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Read—the following letter from T. HESKETH BIGGS, Esq., Accountant-General to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Pension Department, dated 13th October 1898, No. 424—I.A.E. :—

I have the honour to enquire whether the rules for the record of finger prints of Government servants and pensioners prescribed in G.O., No. 918, Pension, dated 4th December 1897, apply also to applicants for gratuities.

Order—No. 857, Pension, dated 11th November 1898.

The Accountant-General's query will be answered in the negative.

(True Extract.)

For Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General.
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In G.O.No.576, Political, dated 18th August 1898 the rules for the record of finger prints of Government servants and pensioners prescribed in G.O.No.918, Pension, dated 4th December 1897 were extended to Political Pensions.

2. G.O.No.857, Pension, dated 11th November 1898 (C.No.1466, Pol.) replies in the negative to the Accountant-General's query whether these rules extend to applicants for gratuities.

3. In paragraph (b) of G.O.No. 359, Pol., dated 23nd May 1885 it was ruled as regards Carnatic Stipends that no stipend of less value than Rs.15 per mensem in the case of a male pensioner and Rs.10 in the case of a female should be continued, and that when the sum, or share of sum, continuable from any pension is less than Rs.15 or Rs. 10, as the case may be, such sums or shares of sums should be commuted. These rules have since been extended to all Political pensions. The ruling regarding compulsory commutation was cancelled so far as it related to female Carnatic Stipendiaries in G.O.No. 422, Political, dated 29th June 1895.

4. The extension of finger print

rules to all Political pensioners ensures a previous record of finger prints in the case of all pensioners who voluntarily commute their pensions: but the male heirs of deceased stipendiaries to whose cases the rules of compulsory commutation are applied never become pensioners except in theory and it would perhaps be desirable to insist on such compulsory commutation registering their finger prints before receiving their bonuses. This measure would be a precautionary measure against fraud in that it would assist in the detection of frauds although it would not be a complete safeguard. The Accountant-General may, it is submitted be consulted u.o., as perhaps the present precautions are sufficient.

C.W.B.
9.12.24

I do not understand what is wanted or how finger prints can help us in the case in question. Apparently the case is that of an heir who compulsorily commutes his pension Before he receives his bonus his identity must be established otherwise than by finger prints and if anyone tries the bonus by cheating the officer in finger print matters pay it. After he has got it there is no time needed to require his finger print than in the case of anyone else receiving money.

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Note in the Chief Secy

The case is as supposed by the Chief Secretary — that of an heir who compulsorily commutes his share of a pension In such a case the knowledge on the part of the payees that finger prints are taken would serve as a safeguard against fraud. The finger-prints would, moreover, assist in the detection of the individual committing such a fraud. It was not intended to lessen the responsibility of the disbursing officer. The finger prints would be taken at or before the time of the payment of the bonus. The knowledge of a Political officer or of a disbursing officer as to the heirs of a deceased stipendiary must, to a great extent, depend on hearsay evidence, & the proposal made in the note would place in the hands of such officers a preventive, although not an absolute safe-guard, against fraud.

It will look after this when we take over affairs

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