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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th February 1862.

No. 259. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 6th February 1862, No. 452:—

Sanctioning an extra Clerk on 20 Rupees per mensem for the Collector of Trichinopoly for the duties connected with the payment of Military Pensioners, &c., and authorizing the Controller of Military Finance to allow in other cases such extra aid as he may consider necessary.

(Vide Military Proceedings, 6th February 1862, Nos. 97—104.)

No. 260. ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1862, No. 291.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Proceedings, dated 28th January 1862, No. 660, and to Mr. C. Pelly for information.

2. The Board of Revenue will circulate these Proceedings to all Collectors.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Acting Accountant General, Fort Saint George, 20th January 1862, *No.* 288; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

With reference to paragraph 13 of the Order of Government, No. 4306, dated 27th November last, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter No. 1, dated 8th instant, from the Collector of Trichinopoly, and under the circumstances therein represented, to request that you will be pleased to move the Honorable the Governor in Council to sanction the entertainment by him, as a temporary measure, for two months, of the Clerk mentioned on a salary of 20 Rupees.

From the Collector of Trichinopoly, 8th January 1862, *No.* 1; *to the Accountant General, Fort Saint George.*

In conformity with the Orders of Government, conveyed to me in your Circular, No. 82, dated the 18th ultimo, I have the honor to report my having taken charge of the Cash balance, &c., from the Officer in charge of Military Pensioners here.

2. You are doubtless well aware that this is a large Military Station, some 3,000 Pensioners reside in this District, the making out of the Rolls and the paying of these Pensions gave employment to four Writers, and the Officer in charge devoted the whole of his time to this work for some twenty days in every month.

3. Unaided, I do not see how the work is to be done efficiently; the very crowd that comes round the Office impedes work. My present Treasury Establishment is already overworked. The Cashing of Paymaster and Commissariat Cheques causes an almost perpetual crowd round the Treasury doors. I propose applying to Government for additional aid; in most Collector's Treasuries, the Military payments are but trifling. I have full confidence that Districts such as this will be considered exceptional, and that Government will allow me an extra Establishment; but pending my application to Government and the receipt of any final orders, I have the honor to request that you will be so kind as to procure for me the necessary authority to entertain temporarily, say for two months, on a salary of 20 Rupees, the Clerk who has hitherto been employed in the Department, and is familiar with all past transactions; without such aid, I am afraid the work cannot be efficiently performed, and the Pensioners themselves will very probably have real cause for complaint.

With Report of the Controller of Military Finance, 27th January 1862, *F.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madras, Sydapet, 6th January 1862, *No.* 1; *to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.*

1. I have the honor to address Government on the subject of their recent resolve,* that "the duties connected with the payment of Military Pensions and Family Certificates shall, from 1st January 1862, be conducted throughout this Presidency by the Officers in immediate charge of Civil Treasuries, Zillah or Táluq."

* *Military Department, No. 4306, dated 27th November* 1861.

2. I know not how this sudden transfer of additional work on the Collector's Department may be felt in other Districts, or what the extent of that additional work may be; but I feel confident the Government can hardly be aware of its nature and extent in the District of Madras,

and I can scarcely avoid prolixity in bringing to their notice the amount of labor thus suddenly and newly thrown on this Office, and the utter insufficiency of the existing Establishments to perform it.

3. I may mention that, for the efficient conduct of the duties required at the hands of the Collector of Madras, the Establishment at his disposal is inadequate as it is, while the labors of the Collector himself, as well as of the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, Mr. Jordan, are onerous in the extreme, rendered the more so by the insufficiency of their Office Subordinates. While such is the case, the Collector's Department is directed from the first of this year to assume charge of the duties connected with the payment of all the Military Pensions and Family Certificates, at the three Stations of the Mount, Palaveram, and Poonamallee. There is a total number of 2,013 Pensioners residing at the above three places, whose Pensions aggregate Rupees 10,000 and odd monthly. These Pensioners have each to be identified, and paid on certain dates in every month. This duty hitherto has been performed by three separate Officers, to whom an allowance of 4 Rupees per every 100 Pensioners was allowed, not as remuneration to themselves, but simply to provide for the requisite Writers or Clerks, to do the needful work of correspondence and accounts connected with the Pensioners, and I read that this allowance is henceforth entirely to be discontinued, and indeed that to effect this saving has been a main object of the transfer of the Pensioners from the Military to the Civil Department.

4. I can hardly believe that Government are at all sensible of the labor thus imposed on my Office, nor probably have they estimated the physical impossibility of carrying it out, unless with competent assistance in the shape of additional Establishment; and even with this, it can only be to the hindrance of other and more pressing duties that the Deputy Collector or the Collector could hope to get through the additional and tedious duties thus required of them.

5. But apart from the foregoing, there are other considerations, which at present involve some difficulty, and on which I solicit the instructions of Government. Of the 2,013 Pensioners, 136 at Saint Thomas' Mount are European or East Indian Widows of Soldiers, and 58 are old European men. It is impossible to expect any of these to walk a distance of 7 miles to and from this Office to receive their Pensions; the majority, I am informed, are too old and too infirm, and so in the case of many of the Native Pensioners at all three places, and Palaveram and Poonamallee are at far greater distances from the Collector's Office than the Mount. Thus it will be necessary, I presume, for the Deputy Collector to proceed in each month to those places, and the identification and payment of the Pensioners, and the arrangement of accounts will occupy, at least five or six days, during which that Officer will be absent from his ordinary and important duties connected with his Magisterial and Treasury functions, an arrangement which I fear must involve some expense, to say nothing of the valuable time lost in the services of a highly paid Officer.

6. It is far from my wish to raise obstacles to giving effect to the Orders of Government. Whatever they may be, and however apparently difficult of enforcement, they will, I am sure, be strictly obeyed and carried out to the letter, so far as lies within the power of the Collector and the Deputy Collector; but at the outset, I feel it my duty to let Government know the nature of these difficulties, in order that they may themselves judge of their force, and estimate how far this Department is in a condition to give effect to the recent orders in the matter of these Pensioners, with the existing Establishment, and in the prospect of a very heavy increase of Magisterial work consequent on the introduction of the new Criminal Code.

7. In itself, the monthly payment, identification and attestation of 2,013 Pensioners is no slight labor, considering too the great care needed for the duty; and I am told it occupies at present nearly eight entire days in each month, and to this must be added a consideration of the additional Office work thrown on the Department. The correspondence connected with these Pensioners for the past year at the three Stations, is entered in the margin, and I leave it to Government to say how all this extra work can be efficiently done by public servants whose time and energies are already taxed to the very utmost. I submit, if hitherto, this work has devolved on three separate Officers, who by comparison have had little else to occupy them, that it is physically impracticable for my Department, as at present constituted, efficiently to superintend and look after these Pensioners, without greatly trenching on the ordinary and primary duties for which the existing Establishment has been framed; and Government will be aware that, under the financial pressure, every Office in the country has been recently cut down to the lowest minimum, barely sufficient to meet actual requirements; and here it is worthy of mention that, under the present system of executive administration in the Provinces, the labor devolving on officials is apparently greatly on the increase, while the means at command to bear the growing additional burden are daily being reduced.

	Received.	*Despatched.*
Saint Thomas' Mount...	550	800
Palaveram... ...	200	240
Poonamallee... ..	218	394
Total...	968	1,434

8. It has appeared my duty to bring these facts to the knowledge of Government, and I must leave His Excellency in Council to judge how far they bear out my assertion, that it is utterly impossible for the Collector's Department of this District to carry out this new and responsible duty, unless adequate provision be made distinct from the present Establishment; and even then, the time that it will be necessary for the Deputy Collector, and possibly at times for the Collector, to devote to it, will prove a very serious inroad on the ordinary and more pressing avocations of those Officers, and this is perhaps as much deserving of consideration as the question of expense.

9. I know not how it may be in other Districts, but I presume, by comparison, that the number of Pensioners resident in most of them are really very few, and thus that the difficulties experienced here probably have no applicability elsewhere. I am of opinion that, in every respect, it would be a measure of real economy both as regards money and time, if no alteration were made in the hitherto system of paying the Pensioners at the three Stations of Saint Thomas' Mount, Palaveram, and Poonamallee. I do not see how it is possible that the work can be properly carried on in my Office, without additional hands to the extent hitherto entertained. The sum allowed for this appears to me the very lowest practicable, while as I have just observed, the transfer to the Collector's Department must involve the sacrifice of much important time of at least one highly paid official, *viz.*, the Deputy Collector, on whom it will devolve specially to attend to these Pensioners, to the unavoidable neglect of much of his own duty. And to give Government some idea of the amount of Magisterial labor already devolving on this Office, I may mention that during the past year, Mr. Jordan himself singly has disposed of 209 Magisterial cases ordinary, six cases for the Session's Court, and 795 cases under the breach of Contract Act; this besides his somewhat onerous duties at the Treasury, which likewise have recently been greatly increased by the transfer of the monthly payment of all the Troops at these three Stations; and for the first few days of every month, this extra work entails on him incessant attention to the Treasury and Account Department to the interruption of his Magisterial duties.

10. Government will not, I trust, misconstrue my object in addressing them on this matter. I have not overlooked the 13th paragraph of their Orders in the Military Department, No. 4306 of the 27th November last, but I do feel that it would be a dereliction on my part, if I underrated, and if I failed prominently to call the attention of Government to the difficulties on which I have above commented.

11. Government have been pleased to except certain Stations and certain Pensioners from the operation of their Orders, and with all deference I would submit my earnest recommendation, that the above three places within this District be included in the exceptional list, and that the system hitherto in force for the conduct of the duties connected with the payment of Military Pensions and Family Certificates, be allowed to continue; and I believe it will in the end prove in every way the most economical arrangement both as to time and money, while there can be no question that it will be very acceptable to the Pensioners themselves.

12. Should Government not be pleased to concur with me in opinion, and I am still required to give effect to the transfer, it becomes my duty to solicit sanction for the full amount hitherto allowed monthly to the disbursing Officers, and which amount will henceforth as heretofore be appropriated for the requisite Establishment; or if this mode of allowance cannot be permitted, I request sanction to entertain one Manager on Rupees 50 a month, and two Clerks on 15 each, to carry on the correspondence and all other details under the Deputy Collector connected with this new duty. And I have further to ask sanction for payment of batta for at least ten days, at the rate of 3 Rupees a day in every month, to the Officer on whom it will devolve to visit the above Stations, a sum that will barely cover his actual travelling expenses to and from those places.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1862, No. 95.

Referred to the Military Department, with reference to the Order in that Department, dated 27th November 1861, No. 4306.

(True Extract.)

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

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th January 1862, No. 660.

Read the following letter:—

From the Collector of North Arcot, Wallajahpet, 22nd January 1862, No. 17; to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Board's Circular, Standing No. 381, having reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 19th December 1861, No. 2331, communicating an Order passed in the Military Department, resolving that the duties connected with the payment of Military Pensions and Family Certificates shall, from the 1st January 1862, be conducted by the Officers in charge of Civil Treasuries, Zillah, or Taluq.

2. These papers, which, it is intimated in pencil in the margin of the Board's Circular, have been sent by Banghy have not yet reached* my hand, but my attention having already been attracted to the subject by the growing difficulties and discontent which have arisen out of the change of system now ordered, I obtained a perusal of them through a private channel, and have made such further personal inquiry as my time and opportunities permitted.

* *Since received.*

3. Disclaiming all intention of prejudging and opposing a measure which has been adopted by Government after mature consideration, I must yet beg most respectfully but earnestly to point out what appears to me to be insuperable obstacles to its chances of success in this District, and to suggest whether it might not be proper to provide against the many serious difficulties which have already begun to manifest themselves, by including Vellore and its range in the list of Stations excepted in paragraph 11 of the Order of Government.

4. In the Districts of Coimbatore, Tanjore and Madura, where, the experiment of paying Military Pensioners of all classes through the Civil Authorities has been attended with success, the total number of recipients in each is as noted in the margin† respectively. If, with these figures be compared the number of Pensioners of all classes at the four Stations in this District named in the margin‡, it will at once be apparent that the amount of additional work and responsibility which this change of system throws upon the Civil Establishments of those experimental Districts, is very small as compared with what will be the results in North Arcot. Colonel Pritchard has so thoroughly exhausted the subject in the report and accompaniments reviewed in the Order of Government, that I will not tax the patience of the Board further than by asking their attention to paragraphs 8 to 17 inclusive, of his letter.

† *Coimbatore*	68
Tanjore	1,071
Madura	819
‡ *Vellore*	3,181
Arcot	1,020
Arnee	1,222
Chittoor	769
	6,192

5. The multifarious and responsible character of these duties is there most clearly and fully described. The remarks I am now about to make do not apply to the Chittoor payment range, where, the change of system may be introduced with every prospect of working safely and smoothly, but to the Vellore Circle comprising Arnee and Arcot, where, arguing from figures and reliable information, I feel persuaded it is hopeless to expect other results from the experiment than confusion, discontent and corruption.

6. The number of Military Pensioners residing at Chittoor and drawing allowances through my Office is 260, and if to that be added the 509 of all classes hitherto paid through Captain Mayne, provision can be made for this section of the work in my Office, and the whole duty be performed free of cost to the State by the Treasury Deputy.

7. Thus far the new arrangement is open to no reasonable objection, but it is not so, I submit in the case of Vellore and the adjacent Stations of Arnee and Arcot, where the aggregate number of all classes of Pensioners is so large, that the duty of mustering and paying them, and conducting the heavy departmental correspondence therewith connected, will impose an amount of additional labor and responsibility on the Civil Establishments at those places, that they are wholly unequal to undertake. The duty of mustering the Pensioners of all classes at those Stations devolves under the new arrangement on the Sub-Collector and Head Assistant. I need scarcely tell the Board that becoming due as does the first of these quarterly musters, at this very time, when, besides their ordinary Office duties, the operation of a new Criminal Law and a heavy Jamabundy claim their time and most earnest attention, the more important interests of the Divisions under their charge, cannot but suffer to a very material extent.

8. The result is, even worse as regards the Officers who become Paymasters under the arrangement, *viz.*, the Tahsildars of Vellore and Wallajah, and the Sub-Magistrate of Arnee. Two of these are utterly ignorant of English and all three of them have to make themselves conversant with the details of the new Criminal Code, of which they have but very recently received translations. Crime is every where alarmingly on the increase, consequent on famine prices, and a failing harvest, and the Revenue Settlement of their Taluqs is already begun, or about to commence under unusually unfavorable circumstances. With these pressing calls on their time and attention, it is obviously unreasonable to expect that they can, however willing and conscientious they may be, perform the responsible duty of disbursing these allowances to so large a body of persons who are absolutely strangers to them in other than the most perfunctory manner; and it is this consideration principally which induces me to ask at this early stage, a re-consideration of this part of the arrangement.

9. Meanwhile, the Orders of Government have been carried into effect; all the moneys pertaining to the Military Pension Department have been received into the nearest Civil Treasuries, the records and correspondence have been forwarded to the Treasury Deputy, and the musters are I hear being conducted at Vellore and Arcot by the Sub-Collector and Head Assistant Collector respectively. But as already stated, discontent and confusion are manifesting themselves, and will only increase, as the arrangement is developed, and I have no hesitation in saying, that so far as the Vellore Pension payment Circle is concerned, the experiment is full of risk to the public interests, and can scarcely fail to be productive of all the mischievous consequences described by Colonel Pritchard in the 10th paragraph of his letter.

10. Having thus briefly stated my reasons for believing that the system will not work satisfactorily, I beg respectfully to leave it with Government to decide, whether an experiment so inauspiciously inaugurated should be persevered in. My own conviction is that an economy in this item is, if efficiency and check are to be maintained, impracticable, as the Treasury Deputy and disbursing Officers of Districts where Pensioners abound, cannot reasonably be charged with so heavy an additional responsibility, unless their now limited Establishments be specially strengthened.

11. I should be diffident, under any circumstances, about offering suggestions in a matter with which I am necessarily but imperfectly acquainted, but feeling in the present case that Government have before them all the material that can be required to enable them to form a safe judgment, I have thought that I fulfilled my duty in pointing out to the best of my ability the local difficulties which beset the question.

Ordered to be submitted for the consideration of Government.

2. Mr. Robinson's letter only confirms the Board's previous opinion, that the transfer of the Vellore Pension Circle to the Civil Authorities, cannot be carried out in the manner proposed by Government, without most serious present inconvenience and the certainty of ultimate failure.

(A true copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

Memorandum from the Superintendent of Pensions, Fort Saint George, 30th January 1862, No. 3543; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

The Superintendent of Family Payments and Pensions has the honor to insert in the margin, the number of European, East Indian, and Native Pensioners residing and drawing their Pensions at the Mount, Poonamallee and Palaveram, called for in Memorandum dated 24th ultimo, from the Military Secretary to Government.

	Europeans.	*East Indians.*	*Natives.*	
Poonamallee...	27	13	280	*No next of kin serving with the Troops at that Station.*
Palaveram.....	14	26	89	*Next of kin serving with the 23rd Regiment Native Infantry at that Station.*
Mount.....	75	90	757	

Chelsea Pensioners.

78 *At Poonamallee.*
1 *At the Mount.*

2. The information regarding what Pensioners were formerly connected or have their next of kin serving with the Troops at the Mount, will be furnished on receipt of the same from the Collector.

From the Acting Accountant General, Fort Saint George, 31st January 1862, No. 301; to the Secretary to Government Military Department, Fort Saint George.

With reference to paragraph 13 of the Order of Government No. 4306, dated 27th November last, I have the honor to submit a letter, in original, from the Collector of Vizagapatam, No. 32, dated 18th instant, and to request that you will be pleased to move the Honorable the Governor in Council to sanction the additional Establishment applied for by the above Collector, in consequence of the transfer to him, of the duties connected with the payment of Military Pensions and Family Certificates, from the Military Officers stationed in his District.

From the Collector of Vizagapatam, 18th January 1862, No. 32; to the Accountant General, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular No. 82, of the 18th December last, and to inform you that I have taken over the payment of the Military Pensioners of the two Stations in this District, *viz.*, Vizagapatam and Vizianagrum; a third Station, Palcondah, from the Military Authorities was taken over about three years ago under the Orders of Government.

2. Of course, I am bound to make no objection to this transfer, but must at the same time say, that a separate Establishment is absolutely necessary to carry on the work, either with justice to the Pensioners, or to the already over-worked small Account Department of the District.

3. At Vizagapatam itself, the duties have been entrusted to the Treasury Deputy Collector, the number of Pensioners there amounts to 2,300 and the simple *identification and paying* of such a number will alone take up a full week of that Officer's time every month; the correspondence connected therewith and with the other two Stations is also so great, that unless the Deputy Collector has a separate Establishment of at least two Clerks to aid him, he will not be able to carry it on. Captain Shortland who was in charge of the Pensioners at Vizianagrum, when taken over by me, assured me that the work of it alone occupied him many hours a day for fifteen days in the month, I therefore must request you will obtain sanction for at least two Clerks on Rupees 30 and 25 respectively at Vizagapatam, to have effect from the date of transfer, *viz.*, 9th instant, and one Clerk each at Vizianagrum and Palcondah, at Rupees 40. But if the Government will allow the allowance now claimable by Civil Officers under Military Regulations, no fixed Establishment will be necessary, as the Deputy Collector or Sub-Magistrates of Vizianagrum and Palcondah will be able to arrange an Establishment for themselves to carry on the additional work.

4. With reference to the 13th paragraph of the Order of Government which you quote in paragraph 4 of your letter, I beg to state that the Establishment sanctioned for this District both in the Correspondence and Account Departments amounts to seven and six English Clerks respectively, and these are already sufficiently worked, and now to entail on them the additional work of Military Pension payments will not only be a hardship but demanding an impossibility, I therefore trust that you will lay this application before Government and obtain their orders thereon at an early date, as pending the receipt of the same, I have taken over the Establishment of the Staff Officer here.

5. At Vizianagrum, the number of Pensioners are about 1,500, the Sub-Magistrate, a Native, ignorant of English, whose Pay is merely 65 Rupees has taken over the payment of them, but he has for his Establishment two Gomastahs who are entirely for Criminal work and two Peons, and therefore to expect this class of Officers to do the Pension work without additional aid is out of the question. As above said to Vizianagrum as also to Palcondah, I would desire that the usual per centage allowance be granted.

6. At Palcondah, the number of Pensioners is about 140, and there the local Officer draws the allowance claimable under Military Regulations, and thereby carries on the work satisfactorily.

7. I request that the early orders of Government be obtained on this reference.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.

Read the following letter from C. Pelly, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, 4th January 1862, No. 1135; to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George.

With reference to the Order* of Government passed on the letter from the Controller of Ganjam, regarding the proposed transfer of Pensioners from the Military Department, I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that it appears to me, as far as I am able to judge from the information before me, that the revised Establishment for the Tahsíldár at Chicacole, can with a slight increase and due method, undertake the proposed duties. The Táluq is already provided with an additional Shroff. The number of Pensioners to be paid every month being, however, very large, I would recommend that an additional Gomástah, having a knowledge of English, be allowed to the Táluq Establishment on a salary of Rupees 25 a month, so that the duties connected with the preparation of Accounts, &c., may be conducted without inconvenience. The Principal Assistant being on the spot can exercise ordinary control over these payments, but it is not necessary that he should have a separate Establishment for paying these Pensioners. As the Government have decided that it is the duty of the Financial Officers to make these payments, the additional charge now proposed should be borne by the Civil and not by the Military Department. It is unnecessary that the charge of a Táluq Establishment should be debited to the two distinct Departments on account of this little additional work.

*Dated 4th January 1862.

ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1862, No. 159.

1. Transferred to the Military Department, with reference to paragraphs 11 and 13 of the Order in that Department, dated 27th November last, No. 4306.

2. Mr. Pelly appears to have overlooked the fact that the Principal Assistant is *not* on the spot, and there appears to be no person on the spot who can be properly held responsible for so large an outlay as 12,000 Rupees per month.

3. Mr. Pelly is mistaken in supposing that any extra expense consequent on the payment of Military Pensions, &c., should be debited to the Revenue Department. If the ordinary Revenue Establishment can perform this duty without additional expense, no charge for performing it need be made against the Military Department, as that would be only an useless complication of accounts. But if extra expense is caused, the Department on account of which it is incurred, must be debited with it, and provide for it annually in its Budget. Otherwise, it would be impossible to ascertain properly the charges appertaining to each branch of the public service.

(True Extract.)

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

ORDER, No. 452, *6th February* 1862.

The Governor in Council sanctions the entertainment, by the Collector of Trichinopoly, for a period of two months, of an extra Clerk on a salary of Rupees (20) twenty per mensem, to aid his Establishment, in the duties connected with the payment of Military Pensioners and Holders of Family Certificates.

2. The other applications above recorded, will be forwarded to the Controller of Military Finance, who is hereby authorised to allow in each case such extra aid as after full investigation, in communication with the Board of Revenue, he may consider necessary; on the understanding, however, that the additional charge in each District is not to exceed the hitherto authorised local expenditure under the former system of payment.

3. Extra Establishments sanctioned unde rthis Order, will be subject to revision, in the event of any material reduction in the number of Pension and Family Certificate Holders, which may be expected especially in the case of the latter, consequent on the reduced number of Regiments now on Foreign Service.

4. The Governor in Council directs that the Civil and Military Authorities at all Stations where Military Pensioners &c., reside, be instructed to take immediate measures for making generally known the privilege to which Pensioners, &c., are entitled under paragraphs 23 and 38 of the Order No. 4306 dated 27th November 1861, and for transferring all persons, who in virtue of past or present connection with a Regiment,* may desire to be paid at its Head Quarters under the orders of the Officer Commanding.

*Not on Foreign Service.

5. With reference to the representations of the Collectors of Madras and North Arcot, His Excellency in Council cannot but observe, that it would have been more satisfactory to Government if these Officers had, in the first instance, given the measure authorised by Government, a fair trial, and thereby been enabled to base their representations on the issue of an actual experiment.

6. The Order, transferring to the Civil Authorities, the duties connected with the payment of Military Pensioners, &c., was not passed without careful consideration and experiment—and the Governor in Council desires to draw the attention of the Collectors of Madras and North Arcot, to the arrangements made by the Collectors of Tanjore, Coimbatore and Madura, and the *ultimate* successful result of those arrangements. Difficulty and delay at first were expected, but the Government can see no reason why the success obtained elsewhere, should not also be achieved in the Madras and North Arcot Districts.

7. The operation of paragraph 4 of this Order will, in all probability, considerably reduce the number of Pensioners, &c., at Military Stations, for whose payment Collectors have to arrange; and here His Excellency in Council would observe, that it was never intended that persons should be brought from the Mount, Palaveram, and Poonamallee to Madras, to receive their Pensions. Arrangements should be made for their payment through the nearest *Taluq* Treasury—Chelsea Pensioners at Poonamallee will, as heretofore, be paid by the Officer Commanding the Depot.

8. It is to be clearly understood, that persons entertained for the purpose of assisting in the payment of Pensioners, are not to be considered as belonging to the fixed Office Establishment, in connection with which they may be employed.

(True Extract.)

A Marshall
Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General.
" Controller of Military Finance.
" Revenue Department. With 20 spare Copies
" Civil Paymaster.
" Adjutant General.
" Superintendent of Pensions.
" Military Finance Department.

Exd. A. A. DeMonte.

Dec 291.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Report dated 28 January 1862 Rec'd to and to Mr C Reilly for information.

The Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings noted in the margin

Rec'd 13 Feb 1862 Sec'y to Govt

Sec'y to the Board of Revenue

Fort St George
12th February 1862

C. R.