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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th March 1862.*

No. 409. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 21st March 1862, No. 1,045 :—

Accepting North Arcot Collector's explanation of the delay in paying Military Pensioners in certain Stations in his District, and desiring to be furnished with the Sub-Collector's explanation for the delay in paying the Pensioners within his range. } (Vide Military Proceedings, 21st March 1862, Nos. 454, 455.)

No. 410. ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1862, No. 656.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to Government Order, No. 482, dated 4th instant.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter :—

From the Acting Collector of North Arcot, Chittoor, 4th March 1862, No. 12 ; to the Chief Secretary to Government Fort Saint George.

1. In reply to Proceedings of Government in the Military Department regarding the delay that has occurred in mustering and paying the Pensioners at Arcot, Arnee and Vellore, I have the honor to state as follows :—

No. 769 of 28th February 1862.

2. On taking charge of the District, I found Mr. Barlow, the Acting Head Assistant, engaged on the muster of the Arcot Pensioners preparatory to paying them. The only letters of instructions to be found on the records regarding this duty, are two—identical in wording—which were despatched on the 4th January last—one to the Acting Head Assistant, one to the Sub-Collector ; and I beg to forward a copy—I am informed that there was also some demi-official correspondence between Mr. Robinson, and these Officers, regarding the details of their new duties ; but I have no means of knowing what his instructions were.

3. Finding, as I have said, that Mr. Barlow was not only mustering, but also paying the Arcot Pensioners, and believing this to have been done in consequence of Orders from the Collector, Mr. Robinson, I concluded, hearing nothing to the contrary, that Mr. Blair the Sub-Collector was doing likewise in the case of the Pensioners at Arnee and Vellore—more particularly as it appears from Lieutenant-Colonel Pritchard's Report that January is the month in which one of the musters has to be made, and of this the Sub-Collector must have been aware.

4. It was only on the 20th February that I learnt from some petitions from Pensioners addressed to Mr. Locke Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, and complaining of non-receipt of Pay, that the muster and payment of the Arnee and Vellore Pensioners have not even been commenced ; while the Acting Head Assistant had nearly completed his. I therefore, on the 20th February, addressed a letter* to Mr. Blair, requesting him to commence these duties without delay, and to postpone his Jammabandi tour till they had been completed.

* Copy enclosed.

5. I beg to submit that there was no delay on my part in carrying out the instructions of Government. In regard to paragraph 3 of the Proceedings under reply, I presume Mr. Robinson's Statement that the Orders of Government have been carried into effect, was based on his letter of the 4th January, and the belief expressed by him in paragraph 9 of his letter† that they were, he heard, being conducted at Vellore and Arcot by the Sub-Collector and Head Assistant Collector respectively.

6. In conclusion, I beg to assure the Government that I had not the least idea of deferring action on this matter, pending receipt of an answer to Mr. Robinson's letter of remonstrance. The delay has arisen, as I hope I have satisfactorily explained, from causes over which I had no control. Mr. Blair is now at Vellore engaged in paying the Pensioners there.

ORDER, No. 1045, 21st March 1862.

The Governor in Council accepts the foregoing explanation as regards Mr. Fraser ; but referring to the remark in paragraph 3 of his letter regarding Mr. Blair, Government desire to be furnished with the latter gentleman's explanation of the delay in paying the Pensioners also.

(True Extract.)

W. Marshall
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of North Arcot.

" Sub-Collector Vellore.

" Revenue Department.

Exd. T. Stubbs.

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