

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th March 1862.*

No. 277. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 20th January 1862, No. 972.

Read again the Financial Resolution, No. 2,825, dated 10th July 1857, declining to comply with the recommendation of the Madras Government for the grant of a pension to Stri Seetiammah, widow of B. Romareddy, formerly Chief of Juddaughy, in the Rajahmundry District.

Read Extract from the Home Department, No. 13, dated 31st ultimo, and enclosures, connected with the same subject.

1. RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council observes that in June 1857, the Government of Madras recommend the grant of a life pension of 25 Rupees a month to Stri Seetiammah, widow of B. Romareddy, formerly Chief of Juddaughy, whose estate was forfeited in 1846 on account of open and armed resistance to Magisterial authority, and who subsequently died in jail while under sentence of imprisonment for life for gang robbery.

2. This Government declined to sanction the proposed grant; but in June 1861, a petition was submitted by Stri Seetiammah to the Government of Madras on the same subject, and that Government referred the question to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

3. The Secretary of State now intimates that notwithstanding the demerits of the late Chief, he would be prepared to sanction a charitable allowance of Rupees 25 a month if the widow is in real distress, in consideration of her belonging to a family of considerable antiquity, and has requested therefore that this Government will re-consider the case.

4. On a reperusal of the papers, the Governor General in Council feels no doubt that the widow is in straitened circumstances, and he is pleased, therefore, with reference to the wish expressed by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to sanction the grant to Stri Seetiammah of the pension formerly recommended in her behalf, viz., Rupees 25 a month.

5. With reference to the prayer of the widow in her memorial of June last, as stated in paragraph 1 of the Madras Government Revenue Despatch to the Secretary of State, No. 96, dated 3rd August 1861, that the grant of 25 Rupees a month may have retrospective effect from June 1857. His Excellency in Council is of opinion that as the pension is given, not as a matter of right, but of charity, to meet *existing* distress, a large payment of arrears would be misplaced. The utmost that could be allowed would be a few months' arrears, if it be proved to the satisfaction of the Local Government that there were debts for past subsistence, which would not give her the clear benefit of Rupees 25 a month for the future, and on this point His Excellency in Council desires that a report be furnished by the Government of Madras.

Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Home Department, for communication to the Government of Madras.

Ordered, also, that copies of the Resolution be sent, for information and guidance, to
The Auditor General of India.
The Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, Madras.
Civil Paymaster, do.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

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No. 1,003.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George,
Revenue, No. 75, dated 9th November 1861. with reference to the Despatch from the Secretary of State
to that Government noted in the margin, and with a request
that the report called for may be submitted.

FORT WILLIAM, HOME DEPARTMENT,
The 21st February 1862.

By order,
(Signed) A. M. MONTEATH,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1862, No. 590.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue, with reference to the Order of Government, dated 24th
December 1861, No. 2,363. The Board will cause the decision of the Government of India
in paragraph 4 to be communicated to Stri Seetiammah, and they will furnish a report on the
point noticed in paragraph 5.

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

