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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th November 1863.

No. 133. Read the following letter from Captain P. W. MITCHESON, a pensioned Commander of the late Indian Navy:—

Forwards a Memorial to His Excellency the Governor, praying for the grant of 200 Acres of waste lands on the Neilgherry Hills on Cowle tenure. } (Here enter 4th November 1863.)

No. 134. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1863, No. 2,028.

The Government regret that they cannot comply with Captain Mitcheson's application.

(True Extract.)

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

To Captain P. W. Mitcheson.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

attend at the demarcation, and pay for it

To

The Honorable Sir W. Denison. Bart. G.C.B.
Governor and President in Council.
Fort St George.

The Memorial of Percy W. Mitchesone; a
Pensioned Commander of the late
Indian Navy.

Humbly Showeth:— That though your Memorialist has not had the honor of serving under the immediate orders of the Government of Madras his case is such as to render it highly improbable that a similar one can arise, and also such as leads him to hope for your Excellency's sympathy and favorable consideration.

Your Memorialist having lost a leg during the last war with Burmah, is — on account of the shortness of the stump unable to follow his immediate profession as a Naval Officer, at sea, excepting at the risk of his life; and he desires, if possible, to continue in this country so as to avoid the cold of English winters: and therefore, as it is absolutely necessary for the sake of his children that he should endeavour to add to his income, he trusts to succeed in doing so by engaging in Coffee Planting.

Your Memorialist has spent both time and money, as well as gone through such fatigue and exposure as he never before experienced in searching for land at a proper elevation, and for this purpose he has taken an Aneroid Barometer over spaces equal to about two hundred and fifty miles, (a laborious work after the loss of a leg) before finding land which may possibly answer; and he must further attend at the demarcation, and pay for it

and the Survey: nevertheless, notwithstanding all he has gone through and still must before the land can be put up to auction in the ordinary course, it is open to any one who knows the care with which it has been selected and who may therefore bid higher than your Memorialist, to deprive him of the land, and thus rob him of the only means by which he can hope to obtain sufficient income to admit of his remaining in the mild climate of these Hills.

Under these circumstances, as your Memorialist stands on such an unequal footing with all who may bid against him, as regards physical ability to search for land whilst it is more the urging of necessity than the development of inclination which makes him so anxious to obtain it, he very earnestly begs that an exception may be made in his favor, so that the benefit of the power retained by the concluding paragraph, (XXVIII) of the present Rules for the sale of Waste Lands on the Neilgherry Hills may be extended to his case, and that Your Excellency will be pleased to bestow on him a grant of two hundred Acres of Waste Land on the terms of Cowle mentioned in the paragraph above alluded to, and for this your Memorialist, as in duty bound, will pray.

Percy W Whitehouse
Commr &c.

Coïacamund
4th Novr 1863

Your Memorialist would further beg permission to add the following extract from a letter, and a copy of one of his certificates in evidence of the circumstances under which he lost his leg.

By Commodore (now Admiral Sir George Lambert.

"I have great pleasure in forwarding you the certificate you require and trust it may assist you in obtaining the reward you are so justly entitled to.

This is to certify that Lieutenant P. W. Whitehouse of the Indian Navy, was specially brought to my notice by Commander R. Lambert of H.M.S. Fox, in command of the expedition for his gallant conduct when in charge of the Mosquito's Boat in an attack on the enemy's position near Pantano on the 16th and 17th January 1853, on which occasion he was twice wounded, the second time so severely as to cause amputation of the left leg.

Signed
George R. Lambert
Commodore of the 1st Class
Commander in Chief of
H.M. Squadron in the East Indies

Letter dated
Trincomalee
Octr 28th
1858

True copy.
Percy W Whitehouse

Rec'd 27 Oct 63.

From—
Commander P. M. Mitchelson
Indian Navy

To—
The Secretary to Government
Fort St. George
Revenue Department

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be kind enough to submit the accompanying Memorial to His Excellency the Governor of Madras, and I would fain hope that you will be able favourable to recommend my case.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed. Servt
Percy M. Mitchelson
Commr. &c.

Recd. 4th Nov. 1863

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From
W. Mitcheson
a pensioned Com:
=mander of the
late Indian Navy

Dated 4th November
Received 7th " 1863

In the Waste land Rule
put here specially reserved power
to grant lands on any
terms they please - One
such grant has been
made to Mr Sanderson, for
the Experimental culture
of Newfoundland Nettle - the Com
-cessionaire is no more
than getting him have the
land on a lease renewable for 3
years - at the end of which he
-nood he will have the option
of giving it up or buying it at
the average price of such land
In the present instance the
grounds of claim are purely
personal - judging from past ex
perience the land sought would fetch 500 or 600 Rs.

Forwards a memorial addressed to His Excellency the Governor praying for the grant of 200 acres of waste lands on the Kadghery Hills on Canada tenure.

No. 2028 11th Nov.

With an order

The petitioner
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