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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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| G.O. No. 947 | Press Mis. |
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| Dated 1 . 8 . 1862. | |

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 1st May 1862.*

No. 31. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 28th April 1862, No. 1,530:—

Passing orders on a Petition from the Military Pensioners at Vellore regarding the delay in the payment of their pensions by the District authorities and the non-adjustment of the claims of the Pensioners to Rice money. (Vide Military Proceedings, 28th April 1862, Nos. 558, 559.)

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No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1862, No. 947.

1. Ordered to be forwarded to the Board of Revenue for their information and communication to the Collector of North Arcot.

2. The Board will also circulate paragraph 2 of the foregoing Government Order to all Collectors.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

*Deputy Secretary to Government.*

## MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

### *PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

Read the following Petition :—

*From James Vigne, George Brocus and other Pensioners, Vellore, 25th April* 1862 ; *to the Military Secretary to Government, Madras.*

We, the undersigned European Pensioners, (late of the Honorable Company's Army, residing at Vellore), beg leave most respectfully to again (though very reluctantly) to lay before you, the irregularity and delay which obtains at this Station, in the issue of our Pension Pay.

We beg leave to state that we received on the 3rd ultimo, for (3) three months in arrears, *viz.*, for December 1861, January and February 1862, which was in many cases absorbed, owing to the unprecedented delay in issuing it—and that we have not received any since, "*now*" nearly (2) two months, wanting (9) days—and we cannot, although we have made application to Mr. Blair, the Sub-Collector here, ascertain when we are to receive it, or who is the person authorized to issue it. Mr. Blair, when applied to, on the 5th instant, on the subject, replied that he had nothing whatever to do with us, that he believed we would be paid in future by the Tahsildar, but if we had any claims or complaints, &c., to make, we must go to Chittoor.

Also we beg leave to state, that on or about the 10th instant, it was promulgated here by beat of Tom-Tom—that any Pensioner who requires a Furlough or transfer from the Station, &c. &c., were to make application to Mr. Locke, Deputy Collector at Chittoor—now Sir, we most humbly beg leave to observe that we cannot suppose for a moment, that the Government would "*expect*" or "*desire,*" old men like most of us, some partially blind, &c., should be put to so great an inconvenience and expense, (which latter the majority cannot afford) of travelling (46) forty-six miles there, and back. Therefore we would most respectfully request you will lay this before Government, in order that we may be prevented having to take such a journey, should we need it at any future time.

We also beg most respectfully to state, that having been informed from persons, on whom we could rely, that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to grant to those Pensioners drawing the superior Pension, *viz.*, (30) thirty Rupees per month, "*Compensation, Batta*" or "*Rice Money,*" for (6) six months retrospectively, *viz.*, from July to December 1861, inclusive, and which have been issued at Madras and other Stations, but has not been issued here, nor any notice taken of it—altho' it has been claimed by three Pensioners of the above class, who stated their claims, and explained it to Mr. Blair, the Sub-Collector here, in the early part of last month—and we also beg to observe, that on the 30th of the present month, there will be (10) ten months due to us of the aforesaid Compensation.

We also beg most respectfully to state, that the other Pensioners who have always received "*Compensation, Batta*" or "*Rice Money*" heretofore have not received any since October last, which will leave (6) six months of the said Compensation due to them on the 30th of the present month. And although they have made enquiries several times they can get no information when they are to be paid, it appearing that no one knows anything about it.

Therefore we must respectfully request you will be good enough to lay this our humble Petition, before His Excellency the Governor, and we humbly hope he will kindly take our case of distress under which the majority now labour, owing to the very great delay in issuing our Pay—and that he will kindly cause a fixed day to be appointed each month, for us to receive our Pay agreeable to the Rule which obtains at Madras, Bangalore and other Stations, which would be a great boon to your humble Petitioners.

And for which your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

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ORDER, No. 1530, *28th April* 1862.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Pensions, who, in communication with the District Authorities, will report, without avoidable delay, on the several allegations contained in the Petition; and submit, in the event of the complaints being well founded, the explanation of the Officer responsible for this second instance of delay, in the payment of Pensions at Vellore, and for the non-adjustment of the claims of the Pensioners to Rice money.

2. Referring to the prayer in the last paragraph of the Petition that a fixed date be appointed for the payment of Pensions, the Governor in Council observes that this has already been done ;* and His Excellency now directs that the Superintendent of Pensions will apprise Government of the date fixed on at each station, and submit, until further orders, a monthly Report shewing the places at which Pensioners were and were not paid on the appointed day, with the explanation of the Officers in whose range delay has occurred.

* *Paragraph 27 of Proceedings No.* 4306, *dated 27th November* 1861, *and G. O. G. No.* 78, *dated 14th February* 1862.

(True Extract.)

*Secretary to Government.*

To the Adjutant General.
„ Controller of Military Finance.
„ Military Accountant.
„ Superintendent of Pensions.
„ Revenue Department.
To James Vigne, George Brocus, William Edwards—
Pensioners residing at Vellore.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

Pro: 19 December 1862 Nos 174-175

Revenue 1862 Nov 4th
Pro: of Govt for May
No 1,222

Proceedings of the
Madras Govt in the
Military Depart.

Dated 28th Nov 3 A 4th
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