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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 84. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 2nd May 1860, No. 2,138:—

With reference to the Proceedings of Government noted in the margin, communicating letters from the Adjutant General of the Army, reporting that compensation for Rice is not generally issued to the Pensioned Sepoys in charge of Public Bungalows in the Southern Division of the Presidency, although the current prices of grain have been such as to entitle them to it; I am directed by the Board of Revenue to state that, from the replies* of the Collectors concerned, to two Circulars† from this Office on the subject, it appears that the Order of Government (paragraph 6, G. O. G. 19th October 1855) providing compensation when the price of Rice exceeds one Rupee for 8¾ measures has not been overlooked in any of those Districts, though some delay has occurred in the payments in Tanjore, Madura and Salem.

Revenue Department, No. 632, dated 7th, in Con., 10th May 1859, No. 2,116.
Revenue Department, No. 1,660, dated 8th, in Con., 10th Decr. 1859, No. 6,127.

* *Trichinopoly, dated 22nd, in Con. 24th Decr.* 1859, *No.* 6,440.
Tinnevelly, dated 12th, in Con. 17th Jany. 1860, *No.* 227.
Coimbatore, dated 19th, in Con. 26th March 1860, *No.* 1,393.
Tanjore, dated 31st May, in Con. 3rd June 1859, *No.* 2,545.
Tanjore, dated 29th Decr. 1859, *in Con. 3rd Jany.* 1860, *No.* 15.
Madura, dated 20th Decr. 1859, *in Con. 3rd Jany.* 1860, *No* 7.
Salem, dated 2nd, in Con. 5th April 1860, *No.* 1,551.

† *No.* 1,744, *dated 13th May* 1859.
„ 5,201, „ *15th Decr.* „

2. In Tanjore the Pensioners in charge of Public Bungalows have been duly paid, but from a misapprehension of the scope of the Rule, not those of the same class in other civil employ. The Board have, however, learnt from the Military Auditor General that Bills since submitted by the Collector for Pensioners previously omitted have been returned to him, and it is presumed have been discharged by this time.

Letter, dated 16th, in Con. 16th Feby. 1860, *No.* 723.

3. In Madura the delay was owing to the non-receipt by the Collector of the Bills forwarded for counter-signature to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly, who referred the matter to the Military Auditor General. The Bills have been since passed by the Civil Auditor and the amount disbursed.

4. From a Memorandum of the Officiating Collector of Salem to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly, dated 10th March 1860, copy of which is in the Collector's letter enclosed, it appears that compensation for twenty-two months commencing from October 1855, has been due to certain Pensioned Sepoys in the District; that on their personally applying for it in 1858, to Mr. Brett the Collector; the necessary abstracts were forwarded to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly on the 30th June of the same year from which date a correspondence was maintained on the subject between the last-mentioned Officer, the Collector's Office, and the Civil Auditor until the 21st January 1860, when the abstracts were returned to the Collector audited for payment.

Dated 2nd, in Con. 5th April 1860, *No.* 1,551.

5. Mr. Knox states that since the receipt of the abstracts, he has experienced considerable difficulty in apportioning the amount due to each Sepoy, but hopes to make the payments in a few days.

6. The Board have instructed all Collectors to submit monthly Bills direct to the Civil Auditor for compensation, whenever it may be due, and have also circulated (*vide* Circular, No. 956, dated 23rd February 1860), the reply of the Military Auditor General to a reference from this Office as to what Pensioners employed in the

Circular, No. 1,744, *dated 13th May* 1859.

Civil Departments are entitled to such compensation. They, therefore, hope that no delay will occur in future in adjusting these claims.

No. 85. ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1860, No. 856.

Communicated to the Military Department with reference to the Orders in that Department, 28th April 1859, No. 1,538, and 1st December 1859.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

IN CON. 17TH JANUARY 1860, No. 227.

From J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of TINNEVELLY,
dated Tinnevelly, 12th January 1860, No. 11.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings under date the 15th December 1859, requesting Collectors to explain why the compensation allowance in lieu of rice to pensioned sepoys in charge of public bungalows was not issued to them as directed in the Board's Circular, dated 13th May 1859, I have the honor to state that in this district the compensation has been punctually paid to the military pensioners, whenever rice was sold at an enhanced price, on bills duly passed by the Civil Auditor as directed in the Board's Circular of 13th May.

2. Even prior to the receipt of the above Circular, the compensation was regularly paid every month on receiving drafts in duplicate from the Military Pay Master at Trichinopoly.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Circular No. 2. inviting attention to the letter from the Board to the Govt. dated 20 May 1856 No. 2138.

Dy 992/60.

Letter from the Collr of Tinnevelly to the Secy to the Board of Revenue dated 12 Jany 1860 No 11 regarding compensation allowance to Pensioned Sepoys.

Rd 20 Jany 1860

In Con. 3rd January 1860, No. 7.

From T. CLARKE, Esq., Collector of MADURA,
dated Madura, 29th December 1859, No. 257.

In acknowledging the receipt of the Board's Proceedings of the 15th instant, No. 5210, requesting me to explain, with reference to the current prices of grain in this district, why compensation has not been paid to pensioned sepoys in charge of public bungalows, I have the honor to report that on the sepoys attached to the bungalows in this district applying for the compensation in question, bills were on the 30th September 1858 submitted to the Military Pay Master at Trichinopoly for approval and counter-signature, and that officer intimated to me that he has referred the case to the Military Auditor General, and that in the meantime on the receipt of your Circular No. 1744, dated 13th May 1859, I re-called the bills for submission to the Civil Auditor, to whom they were sent on the 10th October and 7th November 1859, and were received back audited on the 17th October and 15th November 1859. Compensation has been disbursed to the pensioned sepoys in this district from January to December 1858, and for January, February, July and August 1859, and they will draw this compensation when the price of rice exceeds one Rupee for 8¾ measures.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Enclosure No 8 in letter
from the Secy to the Board
of Rev to the Govt dated 20th May 1859
No 2138

Rec'd 3rd June 1859

Letter from the Collr
of Tanjore to the Secy
to the Board of Rev dated
31st May 1859 No 118
Regarding compensation
to Pensioned Sepoys

Read
Order 25th inst

In Con. 3rd June 1859, No. 2545.

From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of TANJORE,

dated Tranquebar, 31st May 1859, No. 118.

In acknowledging the receipt of Extract from the Board's Proceedings of the 13th instant, No. 1744, I have the honor to request you will be so good as to inform me of the wishes of the Board as to whether the order of Government is to have retrospective effect. If it be not so intended, I shall be obliged by your informing me of the date from which the compensation sanctioned for the pensioned sepoys in civil employ, may be given.

2. The accounts of compensation due to these sepoys from September to December 1854, and for November and December 1855, were forwarded for audit through the Military authorities of the Division but have not as yet been returned.

In Con. 3rd January 1860, No. 15.

From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of TANJORE,
dated Vallam, 29th December 1859, No. 301.

I have had the honor to receive the Board's Proceedings of the 15th instant, No. 5210, calling for explanation as to why compensation has not been issued to the pensioned sepoys in civil employ.

2. On reference to my letter of the 31st May last, No. 118, the Board will find that the accounts of compensation due to these sepoys from September to December 1854 and for November and December 1855, have been already forwarded for audit through the Military authorities. These, however, have not as yet been returned for payment, and I have this day brought the circumstance to the notice of the General Commanding the Division, on the receipt of whose reply no time will be lost in giving effect to the orders of Government. Bills for the subsequent period are also under preparation.

3. I take this opportunity of requesting the orders of the Board whether the compensation in question is to be allowed to the pensioned sepoys in charge of talúq treasuries as well as to those in charge of public bungalows. The order of Government, dated 12th April 1859, No. 1406, confines the indulgence to only the latter class of pensioners, but the Board's Proceedings of the 13th May last, No. 1744, which accompanied the above order of Government, clearly extend the indulgence in question to the pensioned sepoys in charge of talúq treasuries also.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

In Con. 26th March 1860, No. 1,393.

From E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of COIMBATORE,
dated Coimbatore, 19th March 1860, No. 33.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings of the 15th December 1859, No. 5,210.

2. In reply I beg to state that in Caroor, Cheyoor and Adyoor taluqs, the price of the 3rd sort country rice did not exceed one Rupee for the prescribed standard of $8\frac{3}{4}$ measures in certain months, and consequently the pensioned sepoys employed in the public bungalows in those taluqs, have had no compensation issued to them during that period. The complaint, if any, of the non-issue of the rice money should therefore, I think, have emanated from them through ignorance. In all other places compensation is issued from October 1859.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Enclosure No 3. in a letter
from the Secy to the Bd of Revr
to the Secy to Govt N.W.P.
dated 2nd May 1860 No 2138

Rd 9th/60.

Letter from the Collr
of Cawnpore to the Secy
of the Board of Revr dated
19th March 1860 No 33, regarding
rice to pensioned Sepoys &c.

Ansd
Lett 25th/April/60

Rd 26th May /60
O No 856
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10th May 59 No 37 & 38.
10th Dec. " " " 61 & 62

Rec'd 1st June to 31st May
Rec'd 1860 Dept

No 992

From
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To
The Secretary to Govt
Rev Department

Dated 23
Desp'd 11 } May 1860
Rec'd 12

E.S. No 1 to 108 Ol. letters
9 Encls Returns No 2138 15th Oct 1860.

Submitting with the Board's remarks reports of General Colln furnishing the information required by Govt on the subject of Compensation for rice issued to the Peasantry Sepoys in charge of Public Bungalows in the Southern Division of the Presidency

No 856. 26th May
With an order

No 856

Communicated to the Military Department with reference to the orders in that dept: 28th April 1859 No 1538 - and 1st Decr: 1859 No -

Agreed

Fort St. Geo:
26th May 1860.

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