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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 3rd October 1860.

No. 58. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 26th September 1860, No. 3,463 :—

Communicating, with observations, a correspondence relative to the Civil Authorities taking charge of the payment of Pensioners. } (Vide Military Proceedings 26th September 1860, Nos. .)

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1860, No. 1,780.

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Nellore, with reference to his letter of the 25th August.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Collector of Nellore, 25th August 1860, *No.* 17 ; *to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.*

With reference to the notification published at page 321 of the Gazette of the 21st instant, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me, whether these orders do away with the necessity for the Superintendent of Pensions notifying to the Civil authorities that they are to take charge of the payment of Pensioners, as laid down in the Order of Government, dated 4th August 1860, No. 2835, Military Department.

2. I ask the question as I am informed by Lieutenant Hay, at present in charge of the Pensioners here, that he has been directed from Head Quarters to hand over charge to me. But I have not yet received any notification on the subject from the Superintendent of Pensions, and consequently declined, pending its receipt, to take charge.

Referred to the Superintendent of Pensions for explanation, with reference to Orders of Government, 4th August, No. 2835, para. 2, and 17th August 1860, No. 2984, para. 2.

7th September 1860.

From the Superintendent of Pensions, Fort Saint George, 7th September 1860, *No.* 2484 ; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

I have the honor to return lettter No. 17, dated 25th August 1860, from the Collector of Nellore to the Chief Secretary to Government, referred to me for explanation.

2. I beg to state that, on the 27th August I received a letter from the Collector of Nellore, stating that Lieutenant Hay, *under instructions from the Acting Deputy Assistant Adjutant General Centre Division*, had requested him to take charge of the Pensioners, &c., but that he could not do so without further instructions.

3. I, therefore, wrote on the same day to the Collector to take charge, as well as to Lieutenant Hay, requesting him to give over charge.

4. Mr. Dykes' letter to me was dated 21st August, and his letter to the Chief Secretary to Government 25th August, so he did not wait for my reply.

5. I do not wish to comment on the orders stated to have been issued by the Acting Deputy Assistant Adjutant General Centre Division, and which usually emanate from this Office, but I may be allowed to remark that, this is not the first instance, of late, that an Officer while discharging duties connected with this Office, has been removed without any kind of intimation being made to the head of it.

Referred for the observations of the Commander-in-Chief, (Adjutant General's Department) with advertence to the remarks in the concluding para. of this letter.

10th September 1860.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 17th September 1860, *No.* 859 ; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

With reference to the remark as per margin, in the referred letter from the Superintendent of Pensions, dated 7th instant, No. 3484, I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to state, that the Officer Commanding Centre Division reports, that he did not communicate with the Superintendent of Pensions when ordering Lieutenant Hay, 44th Regiment Native Infantry, to rejoin his Regiment from Nellore—Major General McCleverty's letter on the subject is enclosed.

"This is not the first instance of late that an Officer while discharging "duties connected with this Office, has been removed without any "kind of intimation being made to the Head of it."

Adverting to the communication from his Office, quoted by the Major General, I am to state, that in that letter the recall of the Effective Officer from *Ongole* instead of from *Nellore*, was by a clerical error originally ordered. A copy of the original letter was furnished to the Superintendent of Pensions, but a copy of the Memorandum to the Officer Commanding Centre Division ordering it to be corrected to Nellore, was omitted to be sent to Captain Roberts. That Officer was, however, quite aware that at *Ongole* there was no Effective Officer to be recalled as will be seen by his letter to Government, dated 18th July 1860 No. 1621, representing the withdrawal of Lieutenant Blair, 18th Regiment Native Infantry, from that Station unknown to him.

Recorded in Proceedings of Government, dated 4th August 1860, No. 2835.

From the Officer Commanding Centre Division, Madras, 14th September 1860, No. 266; to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 5736, dated 11th September 1860, with copy of letter and Order of Government, which, as requested, I return.

In reply, I have to state that I merely carried out the instructions contained in your letter No. 5096, of the 13th ultimo, in which I was directed to recall the effective Officer recently detached to Nellore; I did not conceive that the duty devolved on the Divisional authorities to give intimation of the recall to the Superintendent of Pensioners, nor was it incumbent on me to initiate an unnecessary correspondence with the head of that Department without authority, especially, as, in your letter, I was referred to a decision of Government, the apparent object of which was, not to withdraw Officers from their Regiments merely to perform duties incommensurate with great inconvenience to the service. The Orders of Government were simple, as laid down in the Pay and Audit Regulations—Lieutenant Hay was, therefore, informed that he was under instructions from the Adjutant General, to rejoin his Regiment after making over charge to the Civil authorities, and to report his having done so to the Superintendent of Pensioners.

ORDER, No. 3463, *26th September* 1860.

Ordered that the foregoing correspondence be communicated to the Revenue Department.

2. The Governor in Council is of opinion, that the submission of this subject to Government might have been avoided by departmental intercommunication—Mr. Dykes also appears to have applied to Government, before he could receive a reply to his letter to the Superintendent of Pensions.

(True Extract.)

Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department. With 10 Spare Copies
„ Collector of Nellore.
„ Adjutant General.
„ Superintendent of Pensions.
„ Military Auditor General.
„ Accountant General.

Exd. G. Rodrigues.

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No. 3463

Communicating with observations & Correspondence relative to the Civil Authorities taking charge of the payment of Pensioners.

No 58859.

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Withdrawn Order

No. 1780.

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Chittoor, with reference to his letter of the 25th August.

C Jenkins

Sub.t Sec.y Govt
3d October 1860.

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