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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
28th October 1871.

No. 167. Read the following letter from C. E. GOVER, Esq., Sanitary Inspector, Madras Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 28th September 1871 :—

I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to lay before His Excellency the Governor in Council my respectful prayer that my period of service as Principal and Secretary of the Military Male Orphan Asylum may be counted as qualifying for pension.

2. I have now served in this country for more than ten years. From the 12th May 1861 to 15th May 1864 I held the office of Head Master of the Model School attached to the Government Normal School. From 16th May 1864 to 31st May 1871 I had the honour to hold the office of Principal and Secretary, Military Male Orphan Asylum. My transfer from the Normal School to the Military Male Orphan Asylum was with the consent of Government, and the transfer from the Military Male Orphan Asylum to the post I now hold was by the direct action of Government. There was not a single day's loss of service by either of these changes. My transfer from the Military Male Orphan Asylum was directly owing to the action of Government in taking over that institution. Seven years' service there would, in the ordinary course of things, have been counted for pension from the funds of the charity. These funds have now fallen to Government. On leaving the Asylum the Board of Governors favoured me with the attached certificate.

3. It will be within the knowledge of His Lordship in Council that the Military Male Orphan Asylum has always been a semi-Government institution. It has invariably been put on the same footing as the service funds, receiving eight per cent. interest on its capital. Being exclusively for the sons of Soldiers, the Government has always evinced the greatest interest in the school, and now takes it entirely under its charge.

4. I would respectfully state that Government has been pleased to make an important concession in favour of officers whose situations have been abolished by Government for official reasons, on the principle that it will not refuse the responsibilities that fall upon it in consequence of action required for the public benefit.

5. I would respectfully mention that in the parallel case of the Madras Military Fund, which was recently taken over by Government as it now takes over the Military Male Orphan Asylum, the services of Captain Obbard as Secretary of that Fund were allowed to count for the pension which I believe he now enjoys. I also beg permission to mention that Mr. R. Thomson is now enjoying a pension of I believe Rupees 130 per mensem, granted to him by Government for service as Master in the Military Male Orphan Asylum. More recently a Commissioned Officer, Colonel W. P. S. Smyth, was appointed, with the sanction of Government, to succeed me during the few months' delay caused by the unexpected postponement of the transfer of the Asylum.

6. His Lordship in Council will kindly permit me to represent how deeply important must be the privilege for which I respectfully ask. Ten of the best years of my life have already been spent in arduous labour in India. In the nature of things, it must be almost impossible for me to serve so long from this date as to become qualified for a pension. Even if there were no 55 years' rule, it would be

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beyond expectation. I would fain hope that the great confidence His Lordship in Council has been pleased to place in me recently, and for which I am most deeply grateful, proves that my service has not been altogether valueless. Unless, therefore, His Lordship in Council be able to favour me with the indulgence I so earnestly request, it will only too probably happen that I may be left without support after an actual service far exceeding that which under other circumstances would have rendered me eligible for the maximum pension.

7. I would, therefore, very respectfully pray that His Lordship in Council will be pleased to direct that my service at the Military Male Orphan Asylum may be counted for pension and added to my service at the Government Normal School for the following reasons:—

1. There has been no break in my service.
2. Three years were spent at the Normal School, and seven at the Military Male Orphan Asylum.
3. That at the Military Male Orphan Asylum I was entitled to look for a pension if disabled at the end of fifteen years, of which seven were served.
4. That without any fault of mine the Military Male Orphan Asylum was taken over by Government, and that, therefore, Government assumed the responsibility of my past service.
5. That my service has been pronounced meritorious.
6. That the Military Male Orphan Asylum was at all times a semi-Government institution, and has now become entirely so.
7. That Government has recognized this by granting Mr. Thomson a pension.
8. That Government has recognized an exactly similar claim by granting pension to Captain Obbard.
9. That Government is now continuing the pensions granted by the Military Male Orphan Asylum authorities.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Military Male Orphan Asylum, held at the Asylum Press Office on Monday, the 12th June 1871, at 5½ P.M.

The subject of a testimonial to Mr. Gover being brought before the Board, the following resolution is recorded:—

“ On the occasion of Mr. Charles Gover's retirement from the office of Principal and Secretary to the Madras Military Male Orphan Asylum after a service of seven years, the Board of Governors deem it due to him to place on record the high sense which they entertain of the zeal, industry, and ability with which he has conducted his duties. The management of the institution during Mr. Gover's incumbency of the office of Principal has, in the opinion of the Board, been thoroughly satisfactory. His unflagging interest in the welfare of the boys and his successful efforts in securing them suitable employment have ever merited the Board's commendation.”

(Signed) W. P. S. SYMTH, Lieut.-Colonel,
Superintendent, M. M. O. Asylum.

28th October 1871.

No. 168. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1871, No. 1644.

The Government are unable to entertain Mr. Gover's application that the period of his employment in connexion with the Military Male Orphan Asylum should be counted as service under Government for pension.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To C. E. Gover, Esq.

To the Directors, Military Male Orphan Asylum.

Exd. A. S. Rudgers.

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To
C. F. GOVER, Esq.,
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Dated October, 28th.

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Declining to comply with Mr. C. F. Gover's request that his service in the Military Male Orphan Asylum may be counted for pension.

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School, for the following reasons.
1. There has been no break in my
2. Three years were spent at the Normal
School before the M. O. Asylum.

3. That at the M. M. O. Asylum, I was entitled to look for a pension if disabled at the end of 10 years, of which seven were served.

4. That when my health failed the M. M. O. Asylum was taken over by Government and that therefore Govt assumed responsibility of my past service.

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6. That the M. M. O. Asylum was at all times a semi-government institution, & has now become entirely so.

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Have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant.

Charles E. Gover

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DEPARTMENT.

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FOR ORDERS.

I do not see how this can be conceded - I presume that Mr. [Name] received his appt. of Principal [Name] & left from the [Name] of the [Name] - but from [Name] and that he must have known that service in the [Name] was not [Name] - I think the appointment he was [Name] also that he was no longer [Name] by leaving the Educational [Name] and I think the appointment he was [Name] is as [Name] as the one he [Name]

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pence put in his hand a fortnight
and I can see no room for
saddling the revenues of the country
with a pension for 7 years service
in the City. When pensions are
paid to the servants of the State
like the Army, they are only
paid once in a while and they
are more or less. Mr. F. has been
adequately satisfied for 4 or
5 years past that he can claim either
on the Army or on the Navy.

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I do not think that his former service in the military ~~was~~ his former service can be taken into account as service towards a pension from the State. When he gave this a master in the Government Normal School sought to obtain the appointment of Principal of the military academy his former service was properly with honor but the appointment was only a temporary one & he had no right to expect that it would last for so many years. He has the honor of his former service but not the Government and the Legislature his former service is not a former service.

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To
R. S. Ellis Esq. M.B.
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 mendation"

Wm. W. S. Lynch Esq.
 Supdt. M. M. O. Belgium
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Dear Sir

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 from Mr. C. E. Sp...

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