

MADRAS REC

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>474</i>	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	<i>12-4-1918</i>	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
12th April 1869.*

No. 111. Read the following letter from the President of the Committee for the Management of the Vagrants' Home, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 5th April 1869.

I have the honor to request that the accompanying correspondence may be submitted to Government for instructions.

2. I will merely add that I have personally examined the man about occurrences during the mutiny, and where the Regiment he belonged to had been while he served in it, and the like, and the conviction of my mind is that there is no reason to doubt the truth of the poor man's assurance, and he confidently invites inquiry.

3. Circumstances sufficiently and reasonably account for the non-production of a discharge certificate, and George Ager has a really good character which satisfactorily accounts for most of the time between his discharge and the paralytic stroke by which he is disabled.

4. And I think his case is one deserving the compassion of Government.

From the President of the Committee for the Management of the Vagrants' Home, to the Adjutant General of the Madras Army; dated Madras, 11th March 1869.

I have the honor to request that you will lay the following case before His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for his favorable consideration.

2. George Ager is now an inmate of this Home; a paralytic and utterly destitute and helpless. He was, according to his own statement, which I see no reason to doubt, a soldier in Her Majesty's 24th Regiment. He enlisted in 1857 in England, and was sent to India, where he has served through the mutiny and in the Punjab, he says, with some satisfaction to his officers, as shown by the kind of duties he was entrusted with. He bought his discharge at Sealcote in 1861, and entered the service of a Mr. Evans in Calcutta as coachman, and served him until May 1867. His testimonials of this lengthened service are excellent. His master's death threw him out of work, and he proceeded to Bombay, where he obtained public service as a Turnkey in the jail; but lost his employment when the police took the jail duty under an alteration of system. He then left Bombay en-route to Negapatam in this Presidency in search of work, but was struck down on the road when near the end of his long tramp. The poor man has no personal recollection of what followed. His story is that he lay in an open rest-shed for some time; that some gentleman forwarded him to Negapatam whence he was somehow sent on to Madras about two months ago. He had been, he says, robbed while insensible of the little money and most of the clothes he had.

3. The Medical Officer in charge of the General Hospital here writes: "He presented himself at the General Hospital in trowsers and shirt, and was admitted. He was then very weak and exhausted, principally from want of food." He was tended at the hospital and has recovered in some degree; and was discharged at his own request about ten days ago. The Medical Officer lent a dhooly to convey him to the Home, and I have been unable to return the old hospital clothing; for the poor creature has not a rag besides, only an old stick.

4. He is a very helpless paralytic. We have no attendance and little comfort to give him save what other destitute inmates afford, and the medical gentleman who is on the Committee states that there is nothing to be done for him but get him home to England as soon as possible.

5. I beg, under the instructions of the Managing Committee, that you will move His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to grant this old soldier a passage to his native country.

P. S.—I beg for leave to furnish George Ager with a few clothes at the public cost.

24th April

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I hereby certify that George Ager, a discharged soldier now in the Home for destitute Europeans, is afflicted with chronic paralysis, and requires to be sent to England as the only means likely to effect his recovery. I am further of opinion that continuance in India is attended with risk to his life.

MADRAS,
13th March 1869.

(Signed) W. J. VANSOMEREN, M. D., Surgeon Major,
Madras Army.

From the President of the Committee for the Management of the Vagrants' Home, to the Adjutant General of the Madras Army; dated Madras, 13th March 1869.

Having reference to your letter of yesterday, I beg to forward the requisite medical certificate.

2. George Ager states that his certificate of discharge from the Army disappeared with everything else he had when he was struck with paralysis, as stated in my letter of the 11th. But I think His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief may safely assume that George Ager is what he states—an old soldier.

From the Adjutant General of the Madras Army, to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Club Chambers, Madras; dated Fort Saint George, 16th March 1869, No. 1143.

Who is informed, with reference to his letter, dated 13th instant, that the Commander-in-Chief much regrets his inability to meet Mr. Robinson's request with regard to George Ager; but in the absence of any evidence to sustain the man's statement that he is a discharged soldier, Lieutenant-General McCleverty does not consider himself justified in recommending to Government that he should be granted a free passage to Europe.

2. Original letters returned as requested. It is requested that they may be re-transmitted when no longer required.

(By order),

(Signed) J. E. ROBERTSON, Colonel,
Adjutant General.

No. 112. ORDER THEREON, 12th April 1869, No. 474.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, it is resolved to provide George Ager with a free passage to England. The Master Attendant will accordingly take the necessary steps for this purpose, reporting to Government the name of the vessel in which Ager may embark.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Master Attendant, Madras.

- „ Committee for the Management of the Vagrants' Home.
- „ Accountant General.
- „ Examiner of Claims.

Exd. J. Wright.

*Recd. by Encl. in
Ex. of Claims*

A. G.'s Office, Head Quarters,
No. 1143 *Fort St George*
18 March 1869

From

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL,

To *W. Robinson Esq*
Club Chambers
Madras

Who is informed with reference to his letter dated 13 Instant, that the Commander-in-Chief much regrets his inability to meet Mr. Robinson's request, with regard to George Agar, but in the absence of any evidence to sustain the man's statement, that he is a discharged soldier,
Substg Lieut Genl
18/3/69

Recd 18/3/69
8/4/69

100 of 24 April.

Perth 18th Sept.
From Mr. Robinson Esq,
President of the Committee of
Management - Vagrants
Home -

100 of 24 April.
The Chief Secretary to
Government.

Dated 52 April 1869.
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George Aggs a discharged Soldier
of Her Majesty's 24 Regt and
at present an inmate of Vagrants
Home - Correspondence about
submitted to Government with
recommendation that he be
granted a free passage to
Europe -

1869

100 of 24 April.

Mr Robinson Esq

President of the Committee

of Management - Vagrants

Home -

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100 of 24 April.

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Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
President of the Committee of Manage-
ment, Tapan's Home.
(Received 5th April 1869 N^o)

Order thereon No 474. 12 April/69.

Under the circumstances
represented in the foregoing
letter, it is resolved to provide
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The Master Attor. Genl. Madras
Pres. of the Tapan's Home Committee
Recd. Secy. Genl.
21/4/69

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To

The Master of the Steamboat
Sunder
Sea

Dated April 12 } 1869, No. 474
Recd.

Nos. 111. 112.

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to England.