

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th November 1862.*

No. 343. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 21st November 1862, No. 3,983 :—

Passing orders on a letter from the Controller of Military Finance, submitting report on the proposed plan for the payment of Pensioners and Family Certificate Holders, by grouping stations within easy distance under the charge of the same Officer. } (Vide Military Proceedings, 21st November 1862, Nos. 337—339A.)

No. 344. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1862, No. 2,499.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to paragraph 8 of G. O. 11th June 1862, No. 1,288.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Controller of Military Finance, Fort Saint George, 8th October 1862, E; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, in obedience to the Order of Government No. 2217, dated 21st June 1862, to forward a letter* received from the Superintendent of Pensions, in which he exhibits the Stations at which Pensioners are in

accordance with the above order to be paid by Military Officers, the number of Pensioners and Family Certificate Holders at each, and the grouping of Stations which he proposes.

2. By G. O. G. 5th September 1862, No. 352, the Stations of Condapilly and Guntoor have been added to the number.

3. With advertence to paragraph 15 of the Order of Government No. 4306, dated 27th

	Rs.	November 1861, I have
Arcot...	52	the honor to exhibit in
Arnee...	55	the margin, the Stations
Rajahmundry...	60	at which Pensioners are
Samulcottah...	61	now paid by Military
Ellore...	86	Officers under G. O. G.
Masulipatam...	82	14th February 1862,
Chicacole...	86	No. 78, G. O. G. 21st
Vizagapatam...	98	June 1862, No. 251A,
Vizianagrum...	47	and G. O. G. 5th Sep-
Trichinopoly...	88	tember 1862, No. 352,
Saint Thomas' Mount...	58	and I have affixed to
Berhampore...	32	each the allowance pay-
Bellary...	28	able under existing Re-
Vellore...	105	gulations to the Officers
Condapilly...	31	in charge of Pensioners.
Guntoor...	49	It will be seen that un-
Bangalore...	105	der the arrangement
Secunderabad...	52	now made, the amount
Kamptee...	87	paid to Civil and mili-
Madras...	224	tary Officers aggregate
Minor Stations beyond Frontier...	30	Rupees 21,084 per an-
		num, while the Budget
	Per mensem... 1,516	Estimate for 1862-63
	12	provided only Ru-
		pees 20,000.
	Per annum... 18,192	
Still sanctioned in the Civil Department, Rs. 241	Per mensem...	
	2,892	
	Per annum...	
	21,084	

4. When the Order No. 4306, dated 27th November 1861 was passed, Military Officers were employed in the payment of Pensioners at few Stations, and the amount drawn by the Civil Officers was very much less than the regulated allowance to Military Officers. Hence a considerable sum was available under such an arrangement to increase the salaries of Military Officers. But under the re-transfer of all important Stations, the circumstances have altogether changed, and funds are not available from which remunerative salaries to Officers now appointed, can be sanctioned.

5. The existing Rule bears hardly on Officers in charge at the largest Stations, because, the maximum allowance is 105 Rupees whatever the number of Pensioners, that allowance is due for the charge of 2,375 Pensioners, and at Vellore, where the number is nearly double that specified, the Officer receives only Rupees 105.

6. It appears to me that the restriction might be removed. The number of Stations where the Pensioners exceed 2,375 are few, and the number is a tolerably fair measure of the work imposed; Madras is specially provided for, and Vellore and Bangalore are the only Stations where the removal of the limit affixed to the allowances would increase the expense—and there only in fair proportion to the amount of work to be performed.

7. By grouping Stations, the number of Pensioners in a group would afford more adequate occupation to an Officer employed solely on such duty, than those at a single Station and from the regulated allowance, a higher rate of remuneration would be derivable.

8. There is a disadvantage in grouping in regard to those Pensioners at Stations where the Officer in charge does not habitually reside, as they can have access to the Officer only at the periods fixed for payment and would occasionally, if unable to attend at such period, be inconvenienced by the non-receipt of their Pension until the next period of payment, but this inconvenience must often be experienced when Pensioners are paid in the Civil Department, and it appears desirable that if no more serious objection to the arrangement exists, Military Officers charged with the duty should be placed on a better footing than they are at present.

9. In addition to the groups proposed by the Superintendent of Pensions, I would suggest the union of Vizagapatam and Vizianagrum and of Guntoor and Condapilly. The distance between Vizagapatam and Vizianagrum is 36½ miles and the communication is easy. The distance between Guntoor and Condapilly is 27 miles. In the margin the effect of the grouping proposed is exhibited, reckoning the allowances according to the existing Regulation, but not limited by the restriction to a maximum of Rupees 105.

Arcot.....	Rupees	98 + 40 = 138
Arnee.....		
Rajahmundry.....	"	111 + 40 = 151
Samulcottah.....		
Ellore.....	"	158 + 40 = 198
Masulipatam.....		
Chicacole.....	"	86
Vizagapatam.....		
Vizianagrum.....	"	138 + 40 = 178
Trichinopoly.....		
Saint Thomas' Mount.....	"	88
Berhampore.....	"	58
Bellary.....	"	32
Vellore.....	"	28
Condapilly.....	"	197
Guntoor.....	"	76 + 40 = 116
Bangalore.....	"	134
Secunderabad.....	"	52
Kamptee.....	"	87
Madras.....	"	224
Minor Stations beyond Frontier.....	"	30

Per mensem... 1,597 + 200 = 1,797
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Per annum..... 21,564
Sanctioned for the Civil Department..... 2,892

Total cost per annum, Rupees... 24,456

maintaining two Office Establishments, or conveying a single Establishment, from one Station to the other, a fixed allowance to cover such expenses, should be attached to each group. It appears to me that 40 Rupees per mensem would be sufficient to cover all, and in the Estimate, that amount has been assumed with reference to the distances, the provision might appear unequal, but in the Northern Districts where the distances are greatest, the rate of travelling and of Clerk's Pay is low.

11. Funds are not available to carry out the scheme during the current year, but if approved, provision might be made in the Budget of 1863-64. From the saving that has accrued during the months of May and June, while the Pensioners at the Stations now transferred, were paid by the Civil Authorities, the extra charge, involved in removing the restriction of a maximum at once, might probably be met.

From the Superintendent of Pensions, Fort Saint George, 19th July 1862, No. 1514; to the Controller of Military Finance.

I have the honor, with reference to Order of Government No. 2217 of 21st ultimo, to annex a List of the Stations at which Military Officers are, by the above Order, to be again placed in charge of Pensioners, &c.

2. At those Stations only which are bracketed, it appears to me that the duties may be carried on by a single Officer.

3. The number of Pensioners and Family Certificate Holders at each Station is given for your information.

LIST.

	Pensioners and Family Certificate Holders.	Miles.
Arcot.....	1,069	
Arnee.....	1,142	16½
Rajahmundry.....	1,256	
Samulcottah.....	1,278	29½
Ellore.....	1,910	
Masulipatam.....	1,806	48
Chicacole.....	1,919	
Vizagapatam.....	2,224	
Vizianagrum.....	931	
Trichinopoly.....	1,970	
Mount.....	1,200	
Berhampore.....	552	
Bellary.....	466	

(Signed) H. ROBERTS, Captain,
Superintendent of Pensions.

MEMORANDUM.

Number of Pensioners, European and Native, 38,655.

Amount of Pensions... Rupees 26,76,149.

Allowance to Officers paying Pensioners and Family Certificate Holders, according to proposal ... Rupees 24,456

Superintendents' Pay, salary and cost of Establishment... 21,229

45,685

Per centage of cost of payment on total amount of Pensions disbursed ... 1½ nearly.

OFFICE OF CONTR. OF MILY. FINANCE, } (Signed) T. MCGOUN, Lieut.-Colonel,
FORT SAINT GEORGE, 31st October 1862. } Controller of Military Finance.

ORDER, No. 3983, 21st November 1862.

With the foregoing letter, the Controller of Military Finance submits the Report called for in paragraph 3 of the Order of Government marginally noted, on the proposed plan for the payment of Pensioners and Family Holders, by grouping Stations within easy distance under the charge of the same Officer.

2. The Stations proposed to be grouped are shewn in the margin, and the Controller recommends the allowances being drawn according to the number of Pensioners on the Rolls, with an additional sum of Rupees 40 to each, to meet contingent expenses. The Governor in Council however is of opinion, that a consolidated allowance will be a more suitable arrangement, and being fixed irrespective of numbers will check any desire to exchange Stations on account of difference in emoluments. The groups will be designated from the Head Quarter Station of each, at which the Officer will permanently reside.

1. Arcot with Arnee.
2. Guntoor " Condapilly.
3. Masulipatam " Ellore.
4. Rajahmundry " Samulcottah.
5. Vizagapatam " Vizianagrum.

3. Rules will be drawn up by the Superintendent of Pensions for the guidance of Officers in charge of these Stations, regulating the period of visitation and other necessary details; and submitted for the approval of Government.

4. Referring to paragraph 5 of the Controller's letter, the Governor in Council observes that the number of Pensioners at Bangalore having decreased, Vellore is at present the only Station where their number is excessive; and concurring in the view expressed by the Controller of Military Finance, the Governor in Council resolves that the consolidated allowance of Rupees 150 shall be considered the limit, in lieu of the amount* to which it is now restricted—and further that the above sum shall in future be the established remuneration whenever the number of Pensioners and Family Holders at any single Station exceeds 3,000.

5. The allowance for the Stations referred to in paragraph 2 of this order, will be fixed at Rupees 150 for each group—payable to the Officer in actual performance of the duty; no claim to moiety or compensation during absence being admissible. It appearing however that funds are not at present available from the current Budget to carry into effect the proposed arrangements, application will be made to the Government of India for sanction, to provide for them in ensuing Budgets,—the arrangement being at once economical and effective, and amounting to less than two per cent. on the disbursements—superintendence and all other charges included.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. | Here enter 21st November 1862, No. 3984.

(True Extract.)

M. Hamilton
Depy. Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.

- „ Controller of Military Finance.
- „ Superintendent of Pensions and Family Payments.
- „ Revenue Department. *With 10 share of Secy*
- „ Accountant General.
- „ Military Accountant.
- „ Military Finance Department.
- „ Mily. Secy. to His Excellency the Governor,
for information.

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Board of Revenue with reference to

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[Signature]

28th June 1862

to the Hon. Secy of the
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