

Public (1897) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1102

DATED 20.8.97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing Mr Tyrol, late of the Jail Deptt, with regard to his memorial praying for a special recognition of his services by the grant to him of a title or an increased rate of pension. that his memorial should be submitted through the head of the Jail Deptt.

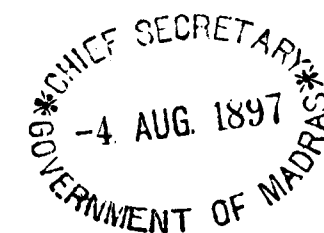
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Public (1897) Department.

CURRENT No.

From H.A. Sim Esq. Sec.
Ag Private Secretary to
the Governor.

Order



No.

Dated 2nd August 1897.

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Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Transfers a petition of 1st June 1897 from Mr. Isaac Tyrrell late Superintendent, Central Jail, Rajahmundry, praying that a Special Mark of recognition may be conferred him or the amount of his pension increased.

(By order)

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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No. 7, Cockburn Road,

Bangalore, 1st June 1897.

To

His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council,

MADRAS.

The Humble Memorial of MR. ISAAC TYRRELL,
late Superintendent of the First Class Central
Jail, Rajamundry, in the Godavari District, of
the Government of Madras.

That Your Memorialist was born on the 4th June 1830, and enlisted in Her Majesty's 46th Regiment of Foot at Chatham, England, on the 25th of August 1846,— Was subsequently transferred to the 65th Regiment and proceeded with a detachment of that Regiment in charge of convicts to Van Dieman's Land, whence he was transferred to the 96th Regiment, and he landed in India with that Regiment at Calcutta on the 19th April 1849.

2. That Your Memorialist's services in the Army are shown in detail in the opening paragraphs of his Petition to Government, which is printed in extenso in the order of Government thereon, dated 27th September 1881, No. 2003, Judicial Department, a copy of which is enclosed herewith for Your Excellency's facility of reference.

3. It will be seen from that petition that Your Memorialist gradually rose in the Army to the rank of Pay and Color Sergeant, having been on more than one occasion employed on special charges and commands, and that he was also more than once promoted in the Army over the heads of his seniors in service.

4. In the year 1860 Your Memorialist took his discharge from the Army after a service of 14 years, 1 month, and 6 days, and after serving through the mutiny of 1857-58-59, at various places in Upper India.

5. Memorialist's object in leaving the Army as explained in his petition printed in G. O. of 27th September 1881, herewith enclosed, was to take up Civil employ under Her Majesty's Government of Madras, which he did in October 1860, at first in the Police Department and then in the Jail, and in such employ Your Memorialist gradually rose to the appointment of Superintendent of the First Class Central Jail at Rajamundry on a salary rising by yearly increments from Rs. 600 to 850 per mensem, from which appointment Your Memorialist retired on the 7th April 1895, when he was within 2 months of completing 65 years of age, and after a total service in Civil employ of 34 years, 6 months and 7 days.

6. Your Memorialist's total service Military and Civil, thus aggregating to, it may be said without presumption, or untruth, exceptionally long period of 48 years, 7 months and 13 days, or to upwards of a service and a half reckoning 30 years as the usual period of service, and during that long period Your Memorialist received special enconiums for good and meritorious conduct, and, moreover, all the leave Your Memorialist had was 2 days while in Military employ and 12 months privilege leave in Civil employ, by which the Government was saved expenditure both in leave allowances to Memorialist himself, and acting allowances to others.

7. The foregoing is a brief resumé of Your Memorialist's service, but even at the risk of being tedious he ventures to respectfully add for Your Excellency's perusal and consideration the following further facts in connection with himself and his services, as they will no doubt serve to help Your Excellency in arriving at a decision on the merits and justice of the prayer this Memorial is intended to make.

8. In 1850, or 7 years before the mutiny, Your Memorialist often saw Nana Sahib (Nana Doondoo Punth of Bhitoor) when serving in Her Majesty's 96th Regiment at Cawnpore, as he often drove up to the Bandstand, which was close to the Church in those days, in a carriage and pair, and he gave the officers of the Garrison a ball and dinner at Christmas time of that year in the Assembly Rooms. Your Memorialist little thought at the time that within 7 years that fiend in human form would murder not only all the Officers and Soldiers of the garrison, but their wives and children also.

9. A brother of Your Memorialist named James Tyrrell with his wife and 2 children were murdered and several other men with their wives and children, whom Your Memorialist well knew were also murdered. These men had volunteered in 1854 from Her Majesty's 96th Regiment to Her Majesty's 32nd Regiment for further service in India, and were at Cawnpore at the outbreak of the mutiny.

10. Your Memorialist volunteered to Her Majesty's 43rd L. I. Regiment, (now Oxfordshire Regiment), which was then in Madras, and received on the 17th June 1857 a letter from his brother which was written on the 3rd of that month, and came probably by the last mail that left that ill-fated Garrison. The letter gave particulars of what was going on at Cawnpore, and although all the Officers with their families from the General downwards were then occupying the same barracks, which had been put as far as possible in a state of defence, the letter was full of hope,—hope, which unfortunately was never to be realized, as they knew that troops were coming from Allahabad to their assistance.

11. As fate had however willed it, the Native Regiments of the station broke out directly afterwards in open rebellion, and what followed is a matter of history. The murderers were however avenged by General Havelock, and the small force of British less men under his command, in such a brilliant manner that made the name of Havelock famous in history. General Wheeler who was also murdered was well known to Your Memorialist in 1854.

12. Your Memorialist has a war medal for Central India, and during his Army service acted twice as Orderly Room Clerk, and twice as School Master, and 42 years ago was School Master in the Bangalore Fort, where 4 companies of his Regiment were stationed, and Your Memorialist being literate and intelligent, would have been recommended for a commission in his Regiment, as stated in the petition printed in the G. O. of 27th September 1881, herewith enclosed.

13. In that Order the Government trusted that Your Memorialist would long continue to do good service, and so he did for nearly 14 years after the date of that order. At the time the order was passed Your Memorialist was keeper of Her Majesty's Penitentiary in Madras, a post for which he was specially selected by the Commissioner of Police, Colonel Drever, in consultation with His Excellency the Governor, to remedy maladministration and misrule, as will be known from records of Your Memorialist's services and testimonials given by such well known Officers of high repute and merit as Colonels T. E. B. Tennant, W. S. Drever, G. B. Bowen, Major Andrew Balmer, and Captain W. Hughes Hallett, afterwards Judge Advocate General of India.

14. Your Memorialist during his services as keeper brought to light many evil doings, and although in consequence some paid officials were dismissed still the plottings went on against Your Memorialist, who was twice murderously attacked by the prisoners. The following will show plainly what Your Memorialist had to contend with. A prisoner who was tried by the Chief Justice, Sir Walter Morgan, in the High Court of Madras for murder and sentenced to death, was permitted to make a state-

ment when he (accused) at once commenced vilifying Your Memorialist in such a manner that astonished nearly every one in Court. Your Memorialist who was present was rather surprised to learn from a prisoner who had ~~been~~ only recently been committed that Your Memorialist had been offered promotion but would not accept it, and remained at the Penitentiary simply to harass the old offenders. Prisoner stated that he had been handcuffed by Your Memorialist although he was only an undertrial prisoner, also that he had been compelled to eat raggi instead of rice or starved, and informed the Chief Justice that the prayers of all the prisoners in jail would go up to the Throne of Grace for his welfare, if he would get Your Memorialist removed. One daily paper, not now in existence (but a paper in which letters were published that the Editor knew were written by a prisoner in jail) came out with a sensational Editorial calling upon the Government to hold a full enquiry regarding the statement made by the condemned man, and the Government directed Colonel Walters, the then Acting Superintendent of the Jail, for a report. Colonel Walters replied that he himself had ordered the prisoner to be handcuffed, because he would not allow the Medical Officer to vaccinate him and that he had been handcuffed while he was being vaccinated and no longer, as to his not getting rice to eat instead of raggi, Colonel Walters pointed out by a Government ruling that undertrial prisoners were to have raggi issued to them instead of rice, and that in both cases the orders of the Government were carried out. Colonel Walters also mentioned that he was in Court himself when the condemned man made his statement and he (Colonel Walters) was very glad to hear that the keeper (Your Memorialist) was not appreciated by the old offenders, a number of whom were awaiting trial at the same time, and had persuaded the prisoner to make the statement.

15. A few days afterwards the condemned man petitioned the Government for mercy, and mentioned in his petition how sorry he was for making the statement he did when in Court regarding the keeper (Your Memorialist), but that he was led to do so by other under trial prisoners who told him that all the prisoners in jail would pray for him if the keeper was removed.

16. Your Memorialist has simply mentioned this matter to show what difficulties he had to contend with, and what has been written regarding this is on record in the Government Office.

17. One thing should not be lost sight of, viz, that the Penitentiary now is not the Penitentiary of more than a quarter of a century ago when there was no Female Prison—no prison for Juveniles—no close Prison, and no block for Under Trial Prisoners, and other cells, since built to separate prisoners more effectually.

18. The action of Your Memorialist in one case assisted most materially in bringing the Jail to a state of efficiency—viz, the searching by Your Memorialist of two medical students as they were leaving the Jail one morning, and finding in the inner soles of their sandals 3 letters written by a prisoner. One of the letters was for publication in the Newspaper already alluded to. One for an influential man in Madras, and the other for a certain female. These letters gave the Superintendent Captain W. Hughes Hallett a thorough insight into a lot of things that had been going on. Your Memorialist was the chief witness against the Medical students who were tried by Colonel T. Weldon the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Madras, and were sentenced to 2 months' R. I. each. Colonel Weldon was determined to make an example of the Medical students as he was well aware of a lot of misdoings that had been going on in the Jail for a long time.

19. Captain W. Hughes Hallett wrote at great length regarding the letters and the connection of the Medical students,—and his reports with the letters found on the Medical students were forwarded to Government under a covering letter from the Inspector General of Jails and the result was a G. O. that would be well worth reading now. A senior Apothecary who had been assisting the prisoner who had written the letters was dismissed the Jail service, and the Medical officer was also severely censured.

20. All this was brought about by Your Memorialist's strict attention to duty and discipline, and he was thanked by the Inspector General, and also by the Superintendent as the letters that had been found were of immense service to the Jail Department.

21. Your Memorialist no doubt obtained his promotion in the Jail Department in later years from what had been left on record by such Officers as Colonel T. E. B. Tennant, W. S. Drever, G. B. Bowen, Captain W. Hughes Hallett and others, and moreover Your Memorialist even when only keeper of Her Majesty's Penitentiary always received from Government invitations to the yearly gatherings in the Banqueting Hall, and His Grace the Duke of Buckingham in Council appointed Your Memorialist, Superintendent of the Palghaut, Fort Jail in January 1879, and when the Jail was closed after the famine was over it is evident that his services were appreciated, as in G. O. No. 870, dated 4th May 1881, the Government were pleased to express their approval of the zeal and assiduity displayed by Your Memorialist during the time he held the appointment of the Palghaut Jail.

22. Your Memorialist was appointed by His Excellency Sir Michael Mount-Stuart Grant Duff as Superintendent of the New Cellular Jail, Palamcottah, in July 1885, having been specially recommended for the appointment by the then Chief Secretary to Government. At the same time E. S. F. Cavendish, Esquire, was appointed Superintendent of the new Cellular Jail, Tanjore. Your Memorialist in March 1888 was appointed by His Excellency Lord Conemara in Council, Superintendent of the Central Jail, Cannanore, an appointment he held for 5 years and 3 months, —when His Excellency visited Cannanore he informed Your Memorialist in the presence of his Private Secretary that he had in Council selected Your Memorialist for the appointment as the Jail had been going to the bad from a long time, which was quite true and was proved afterwards by an enquiry then going on, an enquiry commenced by the Civil and Session's Judge of Tellicherry and completed by Colonel C. T. Porteous, the newly appointed Inspector-General of Jails. The Jailor and a Head Warder were tried at the Sessions Court convicted and sent to Jail for receiving bribes, and nearly all the Jail servants were dismissed the service and the report to Government submitted by Colonel C. T. Porteous would be well worth reading even now, as it throws a great deal of light on Jail matters generally, and the obtaining of bribes by Jail officers in particular.

22. Colonel J. Macdonald Smith, who succeeded Colonel C. T. Porteous as Inspector General of Jails had a very high opinion of Your Memorialist, whom he had known for nearly 20 years, and would have recommended Your Memorialist for the appointment of Superintendent of Prisons, Madras.

23. In July 1893 His Excellency Lord Wenlock in Council appointed your Memorialist who was then over 63 years of age to the First Class Central Jail Rajamundry, the Superintendent of that Jail being reverted to a lower appointment. Rajamundry Jail had also been sadly neglected and was bankrupt in the Manufactory Department, and over Rs. 3,000 in debt, when Your Memorialist assumed charge of it. Peculation had been going on for a long time. The manufactory clerk, the chief offender, resigned when he found an enquiry was being made into the great losses to Government. The present Inspector General of Prisons, Mr. A. G. Cardew, I. C. S., gave Your Memorialist every assistance possible and advised Your Memorialist to apply for a further extension of service for one year, which the Government on his recommendation sanctioned and this gave Your Memorialist the chance of getting the Jail into working order. Everything connected with Jail management was much improved during the year 1894, and Rs. 19,000 on account of manufactures was sent to the Treasury, in excess of the amount drawn from the Treasury that year under the same head, a sum exceeding any previous amount remitted to the Treasury in one year since the Jail was built.

24. It will be thus seen that Your Memorialist's promotion to the high position he attained in Civil employ on a salary rising from Rs. 600 to Rs. 850 per mensem before his retirement on a well earned pension was in every instance due to

his merits, zeal, integrity and good service, and unsolicited on his part, but unfortunately Your Memorialist received promotion to a First Class Central Jail not long before his retirement and therefore benefitted but little as he draws a pension of only Rs. 283-10-7 per mensem. Probably the Government would have granted him a higher pension had he represented at the time his very long and faithful service of more than 48 years. The Government was saved a large sum during the 28 years of Your Memorialist's service in the Jail Department, and at least 60,000 Rs. in the last 8 years thereof, which may be verified from the Annual Administration and other returns submitted by him.

25. Your Memorialist has been over 48 years in India having never left it since he landed here in April 1849, and has made India his home and permanent residence. He is thus fairly entitled to be treated as an Anglo-Indian, and if, as it is said there is to be some special title of recognition or honor to be conferred on deserving Eurasians and Anglo-Indians of merit at the ensuing Commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen Empress, Your Memorialist's prayer is that Your Excellency will be pleased to take his case into Your Excellency's consideration and bestow on him such particular distinction of honor or merit, as Your Excellency may deem Your Memorialist to be worthy of, for his long and faithful services to Her Majesty and the country, or if Your Excellency feels yourself unable to grant Your Memorialist's request for such special title or honor, he begs Your Excellency will be pleased to at least grant him an increase of pension to Rs. 400, in consideration of his record service of more than one and a half the usual period of 30 years.

26. From time to time the Government has been pleased to confer various distinctive titles of merit or honor on the Natives of India, no doubt deservedly and for good and sufficient reasons, but without being egotistic Your Memorialist ventures to respectfully say that his is a record service with which perhaps no one can hardly compare, and Your Memorialist therefore hopes that his prayer will receive full and favorable consideration at Your Excellency's hands.

For this act of kindness, with many apologies for the length of this memorial and the intrusion on Your Excellency's time and notice, Your Memorialist begs leave to subscribe himself

Your Excellency's
Most obedient and faithful servant,

J. B. B. B.

Public No. 2902

To,

H.E. the Governor of Madras.

The humble Memorial of Mrs.
Grace Tynnell, late Superintendent
of the First Class Central Jail, at
Rayamondry, and now a Prisoner
of Her Majesty's Govt. of Madras
residing at No. 7, Cockburn Road,
Bangalore. -

Dated, 1st

Despatched, 3rd

Received

June 1897.

Enclosure One.

Setting forth his long and faithful
services under Govt. both in the
Army and in Civil employ, and
praying that in consideration
thereof some special recognition
may be granted him, either of title
or honor, or increase of pension, in
connection with the approaching
commemoration of the Diamond
Jubilee of Her Most Gracious
Majesty, the Queen-Empress of
India. -

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Mr. Tynnell, late of the Jail
Dept., sends in a long
memorial setting forth his
services. His request which
are contained in para 25
of the memorial are two, viz
(1) that if, as he seems to
think, some special title of
recognition or honor is to
be bestowed on persons &
high Indians in connection with
the Jubilee he should get one, &
(2) that he should be granted
a special increase of pension.

In regard to (1), there is of
course no such prospect as that
to which he refers, though he
might, if it is considered advisable,
get a public certificate. It would
be a bad precedent to have to grant
them for this asking. It is
submitted that the memorial
may be transferred to the
Pension Dept. for disposal with
reference to para 25, with the
intention that it should be

X. He cannot get that
it is intended
for him only X

little a house as this
 memorial asks for can
 be available. A copy of
 this need be sent to
 Mr. Lywell. This matter
 would then be disposed of
 as far as Public is
 concerned.

AK.
10/8/22

Yes. I am sure that
Mr. Spauldshall will come
up in the matter of the
pension through the head
of the Dept. in which
he was employed

Yes, he should. Q.W.
C. Peter Reuter para 2

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Public DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings :--

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

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Current No. *2902* of 189*7*, dated *2/8*, from

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The Provl Secy
to H. E. the Governor

~~ORDER~~

Miss

~~Mr. Sat. is unable to
comply with his request
for a special title or
honors.~~

Ex 40 W. 1102 of 20 Aug 97

Mr. Lyell will be informed that
any representation which he may
wish to make to Gov. should
be submitted through the hands
of the said Dept.

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~~My Tyrrell will be informed
- & that there is no bill
in the first case
Conf. on them.~~

His application for an
increase of pension
should be submitted
to Govt in the Pension
Dep't thro' the D. of
Prisons

Cos (Gambles)

18.8.97

At.
18/8/57

Tyrell n (9)

with a copy of para 2 (Ref: Kula
✓ with an enclosure

Notes

with reference to the note below
it is submitted that instead
of transferring the petition
to the person dept the
above draft response is more so.

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