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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 10th July 1862.

Read the following papers:—

No. 157. From A. M. MONTEATH, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 21st June 1862, No. 3,074.

SIR,

I am directed to call attention to my communication No. 1,003, dated the 21st February last, and to request that the report therein called for may be submitted as soon as possible.

No. 158. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th June 1862, No. 4,084:—

Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to W HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Cocanada, 3rd June 1862, No. 76.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government of the 17th March last, communicating the decision of the Government of India, regarding the grant of a pension to Stri Seetiamah, wife of B. Ramreddy, formerly the chief of Jaddangi in this District, and calling for information required for the disposal of the prayer that the grant should have retrospective effect.

2. For a short time after her husband's apprehension, Seetiamah supported herself by the sale of the cattle and other property which fell into her possession on the above event taking place. Subsequently she has been, in fact, supported by her relations, though she declares that she considers all the sums furnished to her by them as borrowed money, and now to be repaid. According to her own account, the money she has thus to repay, amounts to nearly 6,000 Rupees, a sum which it would take 20 years of her pension to liquidate without interest. It is unnecessary to enlarge on the unreasonableness of statements of this kind. It does not appear that Stri Seetiamah is in debt to other parties.

In Cons. 18th March 1862, No. 1,588.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings, 17th March 1862, No. 590.

2. The Board consider the implied request of Stri Seetiamah for the grant of 6,000 Rupees to be altogether unreasonable, inasmuch as, were she to be paid the entire arrears of her pension from June 1857, the whole amount at the rate of 25 Rupees a month for five years would only be 1,500 Rupees. Bearing in mind, however, the views of the Governor General in Council, as expressed in paragraph 5 of his Financial Resolution 20th June last, No. 972 (communicated with Proceedings of Madras Government above quoted), the Board of Revenue are of opinion that a gratuity of six months' pension, or 150 Rupees will be a sufficient grant.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 159. ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1862, No. 1,505.

1. In the Resolution referred to by the Board of Revenue the Governor General in Council expressed his willingness to allow Stri Seetiammah a gratuity of a few months' pension in arrears, *provided* there were debts for past subsistence which would prevent her from enjoying the full benefit of the allowance then sanctioned. From the Collector's report it does not appear that she is in debt except to her relations, but the sum which she owes them on this account she represents to amount to nearly Rupees 6,000. This statement both the Collector and the Board of Revenue pronounce to be preposterous, and the Board are of opinion that a gratuity of six months' pension or Rupees 150 will be a sufficient grant.

2. The Governor in Council concurs in this opinion, and will submit the Board's recommendation for the favorable consideration of the Government of India.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT
Acting Chief Secretary.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 160. From A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 10th July 1862, No. 1,506.

SIR,

1. In their Proceedings of 20th January* last, on the case of Stri Seetiammah, widow of B. Ramareddy, formerly chief of Jaddanghi in the Godavery District, the Government of India expressed their willingness to allow this individual a gratuity of a few months' pension in arrears, *provided*, there were debts for past subsistence which would prevent her from enjoying the full benefit of the grant of Rupees 25 a month then sanctioned; and they desired to be furnished with a report on this point.

* Financial Department, No .972.

2. I am accordingly directed to forward the accompanying papers† on the subject for submission to the Governor General in Council. It will be seen from the Collector's letter of 3rd June that Stri Seetiammah is not in debt except to her relatives, and that the sum thus due is represented by her to amount to nearly Rupees 6,000. Both the Collector and the Board of Revenue pronounce this statement to be preposterous, and the Board are of opinion that a gratuity of six months' pension or Rupees 150 will be a sufficient grant.

† Proceedings Board of Revenue, 25th June 1862, No. 4,084, with letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, 3rd idem, No. 76. Proceedings of Government thereon, 10th July 1862, No. 1,505.

3. The Government concur in this opinion, and they desire me to submit the Board's recommendation for the favorable consideration and orders of the Government of India.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 10th July 1862

From the Under Secy to the Govt of India
Requesting that the
Report called for in this case
of 21st July last, No. 1003 may be
submitted as soon as possible

Read the following
papers
~~Proceedings of the Board~~
(Proceedings 21st June 62 No. 826)
~~of Revenue~~

From the Board of Revenue
submitting a letter
from the Collector of the
Godavery District, furnishing
information regarding
the grant of a pension to Mrs
Seetiammah, with the Boards
remarks on the subject

Dated under 25th June 62
(Proceedings No 4,084)

In the Resolution
referred to by the Board
of Revenue the Governor
General in Council ex-
-pressed his willingness
to allow Mrs Seetiammah
a gratuity of six
pensions in
arrears, provided there
were debts for past sub-
-sistence which would
prevent her from enjoy-
-ing the full benefit
of the allowance then
sanctioned. From the
Collector's report it does
not

not appear that she
is in debt except to her
relations, but this sum
which she owes them
on this account she
represents to amount
to nearly Rupees 600.
This statement both the
Collector and the Board
of Revenue pronounce
to be perfectly true and
the Board are of opinion
that a gratuity of six
months' pension or Rs.
150 will be a sufficient
grant.

2.— The Government
in this opinion
Council concurs and
will recommend the Board's
recommendation for
the favorable consi-
deration of the Govern-
ment of India.

[signature]

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Chief Secretary
to Government

Revenue 1862 Dept.
Pro: of Govt for July.

No. 1505.

Pro: of the Madras Govt
dt/10th July 1862.

Enclosure from the Secy
to the Govt of India dt/21st
aug/62 & No 2468 in Pro

Revenue to Mis. Sec. to Govt
Judicial-Criminal-Civil

Pro: No. 277-278
17-3-62

Revenue Board's
recommendation that
a gratuity of six Months
pension on Rs 150 be
granted to Stri-Steer
tiammah, submitted
for favorable considera-
tion of Govt of India -

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The Governor General in Council will be seen from the Collectors letter of 3d June that Srimathi Seetiammah is not indebted to Government except to her salary, and that the sum she is responsible for is to amount to not more than Rs 600. Both the Collector and the Board of Revenue (the latter after some hesitation) are of opinion that a gratuity of six months pension or Rs 150 would be a sufficient grant.

3. The Governor in Council is of opinion with the Board of Revenue to submit the Board's recommendation for the favourable consideration and orders of the Court of Directors.

Fort St George
10th July 1862