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Read the following letter from the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Colombo, 9th September 1871, No. 32:—

With reference to my letter of the 22nd January last, No. 3, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon to transmit to you a scheme for recruiting the Pioneer Corps of the Public Works Department of this Government, submitted by Mr. Hansard, Inspector of that corps, who recently proceeded to the Madras Presidency to endeavour to establish a satisfactory system of recruiting for the Pioneer Corps.

2. Mr. Hansard proposes, in the first place, to employ the pensioners from the Ceylon Pioneer Force to recruit for the different divisions, and, second, that the Sub-Collectors who pay them their pensions should receive and register the recruits and forward them to Paumben, where they would be received by Mr. Riedy, the Superintendent of Immigration, and sent on by him to join their divisions.

3. This scheme has received the careful consideration of this Government, and, although its details may require alteration, they are of opinion that the principle is a good one, and that it would be desirable to carry it out if the Government of Madras would be willing to render the assistance suggested in Mr. Hansard's scheme. Before, however, taking any further action in the matter, I am directed to request you to be good enough, with the permission of the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras in Council, to inform me whether there will be any objection to allow the Collectors and Sub-Collectors at the different outposts both in the Madras and Mysore Districts to act for this Government as it is believed they do for the Mauritius Government.

4. I enclose copies of Memoranda forwarded by the Director of Public Works showing in detail what is to be done by the different Collectors and Sub-Collectors, and I am to request that you will inform me whether there will be any objection, on the part of the Madras Government, to those officers rendering the assistance required.

SCHEME FOR RECRUITING THE PIONEER CORPS.

I propose to recruit entirely through the pensioners of the corps, the Treasury Officers, and the Superintendent of Emigration at Paumben.

2. That, the chief feature in this scheme being to establish a chain of responsibility and communication between the pensioners in India and the pioneers in Ceylon, it is considered essential to obtain the services of the officers who pay the pensioners their monthly stipends for an hour or so between the 1st and 5th of each month.

3. That, therefore, this Government communicate with the Madras and Mysore Governments and request that the officers in charge of the Treasuries may be permitted to register on a printed form (similar in every respect to the one now in use for the Mauritius Government, two of which are annexed) each batch of recruits as they are brought in, and to pay to the pensioners such sums in addition to their pensions as may hereafter be decided upon.

4. That separate licenses, similar to those issued to recruiters for the Mauritius Government, be issued to all pioneers (pensioners) to recruit for the corps.

5. That the Government be allowed to imburse the Treasury Officers for paying the pensioners and registering the recruits.

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6. That the Madras and Mysore Governments be informed of the very great objections to recruiting through an agency. That, unless the recruiter is perfectly conversant with every particular of the corps, nature of work, climate, &c., and unless we have a certain hold over him and can make him responsible for his words and actions, it is impossible to prevent the recruits being grossly deceived. The recruit should be informed of what he is to expect before he leaves his village and not after he arrives at the depôt.
7. That it was found necessary a short time ago to reduce the pensions by one-third, and as this reduction is considered to be a great hardship by the pioneers, employing them as recruiters would be a great boon and, to a certain extent, compensate them for their loss.
8. That, as the corps is of a certain strength and not to be increased or diminished after it is once complete, each batch of recruits arriving in Ceylon would relieve a corresponding number of the older hands who wished to go on pass to their country to spend their earnings.
9. That, although a very large proportion of the pensioners are too old to be of much service as recruiters, yet, in consideration of the fact that all the pensions were reduced alike, it would be unfair to grant the boon to the younger pensioners only.
10. That, to employ a clerk or agent in India on the Ceylon establishment to act with the pensioners at each station would open the door to much that would be objectionable and in a great measure defeat the object of this scheme.
11. That, if it is considered that too much is being asked of the Madras and Mysore Governments, then let the services of the Treasury Officers at Trichinopoly and Mysore only be asked for, and that as an experiment. But it must be remembered that we want men badly at once, and that after all it is asking very little more than what is performed gratuitously for other colonies.
12. I feel sure that no objections will be made to this request, for both the Madras and Mysore Governments are well aware that, if the few men required annually for the Pioneer Corps are not procured in this way, other more objectionable means will be adopted. Besides, this scheme is one which recommends the very rules and restrictions that the Madras Government has been endeavouring to enforce with other colonies.
13. I think a general statement and description of the corps, with list of the names of the pensioners that are paid at each Treasury, should accompany the letter to the Madras Government and to the Mysore Government.

DETAIL OF SCHEME.

1. That the pensioners in India continue, as at present, to receive their pensions at the Treasuries between the 1st and 5th of each month.
2. The pensioners to bring in recruits from their villages to the Treasuries when they come to receive their pensions and at no other time.
3. That no recruit—man, woman, or child—be registered by the Treasury Officer unless recommended by a pioneer-pensioner.
4. That the pensioner recommending the recruit give all information to the Treasury Officer for the register and be responsible for its accuracy.
5. The pensioner to be responsible that the emigrant is in good health and fit for the journey to Ceylon.
6. He will also be responsible for all information concerning Ceylon and the corps that he gives to the recruit.
7. Inquiries to be made of the recruits at each half-yearly inspection, and, should it be clearly proved that misrepresentations have been made by the pensioner, he will forfeit his license and pension for such time as may be considered sufficient to meet the case.
8. Women (the wives of recruits) and their children to accompany the recruit to Ceylon if fit for the journey.
9. No man over 40 years of age to be accepted unless he is a skilled labourer.
10. No woman over 35 years of age to be accepted unless she is the wife of a skilled labourer.

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11. The pensioner to be responsible for the character of the recruit and for the character of his wife.
12. Any recruit having a knowledge of any particular pioneer trade, such as Blacksmith, Bricklayer, Brick-maker, Lime Burner, Stone Mason, Stone Cutter, Miner, or Carpenter, to have a special mark entered against his name in the register recommending him for higher pay than the ordinary recruit, the pensioner bringing the recruit to be responsible for the recommendation.
13. A commission of 5 Rupees to be paid by the Treasury Officer for the pensioner for every accepted recruit above 18 and under 40 years of age.
14. A commission of 2 Rupees to every married woman above 13 and under 35 accompanying her husband.
15. A commission of half the above rates to be paid to boys between 12 and 17 years of age.
16. No commission for children under 12 years of age. (See Appendix L.)
17. That Mr. Riedy, Superintendent of Emigration, be requested to act as Special Agent to the Public Works Department.
18. That the original register sheet of each batch of recruits be sent from the Treasuries in India by post to Mr. Riedy.
19. That the pensioner who brings in the most recruits at any one time to any Treasury to have the privilege of conducting his own recruits and those of other pensioners to the emigration agency at Paumben.
20. In the event of his not wishing to go, then the next pensioner with the greatest number of recruits, and so on.
21. That for this special service 7 Rupees be allowed from Madura, 10 Rupees from Trichinopoly and Tanjore, and 14 Rupees from Mysore.
22. That, in the event of no pensioner volunteering to conduct the recruits as far as Paumben, then a registered peon is to be engaged by the Treasury Officer for the service at the above rates.
23. That each batch of recruits leave for Paumben immediately after being registered and on no account to loiter on the road.
24. Half the amount of the commission due to the pensioner conducting the recruits to be paid by the Treasury Officer and half by Mr. Riedy on arrival of the recruits at Paumben.
25. Mr. Riedy to pay the pensioner for conducting the recruits if they arrive according to the register that he will have received by post.
26. No pensioner is to be allowed to conduct the recruits further than Paumben.
27. The number of recruits in one batch to be regulated, as near as possible, in the proportion of twenty-five adults to one conductor.
28. Should less than five recruits be brought in at any one time by all the pensioners to any one Treasury, they are to wait until the following month, unless a pensioner is willing to conduct them to Paumben at half price.
29. That each adult receive batta at the rate of 4 Annas a day from the day he or she is registered by the Treasury Officer, that day inclusive.
30. Each boy or girl between 12 and 17 2 Annas per day, and each child under 12 and above 6 years of age 1 Anna per day.
31. That the Treasury Officer pay the batta into the hands of the pensioner or peon conducting the recruits, and explain to the recruits the amount that they are to receive daily.
32. That the remuneration to the Treasury Officer be sufficient to enable him to employ an Assistant if he should wish it, and it should be in proportion to the amount of work, say 8 Annas per head for each recruit registered.
33. That, for every recruit that deserts on the road between the Treasury and Paumben, the pensioner who recommended the recruit to forfeit the 5 Rupees commission on that recruit, and the pensioner or peon conducting the recruit to forfeit 1 Rupee.
34. The pensioner or peon conducting the recruits to be responsible that the recruits are not changed on the road and that they with their families receive proper treatment.

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35. In no case is the march to exceed six days from Madura, twelve days from Trichinopoly and Tanjore, and twenty-five days from Mysore.

36. Should the pensioner cheat or ill-treat any recruit or his family in any way, his license is to be taken from him and his pension stopped for such time as may be considered sufficient to meet the circumstances of the case.

37. That on arrival at Paumben the party of recruits to be handed over to Mr. Riedy, who will check them with the register that he will have received by post and send them to their destinations by peons of his own staff.

38. That a free passage from mainland to mainland be granted to every man, woman, and child included in the register, and, if considered necessary, Mr. Riedy to recover the amount at the end of the year from the recruiting vote.

39. That a medical inspection of each batch be held at Paumben or Dagypatam, as the case may be, by the Doctor in charge of the Emigration Hospital.

40. Batta to be paid for each day that it is considered necessary to detain the recruit or his family at Paumben.

41. Mr. Riedy to pay the necessary batta, etc., (from funds in hand) from Paumben to the division, receiving the route to each division from Colombo.

42. The batta in Ceylon to be at the same rates as in India.

43. Mr. Riedy to forward the original register sheet (sent him by the Treasury Officer) to the Officer Commanding the Division to which the recruits are sent immediately after they are despatched, and the Officer Commanding the Division to forward it to Colombo with covering letter after the arrival of the recruits at the division.

44. Mr. Riedy to return tickets to the Treasury Officers stating that the recruits entered in Register No. — safely handed over on —.

45. That in future, according as pension certificates are granted to those pioneers in Ceylon wishing to draw their pension in India, a request to be inserted in the usual letter that a license for recruiting for the corps be issued to him.

46. That the old, worn-out men now on the strength in Ceylon, who are deteriorating from the efficiency of the corps, be allowed to retire on small pension to become recruiters.

47. That the pioneer-pensioners drawing pension in Ceylon be informed of the advantages of the scheme; but before transferring them inquiries be made as to their native villages and recruiting abilities.

48. No pioneer-pensioner to be allowed to recruit in Ceylon.

49. Any recruit in Ceylon wishing to send money to his friends in India to be allowed to do so through the Financial Assistant and the Treasury Officer, who will see that the proper parties receive it through the pensioner who recommended the recruit.

50. Any recruit wishing any portion of his pay to be drawn in India by his friends monthly, to be allowed to arrange it through family certificate. (See form annexed.)

51. That new rules to be made from time to time as improvements suggest themselves, and that the foregoing are merely to be acted upon as a guide at the commencement.

(Signed) A. HANSARD.

*Estimate of the Cost of each Recruit obtained according to the above Scheme,
Men.*

	RS.	A.	P.
Commission	5	0	0
Registration fees	0	8	0
Batta from Trichinopoly to Paumben	3	0	0
Conductor's wages	0	8	0
Batta from Paumben to the division	3	0	0
Conductor's wages	0	8	0
Total	12	6	0

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Women.

	RS.	A.	P.
Commission	2	0	0
Registration	0	8	0
Batta from Trichinopoly to Paumben	3	0	0
Do. from Paumben to the division	3	0	0
Total	8	8	0

Boys between 12 and 17 years of age.

	RS.	A.	P.
Commission	2	0	0
Registration fees	0	8	0
Batta from Trichinopoly to Paumben	1	8	0
Do. from Paumben to the division	1	8	0
Total	5	6	0

(Signed) A. HANSARD.

*Memorandum with reference to the Circular on Letter No. 400 of the 1st instant from the
Colonial Secretary.*

Request the Madras Government to be pleased to authorize the Collectors of Trichinopoly, Tanjore, and Madura to issue licenses for recruiting to each Ceylon pioneer-pensioner drawing pension at the Treasury at each of their respective districts. The license to be to recruit for the Ceylon Pioneer Corps only.

Also to authorize the Collectors of the above districts to instruct their Deputy Collectors in charge of the Treasuries at which the pensioners are paid to assist in furthering the present scheme for recruiting the Pioneer Corps, Madras only.

1st.—To register each recruit as he is brought in by the pensioners when they come to receive their pension. The register to be a printed form, similar to that now in use by the Deputy Collectors for registering "Emigrants who have engaged to proceed to India."

2nd.—To send a copy of this register sheet by post to the Superintendent of Ceylon Emigration at Paumben.

3rd.—To pay the pensioners, in addition to their pensions, the following rate per head for each recruit brought in by them:—

5 Rupees for every able-bodied man above 16 and under 30 years of age.

2 Rupees for every married woman accompanying her husband above 16 and under 30 years of age.

Half the above rates for boys between 12 and 17 years of age.

4th.—To select one of the pensioners to conduct the recruits to the Emigration Depot at Paumben at 8 Rupees for the journey from Trichinopoly and Tanjore and 6 Rupees from Madura, to be paid by the Superintendent of Emigration at Paumben on taking over the recruits. In the event of no pensioner wishing to undertake the journey, to select a registered peon to perform the duty.

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5th.—To pay to that pensioner or peon batta for himself and for each recruit at the following rates, and to explain to the recruits the daily amount they are entitled to receive from the pensioner or peon:—

Rates of Batta, allowing seven days from Madura and thirteen days from Trichinopoly and Tanjore.

For each adult under 30 years of age, 4 Annas per day.

For each boy or girl between 21 and 17 years of age, 2 Annas per day.

For each child under 6 years of age, 1 Anna per day.

6th.—To hand over to the pensioners on pay-day any letters or sums of money that he may receive for them from the Inspector of Pioneers in Ceylon.

For this extra duty request the Madras Government to allow the Deputy Collectors concerned to draw pay on account of the Ceylon Government at the rate of 8 Annas for each recruit registered.

It would perhaps be well to explain that the Ceylon Pioneer corps has been in existence for the last thirty years and has always been recruited from Southern India.

The corps consists of a body of men numbering between 2000 and 3000, employed almost entirely upon the construction and up-keep of roads. It is divided into twelve divisions, each of which when at full strength is as follows:—

1 Officer.	10 Second Class Artificers.
1 Clerk.	40 Third „ do.
1 Serjeant-Major.	60 First „ Pioneers.
3 Serjeants.	85 Second „ do.
3 Corporals.	30 Boys.
5 First Class Artificers.	

For the last few years the recruiting has been carried on through an agent at Negapatam, and, although there was no want of men, the system did not work satisfactorily.

The advantages that are looked for in recruiting through the *pensioners* of the corps are—

1st.—The pensioner will know, from his long service in the corps, all its advantages as well as all its disadvantages, and be able to explain to the recruit, before he leaves his village, exactly what he is to expect in Ceylon, so that none but those suitable for the work will enlist.

2nd.—The pensioner being obliged to appear himself once a month at the Treasury to draw his pension from the Deputy Collector in charge, constant and certain communication can be kept up between the recruit in Ceylon and his friends in India through the pensioner.

3rd.—If it is discovered that a pensioner has wilfully deceived a recruit by holding out inducements that do not exist, he can be punished.

4th.—The Ceylon Pioneer Corps being of a certain fixed strength not to be increased or diminished after it is once complete again, each batch of recruits arriving from India would relieve a corresponding number of the older hands who wished to retire or go on pass to their country to spend their savings. A constant flow backwards and forwards would be kept up, which it is considered would greatly add to the contentment of the men and stability of the corps generally.

There are now about 100 Ceylon Pioneer-pensioners drawing pension from the Treasuries of Trichinopoly, Tanjore, and Madura, lists of which are enclosed, and, although there are many amongst them far too old to be of any service as recruiters, still it would be well to make no distinctions but to give to all alike.

It is to be regretted that it was lately found necessary to reduce the pensions of these old pioneers; but it is hoped that with the sanction of the Madras Government to this scheme the pensioners will be even better off than they were before the reduction.

COLOMBO, (Signed) A. HANSARD.
8th August 1871.

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List of Pensioners at Trichinopoly.

Name.	Village.	Caste.	Total amount of pension.
Murgen Thondam	Trichinopoly		Rs. A. P.
Malamettoo	Poathocotta		8 5 4
Sanmogan	Worriore, Trichinopoly Taluq	Palla	8 12 0
Murgen	Ellakudi, do.	Do.	3 5 4
Madura, Trichinopoly	Varaganery, do.	Do.	4 0 0
Maniken, do.	Papacoratche, do.	Do.	4 5 4
Sannasy, do.	Varaganery, do.	Do.	5 0 0
Madura Lalgody	Muttuir, do.	Do.	9 9 4
Raseppan	Yedatheroovoo, do.	Vellala	4 0 0
Narasoo Coovore	Coovore, do.	Pariah	5 0 0
Cushory Rungen	Pitchandarcovil, do.	Do.	9 2 8
Sullen Coovore	Mangudy, do.	Vellala	10 0 0
Sangan, Trichinopoly	Thodave, do.	Palla	7 2 8
Carpen Conore	Kappali, do.	Umballa Carren..	2 10 8
Mattyam	Calatoor Poathocotta		6 10 8
Parasooramen	Kolathur, Perambalur Taluq	Pariah	7 8 0
Mootoozamy	Nangapuram, Calitalay do.	Do.	4 10 8
Cathan, Trichinopoly	Pomungalum Musheru	Do.	2 5 4
Rayappen Cotapal	Nullur, Poodocottah	Adian	9 2 8
Adualam, Palamcottah	Poodocottah		4 0 0
			5 0 0

List of Pensioners at Tanjore.

Name.	Village.	Caste.	Total amount of pension.
Appavoo	Ampitia, Tanjore	Vellala	Rs. A. P.
Nayagum	Ampatty	Palla	13 5 4
Thangal	Do.	Do.	6 10 8
Thangalayan	Ayloor, Trichinopoly	Padyatty	6 10 8
Kanagasappa	Amapetty, do.	Vellala	7 1 4
Thappy	Trivello, Neglango	Pariah	9 9 4
Supramanian	Tello		8 8 0
Caley	Mootivo Veera Conduan	Palla	
Alayampan	Nagutu	Do.	5 0 0
Tynne	Ameenpetta	Do.	4 0 0
Maarid	Do.	Do.	8 10 8
Savary Mootoo	Do.	Do.	0 2 4
Poryamuna	Coorocuculam, Tanjore	Do.	7 8 0
Enachymatto	Amanipitty	Do.	10 13 4
Galinga	Do.	Do.	6 10 8
Kistna	Kallay Karaka	Do.	10 6 8
Maduranatto	Radipalayam	Do.	8 5 4
Ramesamy	Maryammundoil, Tanjore	Semakam	6 10 8
Sareogan	Imtchy Tooy, do.	Do.	3 5 4
Vytilingam	Amapetty	Vellala	5 0 0
Gorindoo	Boodilver	Pariah	8 8 0
Harad	Atracoor	Canera	4 2 4
Canemesory	Manargoddy	Canera	10 4 8
Harayana	Talingaram	Pollan	3 2 1
Madura Mootoo	Terocopilly	Pallan	5 5 4
Appavoo Pillay	Combaconum	Vellala	6 0 0
Madura Mateo	Caroopoor	Padyatdy	11 10 8
Vengedacalam	Manarcoddy	Pedyam	7 8 0
Mootoo Naya			6 0 0
Arnasalam	Nullu Comba	Padiatchy	2 5 4
Vytilingam	Mootropety Tola Cotta	Vellala	6 10 8
Alagappan	Keeranoor	Akamody	4 8 0
Ramany	Sengaly, Negapatam	Vellala	4 0 0
Murugan	Anica	Do.	3 5 4
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List of Pensioners at Madura.

Name.	Village.	Caste.	Total amount of pension.
Rengen, Tanjore	Codey Murgalam, Madura Taluq...	Palla	5 0 0
Armoogan, do.	Tainoor, do.	Do.	5 0 0
Sinnon Mangalagoody	Cadutcongandal, do.	Do.	5 0 0
Moothoo Erian	Tainoor, Madura	Do.	7 10 8
Do. Carpen	Do. do.	Do.	13 5 4
Palaneyandy	Samia Nelure, Madura	Do.	2 8 0
Do. Tanur	Tainoor, do.	Do.	6 0 0
Mignal, Madras	Do. do.	Do.	6 10 8
Andy, Madura	Solandam, do.	Do.	10 0 0
Maduramoota Pandiore	Vandior, do.	Do.	9 2 8
Ramasamy, Madura	Do. do.	Do.	5 0 0
Carpen, do.	Selloor, do.	Do.	11 4 0
Cadrivail Tagenum	Catha Kenur, do.	Do.	6 0 0
Carpen, Madura	Tainoor, do.	Do.	8 5 4
Saneyen, Tainoor	Do. do.	Do.	1 8 0
Madoora Mootoo Solanandam	Theroovadagum, do.	Do.	2 8 0
Moothururan	Coodumungulum, do.	Do.	8 5 4
Malayandy, Madura	Andysevergunputry, Mailoor Taluq	Do.	7 8 0
Ramasamy Verapandy	Verapandy, Madura	Do.	7 8 0
Carpen, Tainoor	Tainoor, do.	Do.	7 14 8
Mooniandy Solavan	Madura Town	Do.	3 5 1
Sunduram, Elopocodi	Elupagodi, Madura	Do.	8 5 4
Alagupen, Combacorum	Do.	Do.	7 8 0
Malayandy Solavadum	Cutchalap, do.	Do.	4 5 4
Sedin Solanandum	Solavandum, do.	Do.	5 0 0
Palany Singurallungum	Do. do.	Do.	6 0 0
Kamachy, Madura	Tainoor, do.	Do.	5 5 4
Alugupen, do.	Madura Town	Do.	5 5 4
Terronangadum, do.	Tainoor, nine miles from Madura.	Do.	6 10 8
Chonnam, do.	Madura Town	Do.	7 5 4
Thavasy, Trichinopoly	Cutchagutty, Madura	Do.	7 2 0
Salamota, Tainoor	Tainoor, do.	Do.	5 0 0
Poolien, Madura	Atchamputi, do.	Do.	6 0 0
Mootoosamy, Trichinopoly	Madura Town	Do.	5 0 0
Anthony Mootoo, Tainoor	Tainoor, Madura	Do.	5 0 0
Coopen, Madura	Sokalinguparam, Madura	Do.	8 5 4
Auroomogan Sodekomeum.	Codigmungalam, do.	Do.	7 8 0
Arasen Kuckatty	Pomempully, do.	Do.	6 10 8
Camder, Madura	Do.	Do.	5 0 0
Senanandy Vemdeyoor	Do.	Do.	2 8 0
Caderavil, Madura	Terrevadgam, Madura	Do.	8 5 4
Carupen Tholanendram	Do. do.	Do.	6 10 8
Alagappen, Madura	Do.	Do.	7 1 4
Meeratchy	Do.	Do.	2 0 8
Francis	Madura Town	Do.	10 0 0
Stree Rengee	Telloore, two miles off	Do.	1 8 0
Mooragandy Thullakolam.	Shambagolum, Madura	Do.	6 0 0
Savaramottoo	Do.	Do.	3 4 0

(Signed) A. HANSARD.

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ORDER THEREON, 18th October 1871, No. 1570.

Before replying to the Government of Ceylon the Governor in Council resolves to refer the proposal for recruiting the Ceylon Pioneer Corps, contained in the correspondence above recorded, to the Collectors of the Madura, Trichinopoly, and Tanjore Districts for their opinions on the whole scheme and for report whether they see any objection to the work of registration being assigned to the Deputy Collectors in charge of Treasuries.

2. The papers intended for the Mysore Government, and which have by mistake been sent to Madras, will be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner, Mysore.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Madura.

.. do. of Trichinopoly.

.. do. of Tanjore.

.. Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Mysore,
with an original Memorandum.

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Mysore Government be informed of the very great objections to recruiting through an agency. That unless the Government is perfectly conversant with every particular of the corporate nature of wars, climates, &c, and unless we have a certain hold over him and can make him responsible for his words and actions, it is impossible to prevent the recruits being grossly deceived.

The recruit should be informed of what he is to expect before he leaves his village and not after he arrives at the Depot.

7. That it was found necessary a short time ago to reduce the pensions by $\frac{1}{3}$ and as this reduction is considered to be a great hardship by the Pensioners employing them as recruiters would be a great

boon

boon, and to a certain extent
compensate them for their loss.

8. That as the Corps is of a
certain strength, and not to be
increased or diminished until
it is once complete, each batch
of recruits arriving in Ceylon
would replace a corresponding
number of the older hands
who wished to go on to
their country to spend their
earnings.

9. That although a very large
proportion of the pensioners are
too old to be of much service as
recruits, yet, in consideration of
the fact that all the pensioners were
reduced alike, it would be
unfair to grant the boon to
the younger pensioners only.

10. That to employ a clerk
or Agent in India or the
Ceylon Establishment to act
with the pensioners at each

Station

Station would open the door
to much that would be
objectionable and in a great
measure defeat the object of
the scheme.

11. That if it is considered that
too much is being asked of
the Madras and Mysore
Governments, that let the
services of the Treasury Officer
at Trichopoly and others
only be asked for, and that as
an experiment. But it must
be remembered that we want
men badly at once, and that
after all it is asking very
little more than what is
performed gratuitously for
other colonies.

12. I feel sure that no
objections will be made to
this request, for both the
Madras and Mysore Govern-
ments are well aware that

if

if the few men required annually for the Pioneer Corps are not procured in this way, other more objectionable means will be adopted. Besides this Scheme is one which recommends the rules and restrictions that the Madras Government has been endeavouring to enforce with other Colonies.

10. I submit a general state and description of the Corps with list of the names of the Pensioners that are paid at each Treasury should accompany the letter to the Madras Government, and to the Mysore Government.

Detail of Scheme.

1. That the Pensioners in India continue as at present to receive their pensions at the Treasuries between the 1st and 5th of each month.

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2. The Pensioner to bring in a receipt from their village to the Treasuries when they come to receive their pensions and at the same time.

3. That no recruit or any woman or child be registered by the Treasury Office unless recommended by a Pensioner.

4. That the Pensioner recommending the recruit give all information to the Treasury Office for the Register and be responsible for its accuracy.

5. The Pensioner to be responsible that the recruit is in good health and fit for the journey to Ceylon.

6. He will also be responsible for all information concerning Ceylon and the Corps that he gives to the recruit.

7. Disputes to be made of the

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recruit

recruits, at each half yearly inspection, and should it be clearly proved that such representations have been made by the Pensioner he will forfeit his license and pension for such time as may be considered sufficient to meet the case.

8. Women the wives of recruits and their children to accompany the recruit to Ceylon if fit for the journey.

9. No man over 40 years of age to be accepted unless he is a skilled laborer.

10. A woman over 30 years of age to be accepted unless she is the wife of a skilled laborer.

11. The Pensioner to be responsible for the character of the recruit and for the character of his wife.

12. Any recruit having a knowledge of any particulars

Pensioner

frontier trade such as Blacksmith, Bricklayers, Brickmakers, Lime Burners, Stone masons, Stone cutters, masons or Carpenters to have a special mark entered against his name in the register recommending him for higher pay than the ordinary recruit. The Pensioner bringing the recruit to be responsible for the recommendation.

13. A commission of 5 rupees to be paid by the Treasury Officer to the Pensioner for every healthy recruit above 18 and under 40 years of age.

13. A Commission of 2 rupees to every married woman above 18 and under 35 accompanying two husbands.

14. A Commission of half the above rates to be paid to boys between 12 and 17 years of age.

15. No Commission for children

under

under 12 years of age. See
appendix B.

16. That Mr. Paddy Subordinate
of Emigration be requested to
act as special Agent to the
Public Works Department.

17. That the original registers
sheet of each batch of recruits
be sent from the Treasuries in
India, by Post to Mr. Paddy.

18. That the Pensioner who brings
in the most recruits at any
one time be allowed to pay
the privilege of conducting his
own recruits and those of other
Pensioners to the Emigration
Agency at Pauran.

19. In the event of his not
wishing to go, then the most
Pensioner with the greatest
number of recruits and so on.

20. That for this special service
7. rupees be allowed from

Madura

Madura, 10 rupees from
Trichinopoly and Tanjore and
10 Rupees from Mysore.

21. That in the event of no
pensioner volunteering to conduct
the recruits as far as Pauran
then a registered Peon is to be
engaged by the Treasury
Officer for the service at the
above rates.

22. That each batch of recruits
leave for Pauran immediately
after being registered and on
no account to loiter on the
road.

23. Half the amount of the
Commission due to the Pensioner
conducting the recruits to be
paid by the Treasury Officer
and half by Mr. Paddy on
arrival of the recruits at
Pauran.

24. Mr. Paddy to pay the
pensioner for conducting the

recruits

recruits, if they arrive according to the register that he will have received by Post.

25. No Pensioner is to be allowed to conduct the recruits further than Paumbeh.

26. The number of recruits in one batch to be regulated as near as possible in the proportion of 25 adults to one conductor.

27. Should less than 25 recruits be brought in at any one time by all the Pensioners to any one Treasury they are to wait until the following month unless a pensioner is willing to conduct them to Paumbeh at $\frac{1}{2}$ price.

28. That each adult receive batta at the rate of 4 annas a day from the day he or she is registered by the Treasury Officer that day inclusive.

29. Each boy or girl between 12 and 17. two annas per day

and

and each child under 12. and above 5 years of age 1 anna per day.

30. That the Treasury Officer pay the batta into the hands of the pensioner or person conducting the recruits, and explain to the recruits the amount that they are to receive daily.

31. That the remuneration due to the Treasury Officers be as sufficient to enable him to employ an Assistant if he should wish it, and that it should be in proportion to the amount of work, say 8 annas per head for each recruit registered.

32. That for every recruit that turns on the road between the Treasury and Paumbeh, the pensioner who recommended the recruit to forfeit the 5

rupees

rupees contribution on that
recruit, and the Pensioner as a
pen conducting the recruit to
forfeit one rupee.

33. The Detachments on Post
conducting the recruits take
responsibility that the recruits
are not charged on the road
and that they with their
families receive proper treatment.

34. In no case is the March to
exceed 5 days from Madurai,
12 days from Trichinopoly and
Tanjore, and 20 days from
Mysore.

35. Should the Pensioner cheat
or ill-treat any recruit or
his family in any way,
his license is to be taken from
him and his pension stopped
for such time as may be
considered sufficient to
meet the circumstances of
the case.

36. That on arrival at Bangalore
the party of recruits to be
handed over to Mr. Reddy
who will check them with the
register that he will have
received by Post, and send them
on to their destinations by
Post and his own staff.

37. That a free passage from
Maidland to Maidland be
granted to women, . . .
wages and child included
in the register, and if considered
necessary Mr. Reddy to recover
the amount at the end of the
year from the recruiting post.

38. That a medical inspection
of each batch be held at
Bangalore at day patrol, as
the case may be, by the
Doctor in charge of the
Emigration Hospital.

39. That to be paid for
each day that it is considered

necessary to detain the recruits
or his family at Pauranben!
40. Mr. Paddy to pay the necessary
batta (from funds on hand)
from Pauranben to the Division
receiving the route to each
Division from Colombo. - 1

41. The batta in Ceylon to be at
the same rates as in India. - 1

42. Mr. Paddy to forward the
original register sheet (sent him
by the Treasury Officer) to the
Officer Commanding the Division
to which the recruits are sent,
immediately after they are
despatched, and the Officer
Commanding the Division to
forward it to Colombo with
covering letter after the
arrival of the recruits at the
Division.

43. Mr. Paddy to return tickets
to the Treasury Officer stating
that the recruits entered in

Register

Register, N. - safely handed
over on -

44. That in future according as
pension certificates are granted
to those Pioneers in Ceylon
wishing to draw their pension
in India, a request to be in-
serted in the usual letter that
a license for recruiting for
the Corps be issued to him. -

45. That the old worn out men
now on the strength in Ceylon
who are deteriorating from
the efficiency of the Corps be
allowed to retire on small
pension to become recruiting.

46. That the Honorary Pensioners
drawing pension for Ceylon be
informed of the advantages
of this scheme, but before
transferring them, enquiries
be made as to their native
village and recruiting
abilities.

47. No Pioneer Pensioners to be allowed to recruit in Ceylon.

48. Any recruit in Ceylon, wishing to send money to his friends in India, to be allowed to do so through the Financial Assistant and the Treasury Officer who will see that the proper parties receive it through the pensioner who recommended the recruit.

49. Any recruit wishing any portion of his pay to be drawn in India by his friends monthly, to be allowed to arrange it through Family Certificate - See form annexed.

50. That new rules to be made from time to time as improvements suggest themselves and that the foregoing are hereby to be acted upon as a guide at the Commencement.

(sd) A. Sansard

Estimate of the cost of each recruit
obtained according to the above
scheme.

<u>Men.</u>		R	A
Commission	_____	5	0
Registration fees	_____	.	0
Patte from Trichurapoly to	_____	.	.
Panumber.	_____	3	0
Conductors wages	_____	.	0
Patte from Panumber to the	_____	3	0
Division	_____	.	0
Conductors wages.	_____	12	8
Totals		12	8

<u>Women.</u>		R	A
Commission	_____	2	0
Registration	_____	.	0
Patte from Trichurapoly to	_____	3	0
Panumber	_____	3	0
do. Panumber to Division.	_____	3	0
Totals		8	0

Boys between 12 & 17 years of age.

Commission	_____	2	8
Registration fees	_____	.	8
Patte from Trichurapoly to Panumber	_____	1	8
do. Panumber to Division.	_____	1	8
Totals		6	0

(sd) A. Hansard

Memorandum with reference to
instructions on Letter No. 30 of
the 21st instant from the
Colonial Secretary.

Request the Madras Govern-
ment to be pleased to authorize
the Collectors of Trichinopoly
Tanjore and Madras to issue
Licenses for recruiting to each
Bengal Pioneer Battalion
personnel at the Treasuries in
each of their respective districts.
The Licenses to be to recruit
for the Bengal Pioneer Corps
only.

Also to authorize the
Collectors of the above districts
to instruct their Deputy Collectors
in charge of the Treasuries
at which the Pensioners are
paid

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said, to assist in furthering
the present scheme for recruiting
the Pioneer Corps in as much as

1st To register each batch
of recruits as they are brought
in by the pensioners when
they come to receive their pay.
The register to be a printed
form similar to that now in
use by the Deputy Collectors
for registering Emigrants who
have engaged to proceed to
Mauritius.

2nd To send a copy of
this register sheet by post to
the Superintendent of Ceylon
Emigration at Paumotu.

3rd To pay the Pensioners
in addition to their pensions
the following rate per head
for

for each recruit brought in
by them.

5. Rupees for every able
bodied man above 18 and under
30 years of age.

2. Rupees for every married
woman accompanying her husband
above 18 and under 30 years of
age.

Half the above rates for
boys between 12 and 17 years of
age.

4th To select one of the
Pensioners to conduct the recruits
to the Emigration depot at
Paumotu at 8 Rupees for the
journey from Trichinopoly and
Tanjore and 6 Rupees from
Madura, to be paid by the
Superintendent of Emigration at
Paumotu on taking over the
recruits. In the event of no
pensioner

functionaries wishing to undertake
the journey to select a registered
person to perform the duty.

5th To pay to that Pioneer
or Pann Batta for himself and
for each recruit at the following
rates. ~~As to explain to the~~
recruits the daily amount
they are entitled to receive
from the Government as Pann.

Rates of Batta.
allowing 7 days from Madras
at the rate of 13 annas. Trichinopoly
at the rate of 10 annas. (and) Tanjore
For each adult under 20 years
of age 1 anna per day.
For each Boy or Girl between
17 years of age 12 annas
per day.
For each child under 6 years
of age 1 anna per day.

6th

6th To hand over to the
Pioneer on pay day any
letters or sums of money that
he may receive for them from
the Inspector of Pioneers in
Ceylon.

For this extra duty request
the Madras Government to allow
the Deputy Collectors concerned
to draw pay on account of the
Ceylon Government at the rate
of 8 annas for each recruit
registered.

It would perhaps be well
to explain that the Ceylon Pioneer
Corps has been in existence for
the last 30 years and has
always been recruited from
Southern India.

The corps consists of a
body.

Body of men numbering between 2000 and 3000 employed almost entirely upon the construction and upkeep of roads. It is divided into 12 divisions each of which when at full strength is as follows:-

1. Officer
1 Clerk
1 Serjeant Major
3 Serjeants
3 Corporals
5 1st Class Artificers
10 2nd — d^o — d^o —
40 3rd — d^o — d^o —
60 1st Class Pioneers
85 2nd — d^o — d^o —
30 Boys

For the last few years the recruiting has been carried on through an agent at Negapatam and although there was

was no want of men, the system did not work satisfactorily

The advantages that are looked for in recruiting through the Pensioners of the Corps are

1st The Pensioner will know from his long service in the Corps all its advantages as well as all its disadvantages and be able to explain to the recruit before he leaves his village exactly what he is to expect in Ceylon, so that none but those suitable for the work will enlist

2nd The Pensioner being obliged to appear himself once a month at the Treasury to draw his pensions from the Deputy Collector in charge, constant and certain communication can be kept up between the recruit in Ceylon and his

his friends in India through
the Pensioners.

3^d If it is discovered that
a Pensioner has wilfully
deceived a recruit by holding
out inducements that do not
exist he can be punished.

4th The Ceylon Pioneer Corps
being of a certain fixed strength
not to be increased or diminished
after it is once complete again
each batch of recruits arriving
from India would relieve a
corresponding number of the
older hands who wished to
retire or go on pass to their
Country to spend their savings
at constant flow backwards and
forwards would be kept up
which, it is considered, would
greatly add to the contentment
of the men and stability of the
Corps generally.

There

There are now about 100
Ceylon Pioneer Pensioners drawing
pension from the Treasuries
of Trichinopoly Tanjore and
Madras, list of which are
enclosed. And although there
are many amongst them far
too old to be of any service
as recruits still it would
be well to make no distinction
but to give to all alike.

It is to be regretted that
it was lately found necessary to
reduce the pensions of these
old Pioneers. But it is hoped
that with the sanction of the
Madras Government to this
scheme the Pensioners will be
even better off than they were
before the reduction.

Signed / A. Mansard.

Colombo.

8th August 1871.

List of the Pensioners at Trichinopoly.

Name.	Village	Caste	Total amount of Pension		
			Rs	As	P
Murgan Thondum.	Trichinopoly.		3	5	4
Salamottoo.	Poathocotta.		5	10	
Sannogan	Horrore Trich. Taluk.	Pala	3	5	4
Murgon	Elakudi - do.	do.	4		
Madura. Trich	Varaganery - do.	do.	4	3	4
Maniker - do.	Papacorato - do.	do.	5		
Sannasy - do.	Varaganery - do.	do.	9	9	4
Madura Lalgeddy.	Kattur - do.	do.	4		
Raspyan	Yecathocotta - do.	Vellala	5		
Charasco. Coovore.	Coovore - do.	Parriat	9	2	8
Cuthory Reengon	Pitchan darcooil	do.	10		
Jellen Coonoore	Trichinopoly Taluk.	Vellala	7	2	8
Sangan Trich.	Mangudy - do.	Palla	2	10	8
Carpen Bonore	Thodur - do.	Parriat	5	10	8
Mattyan	Kappala - do.	Curan	7	5	
Paracooramen	Calator Poathocotta.		4	10	8
Mooteosamy.	Kottur Perambatur - do.	Parriat	2	5	4
Cathan Trich.	Kottur Perambatur - do.	Parriat	7	2	8
Rayappen Cotaiah	Kottur Perambatur - do.	Adin	4		
Arulam Palamcotah	Puducotah		5		

List of the Prisoners at Tanjore

Name	Village	Caste	Amount of Pension		
Appavoo	Ampukia Tanjore	Vellala	12	5	4
Kayagum	Ampatty	Palla	6	10	5
Thoppalan	d°	d°	6	10	8
Thandarasayan	Cyloor Trich	Paryatty	7	7	4
Kanagaxappa	Amapetty d°	Vellala	9	9	4
Thappa	Trinello Keglauca	Periah	6	8	
Supramanian	Tello				
Calay	Mootoo Veroorindyan	Palla	5		
Thayappan	Kayakal	d°	4		
Tynae	Ampupetta	d°	6	10	8
Maarie	d°	d°	9	9	4
Levery Mootoo	d°	d°	7	8	
Royamuna	Carrooriculam Tanjore	d°	10	13	4
Erachimathoo	Ampupetty	d°	6	10	8
Calinga	d°	d°	10	6	8
Kistneu	Kallay Karaka	d°	8	5	4
Madirayatto	Radipalayam	Senrakam	6	10	8
Raniarany	Maryanimmuril Tanjore	Palla	3	5	4
Thooagan	Tontchy Roy Tanjore	d°	5		
Vythilingam	Amapetty	Vellala	3	8	

Name	Village	Caste	Total amt of Pension		
Gorindoo	Boodalver	Pariah	4	8	4
Marady	Atravoor	Canura	10	6	8
Curumistry	Manargoody	Canura	3	2	1
Karayanau	Talingaram	Pollan	5	5	4
Madura Matar	Terocopilly	Pollan	6		
Appavoo pilly	Cumbacorum	Vellala	4	10	8
Madura Matar	Baroopoor	Paryatty	7	8	
Vengedexalam	Manarcoddy	Peyan	6		
Mootoo Kaya			2	5	4
Anacalam	Mulla Comba	Pariah	6	8	
Vythilingam	Mootropetty Ibla	Vellala	4	8	
Alagappan	Kootta				
Ramany	Kerandoor				
Murugan	Sengaly Kayapalan	Vellala	3	5	4
	Arinapuranathu	d°	3		

List of Pensioners at Madura.

Name	Village	Caste	Amount of Pension		
			Rs	a	p.
Pengun Tanjore	Coddy Murgulam Madura Taluk.	Palla.	5	.	.
Amudogan d°	Tainoor Madura Taluk	d°	5	.	.
Sinnon Mangalagody	Badateungandal Madura Taluk	d°	5	.	.
Moothoo Erlan	Tainoor Madura	d°	7	10	8
d° - Carpen	— d° —	d°	13	5	4
Palanyandy	Tamira Melure Madura	d°	2	8	.
Palanyandy Jagun	Tainoor Madura	d°	6	.	.
Migud —	— d° —	d°	6	10	8
Andy Madura	Solanandam Madura	d°	10	.	.
Madiramootu Pandin	Tainoor Madura	d°	9	2	8
Pomasamy Madura	— d° —	d°	5	.	.
Carpen Madura	Selloot Madura	d°	11	4	.
Badruvail Jagun	Batha Kener Madura	d°	6	.	.
Carpen Madura	Tainoor Madura	d°	8	5	4
Saneyen Tainoor	— d° —	do	1	8	.
Madooru Mootoo	Theroovadagam Madura.	} d°	2	8	.
Solanandan					
Moothieruran	Coddumungidam Madura	d°	8	5	4
Malayandy Madura.	Andyanarganputty Mailoor Taluk	d°	7	8	.

Name	Village	Caste	Total Amount of Pension		
			Rs	a	p.
Pamasamy Verapandy	Verapandy Madura	Palla.	7	8	.
Carpen Tainoor	Tainoor Madura	d°	7	14	8
Moonandy Solavan	Madura Town	d°	3	5	1
Sunduram Elaycode	Elupagodi Madura	d°	8	5	4
Ulagupen Combacorum	—	d°	7	8	.
Malayandy Solavan	Cutchery Madura	d°	4	5	4
Seden Solanandam	Solanandam	d°	5	.	.
Palany Singuralingum	— d° —	d°	6	.	.
Kamachy Madura	Tainoor Madura	d°	5	5	4
Ulagupen Madura	Madura Town	d°	5	5	4
Tanonangadam d°	Tainoor 9 miles from Madura	d°	6	10	8
Chinnam Madura	Madura Town	d°	7	5	4
Thavasy Trich	Cutchagutty Madura	d°	7	2	.
Salamotu Tainoor	Tainoor	d°	5	.	.
Poolien Madura	Atchamputi Madura	d°	6	.	.
Mootosamy Trich	Madura Town	.	5	.	.
Anthony Mooto Tainoor	Tainoor	.	5	.	.
Coopen Madura.	Sokalinguparam Madura.	}	8	5	4
Murromogan	Codigmangalam Madura				
Trason Katakatty	Pomempally Madura	do	6	10	8
Carider Madura	—		5	.	.
Senanandy Vemdayoor	—		2	8	0

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Name	Village	Caste	Total amount of Pension		
			Rs	a	p.
Carraib Madura	Tervadgam	Palla	8	5	4
Karupen Holanandam	do - Madura	do	6	10	5
Alagapen Madura			7	1	4
Muratchy			2		8
Francis	Madura Town	Palla	10		
Shu Perregu	Moore 2 miles off	do	1	8	
Mooregandy	Thambagolun				
Thullatlam	Madura	do	6		
Sawarmentloo			3	4	

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 22nd January last n^o 3, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon to transmit to you a scheme for recruiting the Pioneer Corps of the Public Works Department of this Government submitted by Mr Hansard, Inspector of that Corps who recently proceeded to the Madras Presidency to endeavour to

The Chief Secretary.
to Government.
Fort St George.

See Feb. 20th/71

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to establish a satisfactory
system of recruiting for the
Pioneer Corps.

Mr Hansard proposes
in the first place to employ
the Pensioners from the Ceylon
Pioneer Force to recruit for
the different divisions and
secondly that the District Collectors
shall pay them their Pension
should receive and register
the recruits, and forward
them to Pannien, where they
would be received by Mr
Reidy, the Superintendent of
Immigration, and sent on by
him to join their divisions.

This scheme has
received the careful consider-
ation of this Government and
altho' its details may require
alteration

alteration, they are of opinion
the principle is a good one
and that it would be
desirable to carry it out;
if the Government of Madras
would be willing to render
the assistance suggested in
Mr Hansard's scheme.

Before however taking any
further action in the matter,
I am directed to request
you to be good enough with
the permission of the Right
Honorable the Governor of
Madras in Council to inform
me whether there will be
any objection to allow the
Collectors and Sub-Collectors at
the different Kachcheries both
in the Madras and Mysore
Districts to act for this
Government as, it is believed,
they do for the Mauritius
Government.

Government.

Enclosed copies of
Memoranda forwarded by
the Director of Public Works
showing in detail what is
to be done by the different
Collectors and Subcollectors,
and I am to request that
you will inform me whether
there will be any objection
on the part of the Madras
Government to these officers
rendering the assistance required.

Public

Recd 25. Sept/71.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Henry T. Irving.
Colonial Secretary.

Orin took under a full license,
I passed, by a full officer, when the
they know their friends will understand
that their own full is only acting as
a counter-act in interest & can be carried
freely by all. How could we consent
to license all the persons of
the Caylon full and send them
about the country in the - what the
people will often consider - an injury
to society.

And as for the Caylon full
the Constitution is such that

the policy of taking away (to be altered)
Towns - and - pledges depend for
their fulfillment on annual votes
of the Assembly - which the full can
not resist, of his own and the type.
He knows has passed since the
unfortunate Canadian Pensioners
have been treated - the papers now
sent show that the pensions even
of retired men of the very corps which
we are now asked to get recruits -
have been reduced - and a few
years ago - if very many - were one
half - there was a very serious
difference between the Caylon full &

a body of Leitch & Purjes who had
been enlisted for their service.

I would therefore inform the
Congress that we cannot under-
take the office which they desire
to impose on us. I would also say
and expect that in seeking our friendly
assistance, we should have been thought
fitting to hold out a threat such as
that conveyed in para 12 of the Hants
"Scheme for Recruiting the Various Corps"
which we shall know how to render fru-
itful if attempted to be brought into ex-
ecution.

J. D. S. & I would not
return this

M. I think the object should
be to reach the last point in the book
in the detail.



Memo for Orders

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In these papers the Ceylon Govt propose a scheme for recruiting for the Pioneer Corps in Ceylon.

They ask the Mysore Govt for the assistance of their Subs of Divisions and Treasury Officers.

In like manner they ask the Madras Govt for the assistance of the Collectors of Madurai, Trichinopoly and Tanjore and of the Treasury Deputy Collectors of those districts.

By a mistake the papers intended for Mysore have come here.

The main feature of the scheme is to employ the pensioners of the Pioneer Corps - who draw their pensions at our Treasuries.

There are the districts in which retired Pioneers draw their pensions monthly.

as recruiting agents.

The labor imposed on our Treasury deputy Collectors is to register the recruits brought in - to send these Registers to the Agent of the Ceylon Govt at Pambem - to pay the bonus to the recruiters - & to pay the latter required for the journey and a fee to the recruiter who conveys the recruits to Pambem.

The pensioners who are recruiting Agents to be altogether responsible for giving all the requisite information to the recruits. It is estimated that the labor involved on the Deputy Collector will average an

hour between the 1st and 5th of each month.

It is proposed to pay the deputy Col. 8 Rs a head for each recruit registered.

The only duty assigned to the Collector seems to be the issue of Recruiting Licenses to the Pensioners.

The advantage of the scheme is that it will add to the pensions of the retired Pensioners whose pensions were reduced some time ago.

The disadvantages are that it will impose additional duties on our Treasury Deputy Collectors who have already plenty to do.

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Transmitting a
 Scheme for recruiting
 the Pioneer Corps of
 the Public Works Dept.
 of that Govt, and enquiring
 whether there will be any
 objection to allow the
 collectors & sub-collectors both
 in Madras & Mysore to
 act for that Govt, as they
 do for the Mauritius
 Govt.
 With an order 78-79

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Before replying to the Govt of Madras the
 Governor in Council wishes to refer the proposal
 for recruiting the Engineer Pioneer Corps contained
 in the correspondence above forwarded to the Secretary
 of the Madras, Trichinopoly and Tanjore Districts
 for their opinion concerning on the whole scheme & for
 the view whether they see any objection to the work of
 recruitment being assigned to the District Collectors in

change of personnel.
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