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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Forwarding with remarks, an
application from Mrs. Logan
widow of the late Govt. Agent -
under, Madras, for an allow-
ance.*

It is requested that in any further communication on this subject the under-mentioned letter and number may be quoted, and the reply addressed to

The Under Secretary of State for India,
India Office,
Whitehall,
S. W.

J. 4128.

India Office,

Whitehall, S. W.

22nd September 1891.

Madam,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, and to acquaint you that any application you may desire to make for pecuniary assistance in consideration of the services of your late husband should be addressed to the Government of Madras.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

W. B. Acton

Asst. Financial Secretary

Mrs. Pogson,
Norman House,
1st Tower,
Jersey.

Aug 1891

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Norman House

1st Floor

Truro.

Channel Isles.

29th September 1891



To

The Honble G. F. Price

Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to address the Madras Government on a matter of the most urgent importance to myself.

My late husband the Government Astronomer was, - as he expressed in his last letter to the Government - unable to make more than the most slender provision for me.

Believing that friends had been kind enough to interest themselves on my behalf I have been vainly hoping that a special pension on account of my husband's very exceptional services to science & his astronomical discoveries which, with one exception, have been more numerous than those of any other English astronomer, would have been granted me. Not hearing of anything being done I wrote on the 18th inst. to the Secretary of State for India stating my circumstances. The reply I forwarded for your kind consideration & as the Madras Government in a letter to me dated 3rd July '91. wrote the following words - "to express the appreciation which this Government entertains of Mr. Pogson's unremitting labours in the cause of science & of his astronomical discoveries during the course of thirty years spent by him in directing the Madras Observatory - I earnestly hope the Government will still further show its recognition of my late husband's valuable work & also take into consideration the sad circumstances of his death

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on the eve of his retirement after 30 years service in
India without a day's leave from his work. & making
as liberal an allowance as it can to me & my two young
children who are utterly unprovided for.

I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most obedient servant
Edith Penson.

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Order 21st Oct 1911 No 896

From

Mrs Pogson.

Norman House

18 Tower.

Jersey.

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Applying for
gratuity on conservation of
her husband's services in connection with
astronomical discoveries.

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No. 3068.

From M^{rs} Pogson.

Dated 29th September

1891.

FOR ORDERS.

A Dept despatch to the S of S
regarding a pension for Mrs.
Pogson is submitted for approval

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Public Department

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Letter to the Right Honorable the Secretary of
State for India

My Lord,

We have the honour to forward for
your Lordship's consideration the accompanying
application from Mrs. Pogson, widow of
the late Government Astronomer, attached
for an allowance.

There being a sum we are aware
2. ^{no provision for} The grant to Mrs. Pogson of pension
payable from Indian revenues being in-
admissible under the Financial Codes we

consider ourselves precluded from making any
recommendation to your Lordship through
the Government of India that she

should receive one. It is however the
eminent services rendered by her late
husband were in the cause of science in

general and not of this country in
particular, the case is one we would
suggest in which a Civil List Pension

might ^{be} ^{appropriately} granted. We would
therefore request that should your Lordship

concur in this view you will be pleased
to take such steps as you may deem
necessary to obtain a pension of the kind

for Mrs. Pogson, who has been left in very
straitened
reduced circumstances.

Forth House
21st Oct 1891

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Lancaster

21st OCTOBER 1891, No. 19, PUBLIC.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—to

THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

MY LORD,

We have the honour to forward, for your Lordship's consideration, the accompanying application from Mrs. Pogson, widow of the late Government Astronomer, Madras, for an allowance.

2. There being, as far as we are aware, no provision for the grant to Mrs. Pogson of a pension payable from Indian revenues, we consider ourselves precluded from recommending to your Lordship, through the Government of India, that she should receive one. As, however, the eminent services of her late husband were rendered in the cause of science in general and not specially for the benefit of this country, the case is, we would suggest, one in which a Civil List pension might appropriately be conferred. We would therefore urgently request that, should your Lordship concur in this view, you will be pleased to take such steps as you may deem necessary to obtain a pension of this kind for Mrs. Pogson, who has been left in very straitened circumstances.

We have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servants,

(Signed) WENLOCK.
(„) H. E. STOKES.
(„) J. H. GARSTIN.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
21st October 1891.

Exd. A. Raïtt.

[Annexure.]

ANNEXURE.

From Mrs. EDITH POGSON, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
dated Jersey, 29th September 1891.

I have the honour to address the Madras Government on a matter of the most urgent importance to myself. My late husband, the Government Astronomer, was, as he expressed in his last letter to the Government, unable to make more than the most slender provision for me. Believing that friends had been kind enough to interest themselves on my behalf, I have been vainly hoping that a special pension on account of my husband's very exceptional services to science and his astronomical discoveries, which, with one exception have been more numerous than those of any other English astronomer, would have been granted me. Not hearing of anything being done, I wrote on the 18th instant to the Secretary of State for India stating my circumstances. The reply I forward for your kind consideration, and as the Madras Government in a letter to me, dated 3rd July 1891, wrote the following words—"to express the appreciation which this Government entertained of Mr. Pogson's unremitting labours in the cause of science and of his astronomical discoveries during the course of thirty years spent by him in directing the Madras Observatory"—I earnestly hope the Government will still further show its recognition of my late husband's valuable work, and also take into consideration the sad circumstances of his death on the eve of his retirement after 30 years' service in India without a day's leave from his work, by making as liberal an allowance as it can to me and my two young children, who are utterly unprovided for.

ENCLOSURE.

From the Assistant Financial Secretary, India Office, to Mrs. Pogson, dated India
Office, Whitehall, S.W., 22nd September 1891, No. 4128.

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GOVT. OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

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the Secretary of State for
India.**

Dated 21st October,

No. 19 of 1891.

*Forwarding, with remarks, an application from
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Astronomer, Madras, for an allowance.*

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