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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th June 1862.*

No. 360. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 21st June 1862, No. 2,217:—

Passing orders on Board's Proceedings, submitting letter from Ganjam Collector, complaining of the inadequate aid afforded to the Officers charged with the payment of pensions } Vide Military Proceedings 21st June 1862, Nos. 364, 365.

No. 361. ORDER THEREON, 24th June 1862, No. 1,388.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to G. O. 11th June 1862, No. 3,084.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following :—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue.

Forwarding, with remarks, copy of a letter from the
Collector of Ganjam, on the inadequate aid
afforded to the Officers charged with the pay-
ment of pensions. } Here enter 11th May 1862, No. 3084.

ORDER THEREON, 11th June 1862, No. 1288.

1. With these Proceedings the Board of Revenue submit a letter from the Collector of Ganjam, complaining of the insufficient number of servants allowed by the Controller of Military Finance for the payment of Military Pensioners, and again urging the impossibility of the Revenue Officers paying the Pensioners without detriment to their other work. The Board, in submitting the Collector's letter, add their own assurance that no Tahsildar can pay so large a number of Pensioners as reside at Chicacole "without serious interruption to his other and more important duties."
2. The Government have been led by these representations as well as those previously urged by the Collectors of North Arcot, Madras and other Districts, to re-consider the question of transferring the duty of disbursing Military Pensions, Family Payments and the like to the Civil Department.
3. From Colonel Pritchard's report prefixed to their Order in the Military Department, dated 27th November 1861, No. 4306, the Government observe that that Officer, who was specially deputed to enquire into the system of paying Military Pensioners, proposed, among other things, that the Presidency should be divided into eight Circles, each Circle having a separate Officer over it, with from Rupees 275 to Rupees 425 monthly, Staff and Office allowance. The total expense for these Circles and two more beyond the Frontier is given as 57,000 per annum. The then Controller of Finance and the Superintendent of Pensions concurred generally in Colonel Pritchard's views, and the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Patrick Grant, considered his system "to be most excellent in almost every particular," and felt sure that if introduced it would "prove one of the greatest boons ever conferred upon the Madras Army."
4. It is clear from this proposal that the work of paying Military Pensioners must at many stations be a very onerous duty, or so large a Staff would not have been recommended and approved. This is further shown by the reports of the Civil Officers on whom the duty has devolved. The Collector of Ganjam in his letter to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th April 1862, No. 80, states that his Principal Assistant, an Officer on 1,200 Rupees per mensem, with large Judicial as well as Revenue and Magisterial functions was obliged, during the month he had charge of the Chicacole Pensioners, to give up all Judicial work for a week. Mr. Hooper, the Principal Assistant in the same District says, that Captain Miller, the Officer previously in charge of the Pensioners was occupied for ten days in each month in merely paying the 1,700 persons at Chicacole, the disbursements being Rupees 12,000 monthly. The late Collector of Madras, Mr. Reade, points out in his letter, dated 6th January 1862, the impossibility of his paying the 2,000 Pensioners at the Mount, Palaveram and Poonamallee. His Treasury Deputy, he says, in the past year, besides his Treasury work settled 209 ordinary Magisterial, 6 Sessions and 795 Breach of Contract cases. This Officer gets 500 Rupees monthly and has now to go every month to the Mount to pay Pensioners. The Collector of North Arcot, Mr. Robinson, with 8,000 Pensioners in his District writes in the same strain. His Sub-Collector, on 1,200, and his Head Assistant on 700 Rupees monthly, are employed mustering Pensioners, and "the more important interests of the Divisions under their charge cannot but suffer to a very material extent." The Collector of Vizagapatam says, the simple identification and paying of the 2,300 Pensioners at that place will occupy his Treasury Deputy a full week in every month, and that Captain

Shortland informed him that the pension work in Vizianagram took him 15 days in each month. Recently also the Government have received a representation from the Assistant Adjutant General at Nagpore of the "excessive correspondence" and the "heavy pecuniary responsibility" connected with the payment of only 656 Pensioners.

5. The Government are now satisfied that at Stations where the Pensioners are numerous, the Civil Department cannot undertake the duty of paying them without serious prejudice to other more important work. It is evidently false economy to occupy the valuable time of highly paid Officers discharging onerous and important functions with duties of this nature. The week which the Principal Assistant in Ganjam was obliged to devote to this duty cost the Government more than 300 Rupees, and the people lost the services of their only Resident Judge. It is obvious that any saving which may be effected in the Military Budget by the transfer of pension payments under such circumstances is only apparent. The position of Tahsildars has, it is true, been much improved of late, but this has been effected by doubling the extent of their ranges. Each new Taluq has been formed by the union of two old Taluqs, and the Tahsildar's establishments have been reduced to the smallest number sufficient for their regular duties. The new Criminal Codes have added greatly to the Tahsildar's duties, and the charge of the Marámut Department will also shortly devolve on them. It is quite impossible, therefore, to expect them to undertake the duty of paying large bodies of Military Pensioners.

6. In like manner the Deputy Collectors in charge of Treasuries are fully occupied, not only with their Ordinary Treasury and account duties but as Magisterial Officers. Lastly, there is not a District in the Presidency which at present has its full Staff of Covenanted Officers.

Payees.	
* Tanjore.....	1,261 at 4 Stations.
Madura.....	1,091 at 3 "
Coimbatore.....	39 "
Palghat.....	84
Sedashghur.....	29
Tellicherry.....	8
Honore.....	15
Nellore.....	491
Ongole.....	207
Palcondah.....	220
Outacamund.....	12
Ghooty.....	28

	No. of persons paid monthly.
† Chicacole.....	2,141
Vizagapatam.....	2,243
Vizianagram.....	1,065
Rajahmundry.....	1,268
Ellore.....	2,380
Samulcottah.....	1,147
Masulipatam.....	1,881
Arcot.....	1,353
Arnee.....	1,144
Vellore.....	4,699
Trichinopoly.....	2,531
Mount.....	1,477
Berhampore.....	1,331
Bellary.....	893

conveniently grouped together, and if better arrangements are not practicable it will evidently be more economical to take advantage of the services of unemployed members of the Staff Corps Civil Officers. The necessary arrangements will be considered in the Military Department, whence orders will issue for relieving the Civil authorities at the excepted stations as soon as possible.

(True Extract.)

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

ORDER, No. 2217, 21st June 1862.

In accordance with the Order passed in the foregoing Proceedings of Government in the

* Chicacole. Arcot.
Vizagapatam. Arnee.
Vizianagram. Trichinopoly.
Rajahmundry. Mount.
Ellore. Berhampore.
Samulcottah. Bellary.
Masulipatam.

Revenue Department, the Stations* therein enumerated, at which it has been decided the Civil Authorities are unable to undertake the charge of Pensioners, in addition to their other duties, will be included with those exempted in G. O. G. No. 78 of the 14th February 1862.

2. Arrangements will accordingly be made by the local Military Authorities at such of the Stations above referred to occupied by Troops; for the duty in question being resumed either by the Station Staff or other Officer who may be nominated for the purpose, on, or as soon after the 1st of July next, as may be practicable. The services of unemployed Staff Corps Officers where required, being made available. At the Stations not occupied by Troops, where the services of a Military Officer cannot be obtained, the Civil Authorities will retain charge of the Pensioners, pending provision being made for their relief.

3. With reference to paragraph 3 and the suggestion contained in the concluding paragraph of the above Order, the Governor in Council observes that the introduction of the system of Pension Paymasters of Circles was held to be objectionable as involving quarterly instead of monthly payments of the stipends. His Excellency however does not consider that there can be any objection to stations, in proximity and easily accessible, being grouped under one charge, provided monthly payments can be regularly effected. This point will be fully reported on by the Superintendent of Pensions through the Controller of Military Finance—including the names of the stations proposed to be grouped—number of Pensioners and Family Holders at each—the distance to be travelled—together with the amount of allowance for Office purposes and remuneration of the Officer in charge, to be submitted with the Controller's Report, called for in paragraph 15 of the Order, No. 4306, dated 27th November 1861, when further orders will be passed.

4. Ordered that the following G. O. be published.

G. O. by Government.

Here enter 21st June 1862, No. 251A.

(True Extract.)

W. Hamilton
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.

- „ Revenue Department.
- „ Superintendent of Pensions and Family Payments.
- „ Controller of Military Finance.
- „ Accountant General.
- „ Military Accountant.
- „ Military Finance Department.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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