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Public DEPARTMENT

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12th August 1870.

No. 84. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Ootacamund, 12th August 1870, No. 1019.

I am directed to submit, for the consideration of the Government of India, the expediency of allowing service in the office of President of the Municipal Commission for the Town of Madras, when held by a Military Officer or by an Officer in the Civil Service of Government, Covenanted or Uncovenanted, to count for pension.

2. I am to state that the appointment in question has just become temporarily vacant, the permanent incumbent, Colonel C. A. Denison, a retired Officer of Her Majesty's British Forces, having been compelled by ill-health to proceed to England on two years' leave; and that the Madras Government have experienced considerable difficulty in filling up the vacancy, partly in consequence of the comparatively small salary, which under the proviso contained in Section 13 of the Madras Municipal Act of 1867 is available for the Acting President, after providing a suitable absentee allowance for the permanent incumbent, and partly in consequence of the appointment being one, which being paid out of Municipal funds, does not carry with it a claim to pension from the State.

3. The duties of the office are such as demand on the part of the holder considerable aptitude for business, physical activity, and sound judgment and tact in dealing with a large body of Commissioners, drawn from the European, Eurasian, and native communities. The salary hitherto allowed has been Rupees 1200 per mensem, the minimum rate of salary authorized by the Act; and in the present state of the Municipal finances, the Government of Madras would be very unwilling to sanction any considerable addition to this salary; but it will be readily understood that it is extremely difficult to select from among the non-official classes in this country a person possessing the requisite qualifications, and willing to accept the office on the salary above mentioned, of which, it may be observed, in the case of an acting appointment, only a portion can be given.

4. As a general rule the selection must be practically limited to the Military Service and to the Uncovenanted Civil Service, and it is not to be expected that an officer of any standing in either of those services will take the appointment if the time passed in it is not to count for pension.

5. On the present occasion the Governor in Council has appointed a Field Officer of the Madras Staff Corps to act as President of the Municipal Commission, and has intimated to him that the Government of India will be moved to allow his service in the appointment to count as service qualifying for his Military pension. I am directed to request that this arrangement may receive the sanction of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council, and that a similar rule may be applied to any Officer of the Civil or Military Services who may hereafter be appointed.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Encl. J. Wright.

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AUGUST.
No. 84.

Requesting that service in the office of President of the Municipal Commission for the Town of Madras may be allowed to count for pension.

Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above subject.
I am directed to inform you that the Secretary to the Government of Madras has been instructed to submit for the consideration of the Government of India the expediency of allowing service in the office of President of the Municipal Commission for the Town of Madras, when held by a British Officer or by an Officer in the Civil Service of Govt., to count as unobstructed service for pension.
I am to state that the appointment in question has just become temporarily vacant, the present incumbent Colonel C. A. Denison a retired Officer of the Bengal's British Forces, having been appointed by Mr. Secretary to proceed to England as his private leave; and that the Madras Govt. have experienced considerable difficulty in filling up the vacancy, partly in consequence of the comparatively small salary which under the provisions contained in Section 13 of the Madras Municipal Act of 1862 is attached to the office.

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Treasurer, after providing a suitable
allowance for the permanent
independent and partly in consequence
of the app't. being one which being
paid out of municipal funds,
does not carry with it a claim to pension
from the State.

The duties of the Office are such as demand
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 sound judgment & tact in dealing with
 a large body of Communists, drawn
 from the European Russian & native
 communities. The salary heretofore allowed
 has been \$1200 per annum, the
 minimum rate of salary authorized
 by the Act, and in the present state of
 the Municipal Finances, the Govt. of
 Montreal would be very unwilling to
 sanction any considerable addition to
 this salary; but it will be readily understood
 that (in a place like Montreal) it is extremely
 difficult to select ^{in the country} from among the non-Office
 classes a person possessing the requisite
 qualifications and willing to accept
 the Office at the salary above mentioned,
 of which it may be observed, in the case
 of an acting appointment only a portion
 would be payable.

I would omit
these words
which sound
rather
depreciating
or possibly
in a way
a comfortable
sensible "her
lot

As a general note the collection must
be practically limited to the Antislavery
cause & to the unconvicted (living)
cause and it is not to be
expected that an officer of any
standing in either of these causes
will take the opportunity of the
time passed in it is not to count
for persons.

On the present occasion the
Commons in Council has appointed
^{for Field} ~~the~~ Officer of the Masters Staff Corps
to act as President of the
Imperial Conference, and
has decided to appoint that
arrangement may require any
Officers ~~on the basis of~~ ^{on the basis of}
sanction of H.C. in the following
way: ~~to be approved by the~~
~~H.C. in Council~~
~~before participating for his~~
with the permission and that
a similar rule may be applied
to any Officer of the Unit or
with the similar also may be applied
to appointed.

and has interested
to him that the
Govt. of India will
be moved to allow
his horse in the
app. to count as
horse participating
in his hunting
pursuit -

On account
12.th August, '20.

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B.H.

No. Public Department
To The Secretary to the
Government of India
Home Department.

Sir,
I am directed
by His Excellency the
Governor in Council
to submit for the considera-
tion of His Excellency
the Governor General
and Viceroy the diffi-
culties which exist in
suitably filling up
the appointment of the
President of the Madras
Municipal Commission
in consequence of the
rule which prevents
service in this appoint-
ment, by a Military
Officer, counting for
pension.
2. His financial
position of the Madras
Municipality.

It is with the exception of a
protest attached to this draft
M.H.C.

I was under the impression
that we were to ask merely
for Major Baines' services -
without prejudice to his
pension claims. Military
men & the covenant are
equally barred by the rule
that Municipal services
do not count for pension - &
as he cannot be considered
as one of the latter, how-
ever. And the Government
- losing the requisite quali-
fications, the choice, as I
understand, falls on Major B.
J. D. L.

Municipality is such that in framing the existing Municipal Act, the maximum salary of the President was fixed at 2000 Rupees per annum, and the minimum at 1200 Rs. (and) up to the present time the minimum salary only has been sanctioned by Government. This includes the appointment of a Covenanted Civilian of any standing, and from the peculiar nature of the appointment, which involves great responsibility and requires much tact and judgment, it is not desirable that it should be held by a very young civilian, nor would such selection

I am opposed to our allowing the Govt. of Madras to allow Henry Brown to draw his staff salary in addition to his salary as acting President of the Municipal Commission. Being certain that the report is one which will be rejected by the Govt. of India and as I wish to make an appeal which are certain to be rejected. Being of opinion

who would feel the greatest reluctance in prescribing a higher charge on the Municipality in connection with the item of expenditure.

and the Govt. are most unwilling to incur any considerable additional charge on the Municipal account in connection with this item of expenditure. I think that such a course detracts from the weight & authority of the Local Govt. It may happen that the Govt. may be in favor of such an appointment, but I think it is also against the draft should be unobscured. A. S.

I think a with European

Further the occasion no member of the Unincorporated Service has appeared to H.E. The Governor to be in all respects well qualified for the appointment and who is shared for the duty.

() omit

Selection by ^{accrual} popular vote to the Municipal form: - unifiers, a mixed body, ^{drawn from} the ~~various~~ European, East Indian and Native community. It is very desirable, if not absolutely necessary, that the appointment should be filled by an ^{English} European Gentleman, and a selection for the office from the small Madras Municipal Service is very difficult. In

3. The number of retired Military Officers ^{living in the country} (qualified for the appointment in question) is very limited, and the Government naturally would look to the Officers of the Staff Corps, who are unprovided with appointments

Officiating for Colonel
 Denison, counting these
 two years as service
 for pension. I am
 also to request that
 Major Bowen may
 be allowed to draw
 his pay as Major of
 the Staff Corps, while
 officiating as Presi-
 dent of the Muni-
 cipal Commissioners.

I do not think that the Military
 Budget should be charged with
 an amount that more strictly
 belongs to the Municipality
 M.M.

7. Colonel Deni-
 son's allowances while
 absent on sick leave
 have been sanction-
 ed in accordance
 with the principle of
 the uncommenced
 Service Absence Rule.
 He will draw half
 salary - 600 Rs. per m-
 on- during 15 months
 and 300 Rs. during
 the remaining nine months.
 His

for the Municipality

is Minimum Salary

This will leave only 600
 Rupees a month avail-
 able for Major Bowen
 during the first 15
 months, and 900 Rs.
 during the remain-
 ing portion of Col-
 Denison's absence.

8. His financial
 resources of the Madras
 Municipality are
 barely adequate to
 meet the current ex-
 penditure. Fresh
 charges have recently
 been imposed on the
 Municipality in con-
 nection with the Con-
 tagious Diseases Act,
 and before long the
 Madras Municipality
 will have to contribute
 to the cost of Primary
 Education. There
 are other heavy charges
 connected.

and diseases.

connected with the supply of water and improvement of drainage which though met by loans will in the payment of interest increase for many years the burdens imposed on the rate payers.

9. I am to solicit on these grounds the favourable consideration of the Government of India to the request that Major Bowen may, as a special case, be permitted to draw the whole of his Military pay, at least for 15 months, while officiating as President of the Madras Municipal Commission.

10. I am to request that the orders of the Government of India may be communicated to the Madras Government by telegraph.

Public Department

No. 10,000

To

The Secretary to the Government of India.

Home Department

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General, and ^{in Council} ~~the~~ ^{the} the difficulties which exist in suitably filling up the appointments of President of the Municipal Commission, in consequence of the rule which prevents service in this appointment, by a Military Officer, coming for pension.

N.P.

White L.

and the uncertainty whether objection might not be raised to such service counting for service in the case of a Covenanted or non-covenanted civil officer.

2. The financial position of the Madras Municipality is such that in framing the existing Municipal Act the maximum

Salary

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fixed at 2000 Rupees per annum
and the minimum at Rs
1200. Up to the present time
the minimum salary only
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any considerable additional
charge on the Municipality
in connection with this
item of expenditure. This
precludes the nomination
of a Covenanted Civilian
of any standing, and from
the peculiar nature of the
duty which involves great
responsibility and requires
much tact and judgment,
it is not desirable that it
should be held by a very
young civilian, nor would
such a selection be ac-
ceptable to the Municipal

Commissioners, a mixed
body, drawn from the
European, East Indian and
Native Community. It is
very desirable, if not absolutely
necessary, that the appoint-
ment should be filled by
an English gentleman, and
a selection for the office
from the Small Madras
Uncovenanted Service is very
difficult. In fact on this
occasion no member of the
Uncovenanted Service has
appeared to His Excellency
the Governor to be in all
respects well qualified for
the appointment, who can
be spared from other duty.

3. The number of retired
Military Officers living

Madras Police, in which ^{service}
 Force he held the office ^{as} qualifying for pension
 of Deputy Inspector General. It is observed that the
 Major Bowen earned a ^{Residence of the} ^{Calcutta}
 high character in that ^{Bombay Municipal}
 service for energy and ^{Chairman of the Calcutta}
 judgment, he lost his health ^{& Bombay Justices - officers}
 in duty, he was obliged ^{corresponding to President}
 to forfeit his appointment ^{of the Madras Municipal}
 by proceeding to England. Commissioners are Anent
 and since his return he ^{in both these cases the}
 has not been able to find ^{in these cases}
 employment commensurate ^{as} as qualifying for
 to his rank and claims, ^{pension -}
 either in the Police or any
 other branch of the public
 service.

6. I am to submit on these ^{note. These officers are I}
 grounds the ^{believe also Comm^{rs} of Police}
 consideration of the Govern-
 ment of India to the
 relaxation of the rules
 which

which would prevent
 Major Bowen while of force
 for Colonel Denison, comm^{rs}
 three two years as a
 for pension.

7. I am to request that
 the orders of the Government
 of India may be commu-
 nicated to the Madras
 Government by telegram.

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No. 1019.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India
Department

Dated 12th August 1870.

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