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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

4th July 1866.

No. 19. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 25th June 1866, No. 2158.

Passing orders on the claims to pension
of the heirs of certain grass-cutters
belonging to the 1st Dragoon Guards,
who lost their lives in the Public Service.
(Vide Proceedings, Military Dept., dated
25th June 1866, Nos. 584-586.)

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1866, No. 667.

To be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Acting Chief Secretary.

Ed. J. Tulloch.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Officiating Dy. Commissary General... Here enter 5th June 1866, No. 769.
Report from the Controller of Military Accts. „ 11th „ B.

From the Officiating Deputy Commissary General, Madras, 5th June 1866, No. 769 ;
to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 9th March 1860, I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to submit for the confirmation of Government, the accompanying five Proceedings on claims to pension for the widows, &c., of certain grass-cutters employed with Her Majesty's 1st Dragoon Guards, while that Regiment proceeded to China in 1860.

2. It would appear that these claims were returned by the Adjutant General to the Pension Committee for correction, on the 15th and 19th December and 5th January last, and received back on the 27th April 1866. The cause of delay in submitting them is explained in the column of remarks in the descriptive rolls, and in the preamble of the Proceedings.

3. The Officer in charge of Family Payments at Berhampore mentions that several letters addressed to this office, enquiring whether the families of deceased grass-cutters were entitled to pension, remained unanswered. In explanation, I have the honor to inform you, that this Department was not supplied with a copy of Order of Government, No. 980 of the 9th March 1860, and was consequently unable to answer the reference made. The existence of this Order was only made known to this office by a memorandum received from the Adjutant General on the 23rd May 1866.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 1.—Poolie Thungamah, widow of the late grass-cutter Poolie Gooriah, attached to 1st Dragoon Guards, which was investigated at Berhampore on the 18th September 1865.

No. 2.—Poothee Unkee, widow of the late grass-cutter Poothee Rajee, attached to 1st Dragoon Guards, which was investigated at Berhampore on the 19th September 1865.

No. 3.—Thoorgasy Lutchee, widow of the late grass-cutter Thoorgasy Venkiah, attached to 1st Dragoon Guards, which was investigated at Berhampore on the 10th October 1865.

No. 4.—Chattah Paupiah, widow of the late grass-cutter Chattah Lutchmiah, attached to 1st Dragoon Guards, which was investigated at Berhampore, on the 11th October 1865.

No. 5.—Coyreale Yenkiah, father of the late grass-cutter Coyreale Rajee, attached to 1st Dragoon Guards, which was investigated at Berhampore on the 28th October 1865.

(Signed) J. LOUDON, Major,
Offg. Dy. Commys. General.

With report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 11th June 1866, B.

ORDER, No. 2158, 25th June 1866.

The Proceedings submitted with the foregoing correspondence are confirmed—the pensions being admitted at the rate established under paragraph 91, Section II, revised Pension Regulations, G. O. G., No. 187 of 1848, and debitable to the Crown, the casualties having occurred in the late Campaign in China.

2. Another copy of Proceedings of Government, No. 980, dated 9th March 1860, will now be furnished to the Commissary General, the original printed copy dispatched to that Department on the 10th March 1860, having apparently miscarried.

3. The Government regret to observe the delay which has taken place in the substantiation of claims which originated in the month of January 1863, and which have been only now verified and allowed. It appears that various letters were addressed by the heirs of grass-cutters who lost their lives in the public service to the Commissariat Department, asking for information regarding their claim to a pension. Those letters remained unanswered. Major Loudon explains this neglect by stating that the Order of Government of March 9th, 1860, had not been supplied to the Department, but Government cannot accept this explanation as a satisfactory one. The question addressed to the Commissariat Department was a simple one, viz., whether the heirs of grass-cutters who died in the service of Government were entitled to pension or not. A little courtesy and humanity might well have been exercised on such an occasion. The Department might have enquired what the rule was, and might have directed the memorialists to the quarter in which their claim could be entertained. Some consideration should be shewn in all Departments of Government towards applicants in the position of the memorialists.

4. The Government desire that these reflections may be conveyed to the person responsible for the omission referred to in the Commissariat Department.

(True Extract.)

Mumtaz Ali
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Commissary General, with Pro. of Govt., No. 980 of 1860.

- .. Controller of Military Accounts.
- .. Superintendent of Pensions, with 5 Proceedings.
- .. Adjutant General.
- .. ~~Quarter Master General.~~
- .. Inspector General of Ordnance.
- .. Principal Inspector General Medical Department.
- .. Clothing Department.
- .. Brigade Major, Fort Saint George.
- .. Staff Officer, do.
- .. Barrack Master, do.
- .. Military Accountant.
- .. Examiner Pay Department.
- .. Examiner of Commissariat Accounts.
- .. Examiner of Ordnance Accounts.
- .. Examiner of Medical Accounts.
- .. Paymaster Presidency.
- .. Public Department,.....
- .. Revenue do.
- .. Public Works Department,
- .. Remount Agent, Oosoor.

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