

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
for the month of January 1860.*

No. 28. Read the following remarks of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th October 1859,
No. 4150, on the following tabular report of a lapsed poligar pension.
No 4837, from Coimbatore, 20th September 1859, No. 175.

(In Con. 28th September 1859.)

As the family left by the deceased, viz., a widow and son, are stated to have no other means of subsistence than this pension, the Board recommend that it be renewed without reduction in the name of the son Nullamoottoo Naicken.

2. The Board concur in the opinion of the Collector that poligar pensions are not strictly of a political character, and that, therefore, the present case does not fall within the scope of the orders of the Government of India, communicated in Extract Minutes Consultation, 17th February 1859, No. 222.

(By Order.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1860, No. 13.

In reporting the lapse of a poligar pension, the Collector of Coimbatūr recommended that the allowance Rupees 42-15-0 should be continued in full to the son or widow of the deceased. The Board of Revenue propose that the son should receive the pension, without reduction; and, with reference to the order of February 17th 1859 No. 222, they express their concurrence in the opinion expressed by the Collector, that poligar pensions are not strictly of a political character.

2. The pension in question was one of those bestowed on the Dindigal poligars and their families after their rebellion, as maintenance and to relieve them from the necessity of irregular means of living. It appears to Government, therefore that it is strictly of a political character.

3. The Government are not of opinion that the son is entitled to a renewal of the pension; nor do they consider that it would really be for his good to grant it. He is stated to be of adult age (20 years old) and must be well able to earn his own living. It would be no real kindness to keep him to a life of idleness by continuing this small allowance. The Government resolve however to continue two-thirds of the lapsed pension being Rupees (28-10) twenty-eight and annas ten, to the widow, for her life; to lapse entirely on her death.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Mem^t on Rev. No 1927

In 1800 g.p.
parently.

The Sec. dept. has not been able to trace the original order granting subsistence allowances to the families of the late Holgars of the Southern division of Mombaitur. The terms on which those allowances were given cannot therefore be ascertained.

Cons. 10 April 1827. No 546. It appears from the papers specified in the margin that in 1825 the Civil And. called on the Collr. of Mombaitur for a list of all such pensioners, with the authority for the payments made to them. The list was furnished, but the date of sanction could not be given. The then Collr. Mr Sullwain, stated that "after the Holgar rebellion in 1800, the families of the principal culprits were secured, and for some time kept in confinement, and a daily allowance made for their subsistence. When released this subsistence was continued to them and has been paid for 25 years. The exact authority for these allowances is not known here, as the Southern division of Mombaitur then formed part of the Collectorate of Sindigul & no separate

Letter to the Sec.
Rev. 20 July 1826.

Record

record of the transactions of that division is extant." He also mentioned that the pensions of deceased persons were continued to their widows & children.

The Civil Auditor. having objected to one item in the list, the Bd. of Rev. laid the matter before Govt. who removed the retrenchment. This order is apparently regarded (see para 1 of M.C 20 January 58 No. 132) as having confirmed the pensions then paid to the several members of the Sahis families.

A precisely similar case came before Govt in 1852. when it was held that the pension of the deceased had lapsed.

In the order of the 20th Jan. 1858 No. 132, the Govt. authorized the continuance to the two widows of a pension - during their lives, of the allowance their husband had recd. It will lapse entirely on the death of the last of them.

* Pariasami. Res. prior to fiscal 1234 - Rs 42-15. His allowance having, in that year, been increased to Rs 85-14 the Civil Auditor retrenched the diff. The Collector explained that on the death of Pariasami's mother her allowance of Rs 85-14 devolved on him & his own allow^{ce} of Rs 42-15 ceased agreeably to the prevailing custom.

Or: 10 Sept 52
No. 901.

The facts of this case, in its general features are given in the office memorandum preceding. These Pariasami were given to the subalterns & their families as maintenance & to relieve them from the necessity of irregular means of living. It appears to me, therefore, that no pension could come more exactly under the term Political and as such, half the amount might be continued by Govt. to the widows of the deceased, for her life.

But independently of that question, I would ask whether it is really for the good of the man that this pension should be continued to him. He is stated to be adult & (20 years) & to be kept in perpetual idleness by a life pension of one ^(3 1/2 Rupees.) ~~hogoda~~ anna. If however in his own country he would wholly take service as a Police or Revenue Peon, or he might take land as a Ryot; in either case becoming

a useful member of Society
 I wish if this Pension is
 now continued to the son,
 on what ground cannot it
 be stopped on his death - It
 must in existing be more
 benevolent.

It appears to me that
 a fair & proper course will
 be to give the widow
 half the Pension for her
 life -

J. A. M.
 Dec. 10

I take the same view as Mr Bowditch -
 Half the Pension should be continued to
 the widow for her life - but the son
 should earn his own bread, which in
 consequence of the great demand for
 labour he can easily
 do.

Small pensions
 should continue to
 be given to the
 widow for her
 life - but the
 son should
 earn his own
 bread -

W. M. H.
 19 Dec 59 -

The Pension is trifling, & the expense of
 living is increased, may not the entire Pension
 be continued to the widow for her life & then cease
 as in another recent instance (2 M.C. 30 Jan/58 No 132)
 The order of the Govt of India about Political pensions
 would hardly, I think, prohibit this. E. M.

No. 13

Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the 4th Jan^y 1860
 Read the following
 remarks of the Board of
 Revenue.

Submitting a Tabular re-
 port from the Coll^y of Coimbatore
 of a lapsed Poligar's pension &
 recommending that it be re-
 newed without reduction in
 the name of Hallamoottoo-
 Naiken, son of the last incum-
 bent.

(Here enter the October 1859
 No. 4150)

Letter to Board 20 Sept/59

List -

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Specimen enclosed by

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Revenue 1860 Sept 15.
No: of Govt 10. January

No 13.

Pro: of the all above Govt.
24th January 1860.

B. C. No 22-23
25-2-59

No: of the Govt of 1860 24 Aug 1860
No 1825 on No 21st 1860
N: 1671

Regarding two - three
of a late Govt. Officer. Can.
now at Government to
the Revenue of the Govt
in which, find further
after.

No 28-29