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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 13th December 1860.

No. 210. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th November 1860, No. 5,158:—

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 8th October 1860, No. 188.

SIR,

1. Referring to the orders* of Government embodied in the Board's Circular Proceedings, dated 20th August 1860, No. 3,813, I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Board, the absolute necessity which exists for the employment of an extra English writer in my Office, for the additional duties entailed on it.

* *Dated 4th August* 1860, *No.* 2,835.

2. Under the orders quoted above, the Military Pensioners and holders of Family Certificates should be mustered and paid by the local and village authorities on my responsibility. But the business of mustering and paying the parties does not constitute the whole duty to be performed. In fact, it is, comparatively speaking, the easiest and simplest part of the work. There are other duties in connection with this matter, which it is quite beyond the power of the native, local or village officials to do.

Muster Rolls, Pension Abstracts and other Returns have to be prepared, and submitted in due form to the proper authorities.

References have occasionally to be made to the Officers Commanding the several Native Regiments to which the Pensioners belong, and in short, frequent correspondence arises in respect to them, with the Paymaster of the Division, and the Superintendent of Pensions.

As regards Family payments, the course to be observed, involve, I find, much care and trouble.

3. All these duties necessarily devolve on my Office Establishment.

The hands provided by Mr. Pelly's scale recently introduced have much more to do than they can well perform, and in such dilemma, the imposition on them of these additional duties, tends greatly to retard the general business of the Department, inasmuch as they are so onerous and irksome as to engross the whole time and attention of an active Clerk.

4. While the Pensioners were in charge of the Military Commanding Officers, the duties in question were conducted by the Garrison writers of their respective stations, viz., Tellicherry, Manantoddy, Palghaut and Cochin. But when the Military Officers were withdrawn, the charge of Pensioners and Family payments at all these stations, with the records relating to them, has been transferred to my Department, but without a single writer to conduct the heavy duties which such transfer entails on my Establishment.

Madras and Bombay Pensioners at Palghaut...	75
Family payments ,, ...	10
Madras and Bombay Pensioners at Tellicherry..	7
Madras, Bombay, Ceylon, and Lord Clive's Pensioners at Cochin	9
Family payments at Cochin	2
Madras Pensioners at Manantoddy	9
	112

5. The number of Pensioners and holders of Family Certificates at the four stations named above, amounts, as shown in the margin, to 112, and this will be increased, if the charge of Pensioners, &c., at this place, now paid by the Officer Commanding, be also transferred to me on the withdrawal of the whole Native detachment located here.

6. Under the foregoing circumstances, I feel constrained to lay the matter before the Board, and to solicit that it may be submitted to Government, and their sanction obtained, at an early date, for the employment of an English writer in my Office on a pay of 20* Rupees per mensem, for the business connected with the Military Pensioners.

* *The lowest salary for which a writer possessing experience of the business can be obtained.*

7. Mr. Pelly, in framing the new scale of Establishment, did not apparently anticipate the present change. In alluding to the preparation of Returns of Military Pensioners, among other duties, assigned to one of the Clerks, he meant, as I have reason to believe, the Pensioners in charge of Public Bungalows only, who are few in number in the District, and regarding whom there is but little correspondence carried on. But the transfer of the charge of all the Pensioners and holders of Family Certificates residing in the Province, to the Civil authorities, brings with it an amount of work too great to be performed by any writer, together with his other duties.

8. At Palghaut the Pensioners, &c., it will be observed, number 85. The duty of mustering and paying them monthly, I would assign to my Sub-Collector, or, in his absence, to the Tahsíldár of the Táluq. A similar course will be observed in reference to the other stations. But the "Public Muster," which should take place once every four months under the existing Rules, I will have conducted by my European subordinates, and all other duties connected with the Pensioners will be done in my Office, for which the Clerk now applied for is indispensable.

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1. Submitted for the orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. The Board are satisfied from the Collector's account of the nature of the duties that will devolve on his office by the transfer of the payment of Military Pensioners and holders of Family Certificates to the Civil authorities, that an additional Clerk will be absolutely required to prepare the Muster Rolls, Pension Abstracts and other Returns of the Pensioners and Certificate holders, amounting to 112 individuals, and for assisting in the correspondence that will necessarily arise with Commanding Officers, Paymasters, and the Superintendent of Pensions.

3. These duties having been managed formerly by four Garrison Clerks, the Board have no doubt that they will furnish full occupation for one Clerk on 20 Rupees, and they, therefore, recommend that sanction be granted for the employment of the Clerk required by the Collector.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 211. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1860, No. 2,391.

The Board of Revenue will be informed that the regulated allowance provided for in paragraph 3, page 394, Pay Code, for the payment of Pensioners and Family Certificate holders is available for all Civil officials who may be placed in charge of such payments. A copy of an order to this effect in the Military Department, dated 27th September 1859, will now be furnished to the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

PROC[illegible] OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Memorandum from the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 30th July 1860, No. 456; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In submitting the within letter from the Officer Commanding Southern Division, the Commander-in-Chief has the honor to state, that it has been intimated to Major General Budd, that as Captain Short is a Veteran Officer, there is no objection to his services being retained at Salem, as a temporary measure, for the payment of the Pensioners at that station.

2. With reference however to the question [illegible] Effective Officer being employed at Paulautcherry, solely for the purpose of dissing pay to 50 Pensioners, His Excelcy begs to repeat his *recommendation at at every station other than a Military one, Pensioners may henceforward be paid by the Civil Authorities as has already been ordered in the Coimbatore, Madura and Tanjore Districts, under the decision of Government, dated 11th May 1860, No. 1769.

**Vide letter No. 684, dated 23rd July 1860, Adjutant General of the Army.*

From the Officer Commanding Southern Division, Trichinopoly, 23rd July 1860, No. 228; to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George.

Adverting to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, and order upon No. 1769, of the 11th May 1860, I beg to point out, that no provision has been made for the payment of Military Pensioners in Malabar, so that an Officer of the 2nd European Light Infantry is detained at Paulghaut, with no other duty than the payment of the very small number of Pensioners at that station—Salem too is omitted, and if it be not the intention to hand over the payment to the Civil Authority, I beg to recommend that Captain Short of the Veterans, may be detained there for the performance of this duty.

About 50 only.

Memorandum from the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 10th August 1860, No. 482; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In continuation of Memorandum No. 456, dated 30th July 1860, the Commander-in-Chief has the honor to submit further communications from the Officers Commanding Southern Division, and Malabar and Canara, respecting the payment of Pensioners residing at the stations named in the margin, and to beg that orders may be passed in the Civil Department, to disburse the pay of all Pensioners residing at stations where there are no Military Detachments, in order to avert the distress and inconvenience to which these old Soldiers are now subjected, as brought to notice by Brigadier Fitzgerald.

Cochin, 8 Pensioners.
Manantoddy, Trichinopoly, } Pensioners, about 25.

2. Lieutenant General Sir Patrick Grant cannot suppose for a moment, that it is the wish of Government that European Officers should be withdrawn from their Regiments solely for the purpose of disbursing the Pensions of the few men mentioned as residing at the stations to which the correspondence now forwarded has reference.

His Excellency has intimated his approval of the steps taken by Brigadier Fitzgerald on the present occasion.

From the Officer Commanding Southern Division, Trichinopoly, 2nd August 1860, No. 236; to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George.

In continuation of my letter of the 23rd ultimo, number and subject as per margin, I beg to report that the Detachment of the 45th Regiment Native Infantry at Cochin, will shortly be withdrawn, but the European Officer will necessarily be detained there, for the payment of only 8 Pensioners or thereabouts, until arrangements are ordered.

No. 228.

Bringing to notice that no arrangement had been made for the payment of Pensioners, &c, by the Civil Authority in Malabar.

From the Officer Commanding Cannanore, ... eneral of the Army, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to report for the information of His Ex... the Commander-in-Chief, that on the Detachments being withdrawn from Manantoddy *(a)* and Tellicherry, *(b)* ...rected that all documents connected in any way ...th the Pensioners or Holders of Family C... ...if... at those stations, should be made over to the Civil Authorities, leaving them to be paid by them, as fully provided for in the Regulation as per margin,* as the Pensioners were very few in number; I had no reason to anticipate any difficulty would be experienced in the payment of Pensioners residing at villages remote from Military stations, being ... circumstance

(a) 25th Nov... ...er 18
(b) 28th May 1860.

* *Para. 9, Section XVI, Page 295, of the Pay and Audit Regulations.*

2. Subsequent to the above dates, various letters were received from Pensioners at Manantoddy, complaining of the non-receipt of their Pensions, all of which were forwarded on to the Collector of Malabar, and with the last one received, a letter was addressed† to that functionary, pointing out what I considered ought to be done in the case of the Manantoddy Pensioners, whose tickets it appears were not for ...g— In reply ‡ to this, the Collector Mr. Gran... ...ed that under the orders of Governmen..., ...he Proceedings of the Board of Revenue as per margin,§ the payment of Pensioners in Ma... was to bemade by the Military Authorities—in ... subsequent letter || transmitting the said orders of Government on my application, the Collector suggested that I should furnish him with a Paymaster's draft for the whole amount to be disbursed, accompanied by a list exhibiting the names of the parties and the places of their residence, as well as the sums due to each individual, and that he would have them paid from the Talook Treasuries, and their receipt if required, obtained and forwarded.

† *No.* 501, *7th July* 1860.

‡ *No.* 2202, *14th July* 1860.

§ *No.* 1769, *11th May* 1860.
No. 3142, *7th July* 1860.

‖ *No.* 3015, *24th July* 1860.

3. This arrangement is altogether so opposed to the Government orders and the Regulations of the Pension Department at present in force regarding Pensioners, that I could not possibly give my consent to it; and if I had, objection would certainly be taken to it by the Pay Department consequent on the absence every Muster, of the requisite Presence Certificate—I have therefore thought it advisable on emergency, pending further orders, and to obviate all further delay, at once to detach two Officers** to the stations above named, for the purpose of drawing and settling all arrears, as well as drawing their Pension as it falls due—these poor people have already I am afraid, suffered much inconvenience if not hardship; those at Manantoddy not having received their Pension since October, and those at Tellicherry since April last. It may be necessary here to remark, that at Out-posts, Officers Commanding, in charge of the payment of Pensions and Family Certificates, are not as regards this duty at all under my control; these duties are performed in direct communication with the Superintendent of Pensions.

** *Lieutenant Burnside, 3rd Regiment Light Infantry, to Manantoddy.*
Lieut. Clubley, 18th Regt. N. I. to Tellicherry.

4. In conclusion, I trust His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be pleased to approve of, and sanction the orders I have given as above, at the same time I respectfully beg to solicit, if His Excellency deem fit, he will take such steps as he may deem necessary, to obviate the necessity of two European Officers being detached from their duty for the payment of about 25 Pensioners.

Copy of the Provincial Orders referred to above, accompany this communication.

P. O. By Brigadier Fitzgerald, Commanding Malabar and Canara, Cannanore, 28th July 1860.

Pending further orders, and subject to the approval of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the Officers Commanding 3rd Regiment Light Infantry, and 18th Regiment Native Infantry, will be pleased to detach to Tellicherry and Manantoddy the Officers named in the margin, who will, on arrival, take charge of the Pensioners at those stations, drawing for them all arrears of pay and compensation for Rice that may be due.

Lieutenant Burnside, 3rd Regiment L. I., to Manantoddy.
" Clubley, 18th ...iment N. I., to Tellicherry.

If either or both of those Officers are in charge of Companies, the Officers Commanding the above Corps, will be pleased to arrange for the charge of the Companies to which they belong, as laid down in paras. 33 and 34, Section XI of the Standing Orders for Native Infantry, head "Interior economy of Companies."

P. O. By Brigadier Fitzgerald, Commanding Malabar and Canara, Cannanore, 30th July 1860.

II. The following addition to be made to P. O. No. I, of the 28th instant.

"As corrected by G. O. G. No. 214 of 20th November 1849, and G. O. C. C. No. ... of "11th January 1853."

III. With reference to the short distance Tellicherry is from Cannanore, viz. 12 miles from the Officers' lines, Lieutenant Clubley will only remain at that station so long each month, as may be absolutely necessary to perform the duty for which he is detailed.

ORDER, No. 2984, *17th August* 1860.

The retention of Captain Short's services for the payment of Pensioners at Salem until further orders, is approved.

2. The Governor in Council defers passing orders on the general question of the payment of Pensioners at stations other than Military, submitted in para. 2 of the Adjutant General's Memo. of 30th July, pending receipt of the report called for in para. 5 of order of Government, No. 1769, dated 11th May 1860.

3. Meanwhile, the Pensioners at Palghaut, Cochin, and at all other stations similarly situated, will be paid under the provisions of para. 1, Head "Muster and Muster Rolls," Section 16, Page 292, Pay and Audit Regulations, and under detailed instructions which will be furnished by the Superintendent of Pensions to the Civil Authorities concerned.

4. The arrangement ordered in the preceding para. will be notified in the Gazette.

Notification by Government. | Here enter 21st August 1860.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.
" Superintendent of Pensions.
" Revenue Department
" Military Auditor General.

Exd. J. Davis.

Mad Govt
No 2984
17th Aug 1860

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters:—

From the Superintendent of Pensions, Fort Saint George, 18th July 1860, *No.* 1621; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government, that Lieutenant Blair, 18th Regiment N. I. who I supposed to be in charge of Pensioners and Family Payments at Ongole, called at my Office yesterday, and informed me that, under orders from the Officer Commanding the Centre Division, he had quitted the above Station on the 29th ultimo, and given over whatever money remained in his hands, to the Tahsildar appointed by the Collector of the District to receive it.

2. The Tahsildar has not furnished me with any receipt for the same, nor indeed have I had any information beyond what the above mentioned Officer communicated.

3. The Tahsildar is not reported to have taken charge of the Office, Records &c., but simply of the money; consequently, no payment appears to have been made to the Pensioners or Family Certificate holders since April.

4. I have therefore the honor to request that, should no Officer be available at once for the duty, orders may be issued to the Civil authorities to make the payments which are now due, (for the months of May and June) and to conduct the duties in the usual manner.

5. The number of Pensioners and holders of Family Certificates is 212, and the amount paid to them monthly, Rupees 1,223-1-6.

Referred for the observations of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

19*th July* 1860.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 23rd July 1860, *No.* 684; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

Bringing to notice that Lieut. Blair, 18th N. I. in charge of Pensions and Holders of Family Certificates at Ongole, had quitted that Station, giving over the money he had, to the Tahsildar appointed by the Collector of the District, and requesting Government will issue Orders to the Civil authorities to make the payments due for May and June.

In acknowledging the receipt of letter from the Superintendent of Pensions, Fort Saint George, dated 18th instant, No. 1621, referred for the observations of the Commander-in-Chief, under date the 19th idem, I have the honor, by order, to inform you, that on the withdrawal of the Detachment at Ongole, the Officer Commanding the Centre Division, under a misapprehension, directed Lieutenant Blair, who belongs to a Regiment now stationed at Cannanore, to hand over charge of the Pension Department to the Civil authorities:—and the omission to report this was, Major General McCleverty regrets to say, an oversight.

2. I am to add, that Sir Patrick Grant thinks it highly undesirable that Effective Officers should be withdrawn from their Regiments for the mere payment of Pensioners: and as there are no Invalid Officers at present available, His Excellency hopes that the Civil Officers may be generally charged with the duty of paying Pensioners.

ORDER, No. 2835, *4th August* 1860.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Adjutant General of the Army be communicated to the Superintendent of Pensions.

2. The Governor in Council observes that, under Section 16, page 292, of the Pay and Audit Regulations, para 1, Head "Muster and Muster Rolls," no special order appears necessary for the payment of the Pensioners at Ongole by the Civil authorities; all that appears requisite is, for the Superintendent of Pensions to notify to the authorities in question, that no Military Officer being available for the duty in question, it consequently devolves on them under the orders above referred to, and furnish them with the detailed instructions &c., necessary for their guidance.

3. A copy of these Proceedings will also be furnished through the Revenue Department to the Board of Revenue, with a view to their causing the same course to be pursued generally, under similar circumstances, without awaiting the issue of a special order of Government on each case.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Pensions.
" Adjutant General.
" Revenue Department.
" Military Auditor General.

Ezd. J. Davis.

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Submitting a letter from the Collector of Malabar reporting on the absolute necessity of employing an Extra English writer in his Office for the additional duties entailed on it by the transfer of the payment of Military Pensioners and holders of Family Certificates and recommending that sanction be granted for the entertainment of the Clerk required by the Collector.

No 210 & 211.

No 2391.

The Board of Revenue will be informed that the regulated allowances provided for in para 3 page 394 Pay Code for the payment of Pensioners and Family Certificate Holders is available for all Civil Officials who may be placed in charge of such payments—

A copy of Govt order to this effect in the Mil. Dept. dated 27th September 1859 will now be furnished to the Board of Revenue—

Fort St. Geo. 13th Dec. 1860

12 Copies & Rd of Govt with Order