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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 191	Press ~~Mis.~~
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No. 57. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th January 1862, No. 431 :—

Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Terumangalum, 7th January 1862, No. 1.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Circular from the Accountant General, No. 82, dated 18th December 1861, drawing the particular attention of the Collectors to paragraph 13 of the Order* of Government in the Military Department, which directs that "Government look with confidence to the Collectors for their cordial "co-operation, in giving effect to and successfully carrying out the measures sanctioned, for payment of the Military Pensioners and Family Certificates, by the Civil authorities; that the allowance now claimable by the Civil Officers under Military Regulations for that purpose will cease from 1st January 1862; that His Excellency expects that all Officers concerned will, in recognition of the necessity for economy in all branches of the service, refrain from applying for increases to existing Establishments, merely because some additional work has to be performed; and that where an extra Clerk may be really necessary, and it is clearly shown that such is the case, Government will be prepared to accord the requisite sanction," I have the honor to report, the following circumstances for the consideration and orders of the Board of Revenue.

* 27th November 1861, No. 4,306.

2. The duties connected with payment of the Military Pensioners and Family Certificates, &c., in the three Military stations of this District, viz., Madura, Dindigul and Ramnad, have been taken by the Deputy in charge of the Treasury from the month of July 1860, as per Order† of Government; the manner in which the said business has been carried on, has already been reported to the Board in my letter No. 95, dated 4th March 1861.

† No. 1,769, dated 11th May 1860.

3. The number of Military Pensioners, &c., drawing their stipends in this District is 1,040 as shown in the margin, besides the details of different corps on furlough averaging 60 and furlough Pensioners averaging 15, who are paid from my Treasury every month.

Madura.		
Pensioners	630	
Family Holders	80	
		710
Dindigul.		
Pensioners	170	
Family Holders	50	
		220
Ramnad.		
Pensioners	100	
Family Holders	10	
		110
Total		1,040

4. The Pensioners, &c., at Madura are paid by the Deputy Collector, and those at Dindigul and Ramnad by the Tahsildár at the former and Salt Amildars at the latter places, according to detailed lists sent to them by the Deputy Collector with orders for payment.

5. The nature of the business in this Department is shown below :—

Pensioners' Department.

Monthly.

1 Muster Roll and Abstract of Native Pensions.
1 do. and do. of China.
1 do. and do. of London.
1 do. and do. of Ceylon.
1 do. and do. of Bombay.
1 do. and do. of Orphans.
1 do. and do. of Leave Pensioners.
1 do. and do. of European do.
1 Abstract of the compensation of Rice Batta to Pensioners.

The above accounts are prepared in duplicate, the originals of which are sent to the Military Paymaster, Southern Division, and the duplicate are retained in the Office.

1 Acquittance Roll of all the Pensioners is also kept in the Office to show the payment by the disbursing Officers as well as another Roll in acknowledgment of Rice Batta.

1 Statement showing the balance of pay remaining on the last day of every month is sent to the Superintendent of Pensions at Fort Saint George.

1 Return of Pensioners to do.

1 Register of Pension Certificates received to do.

Family Certificate Department.

1 Acquittance Roll of the Family Holders to the Superintendent of Pensions.

1 Acknowledgment and balance of the family payment to do.

1 Account current to do.

1 Abstract and Roll for Rice Batta of the Family Holders to the Paymaster, Southern Division.

Details of different Corps.

1. Muster Roll and abstract with separate Muster Roll for Europeans, to the Military Paymaster.

6. All the above accounts are prepared separately for the abovesaid three stations, according to the instructions contained in the letter* from the Superintendent of Pensions, which directs that "the reports, &c. of payments made "to Pensioners, &c., residing at Madura, Dindigul and Ramnad, "should be separately forwarded for each station agreeably to Section 5, paragraph 18, page 74, "of the Pension Regulations."

* Dated 13th November 1860, No. 3,568.

7. Besides the above, there is an immense deal of correspondence. The letters received in this Department for the last 12 months are 600, while those sent from this Office are 600; there is also a great deal of Tamil correspondence between the Deputy Collector and the Cash-keeper as well as the Tahsíldár and Salt Amildar.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Madura.						
Pension allowance	38	0	0			
Staff allowance	10	0	0			
				48	0	0
Dindigul.						
Pension allowance	18	0	0			
Staff allowance	10	0	0			
				28	0	0
Ramnad.						
Pension allowance	14	0	0			
Staff allowance	10	0	0			
				24	0	0
Total				100	0	0
* Madras	38	0	0			
Dindigul	18	0	0			
Ramnad	10	0	0			
	66	0	0			

8. When this duty was in charge of the Officers Commanding at the above stations, they were drawing allowances as per margin amounting to Rupees 100 per mensem, and employed Establishments to conduct business under them, and since its transfer to this Department, no staff allowance has been allowed, but the Pension allowance of Rupees 66* has been drawn and paid to the undermentioned Establishment entertained on that account:—

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Writer	30	0	0			
1 Assistant to do	15	0	0			
Gumáshta	10	0	0			
				55	0	0
Additional pay allowed to a Shroff in the Huzur Treasury, who is specially employed for distribution of pension and writing a detailed list of the same				3	0	0
Sádirwárid and Contingent charge				4	0	0
				62	0	0

The balance, Rupees 4, is kept in deposit to meet any additional contingencies.

9. Under the foregoing circumstances, I beg to request, that, in conformity with the instructions of the Government referred to above, you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for entertaining at least two Clerks, as per margin, at a cost of Rupees 50 per mensem, commencing from 1st Januray 1862, for discharging the Pension and Family payments duties in the three stations of this District. After allowing the above charge, there is still a saving of Rupees 50 per mensem or Rupees 600 per annum on the amount drawn by the Military Officers.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Clerk	35	0	0
1 do.	15	0	0
	50	0	0

l will, doubtless, perceive that the large quantity of work referred to above carried on by the present Revenue Establishment of Clerks without some

be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the ed to entertain the proposed Establishment for the discharge of the duties ayment of Pension and Family certificates, viz:—

1 Clerk at	Rupees	35
1 do.	,,	15
		50

le work in the District has so much increased of late, while the Establish- uced, that the Board are satisfied the additional duty cannot be undertaken riters in any District where the number of Pensioners is large.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

ORDER THEREON, 4th February 1862, No. 191.

Referred to the Military Department.

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

Revenue 1862 Dept.
Proc.s of Govt for February

1862. Department.

No. 275.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 18th January 1862.
Desp 30 do
Rec.d 31st do
From Military Dept. C. 412/62

No. 431.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Madura and recommending that authority be granted for the entertainment of the proposed Establishment for the discharge of duties connected with the payment of Pension and Family Certificates.

No 191 to 191.
Referred to the Military Dept.
J. W. S.

From Govt. St. George
Dated 30th January 1862
Copies to the Duty Desp. with Bill &c.
Accts of Rev.