suggested that the treasury officer should be instructed to send copies of the Collector's halves of permanent pay orders to the Travancore Tahsildars who could identify and pay the pensioners directly when they present the bills and note the payment on the reverse of

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the permanent pay orders. After payment the bills will be forwarded to the Diwan's office which would submit them to the treasury officer for re-imbusement. The Resident considered that there was little chance of any alteration of a payment order and pointed out that under the procedure suggested by the A.G. the date of payment from the treasury would always differ from the date noted by the Tahsildar, thus giving rise to confusion and inconvenience, and that the responsibility of making payments and seeing that the requirements of the British Codes are fulfilled would be shifted from the British treasury to the Travancore Tahsildars, ^{and that} it was unlikely that the Durbar would consent to this arrangement. The Resident raises some minor objections to the A.G.'s proposal. In his letter of the 14th Decr: 1898 to the Resident, the A.G. pointed out how these minor objections might be met and stated his opinion that the C.A. Code rules must be enforced, whoever be the paying officer, & that if his proposal ~~was~~ found unacceptable there was nothing for it but to have all the pensioners brought to Trevandrum for payment or to compel them to furnish life certificates in the usual course. The Resident has professed himself unable to accept the A.G.'s suggestion. The latter adheres to his views and solicits the orders of Govt.

2. The Resident does not seem to

have sounded the Travancore durbar on the subject as yet and it is submitted that he should be instructed to do his best to get it to agree to the arrangement suggested in the A.G.'s letter d/ 30th Sept: 1895.

Re: payment of British pensions in the Travancore State

(FOR ORDERS)

H. E. The Governor

Wai for CS

Perhaps this need not arise?

CS
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Yes: this may be done. Point out that the procedure is accepted by the Mysore Durbar & that it is not a very serious responsibility & undertake. Our pensions are being spent in their territories.
J.H.
3/2/96

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Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 8th July 1895, No. 438

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. 1187 of 1895, dated 26/8/, from The Resdt. in Trav.

" " 1574 " 1895, " 7/11/, " - Resdt. Gen

" " 116 " 1896, " 24/1, " - Do.

ORDER. No 109 d/ 13 Feb 96

The Resident does not appear to have consulted the Travancore Durbar in the matter as yet. He will be requested to do so at an early date in asking it to ~~and to make every endeavour to induce it to agree to the procedure~~ suggested in the A.G.'s Letter No 9. RD of 30. Sept 1895, ~~which he should point out that the procedure has been adopted by the Mysore Durbar~~ ^{Administered} ~~the procedure~~ ^{which the Govt had hesitated in asking the Durbar to accept} ~~serious responsibility~~ ^{These British}

CS pensions are being spent in Travancore territory; & the local Taluk shd have ~~little difficulty in~~ ^{Resdt. in Trav.} ~~Resdt. in Trav.~~ ^{Securing the identification} ~~of the pensioners~~

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Payment of Bunkle's
in Transients

J. S. Dyer Esq & Co

Per

Hon. Mr. Bell
H. E. the Governor