

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th August 1864.*

No. 232. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Approving of the steps taken by the Collector of South Arcot with regard to the Pensioners at Cuddalore, who } (Here enter 4th August 1864, No. 2,695.)
will be paid by the Deputy Collector.

No. 233. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1864, No. 1,475.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue with Proceedings Military Department, No. 2,695.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Collector of South Arcot, Cuddalore, 13th June 1864, No. 33; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

At the urgent request of Captain Templar, accompanied by the original of the enclosed copy of a letter from that Officer, I have consented to take charge of the Pension Establishment attached to the Military Depôt of Cuddalore, which has just been abolished.

2. Captain Templar's occupation having ceased, it was necessary, in my opinion, that I should at once accede to his requisition, as there were many matters connected with the Pensioners needing immediate attention. All Records and money received from the Depôt Officer have been made over to my Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, who will, no doubt, willingly undertake what is required to be done; but I imagine that an extra Clerk will be necessary for the Accounts and other details, as it will scarcely be possible for the limited establishment at his command to do this additional work. A short experience, however, will show whether further aid, and to what extent, will be needed; meanwhile, as I have no instructions in the matter and neither have the Pensioners received any through the Military Department, I desire to know how matters connected with these Pensioners, are, in future, to be arranged.

3. There are several points which will need the distinct orders of Government in regard to the payment of the Bills which have, I believe, heretofore been subject to Military audit; and there is also for consideration the pay or allowance granted to the Roman Catholic Chaplain, who has always drawn head money under certain limitations.

4. I solicit instructions as to the course to be pursued in regard to the Priest's allowance. Is that Reverend Gentleman's "Certificate on honor" in each month, that there are present the full complement of Roman Catholics, to be accepted as sufficient proof of the fact, or is there to be any other scrutiny to test his Returns? And if so, what is to be the nature of that scrutiny? And must the men, women, and children be mustered in every month? And under what restrictions, if any are to be imposed? Are the periodical Bills for his allowance to be passed and countersigned by my Deputy?

5. At present in Cuddalore there are, I believe, 112 Catholics in all, and any number below 100, disentitles the Priest to any head money. Now that the Depôt has been abolished, it is probable that many may leave the place, but except under the specific orders of Government, I should be disinclined to interfere in so delicate a matter, and I should be disposed to accept the Priest's word as, in itself, ample authority for disbursing to him the amount he might claim; and it would be difficult for the Native Deputy Collector to muster all the Catholics in verification of the Priest's Return; and to do so myself would be impossible, and it is a duty which I can hardly think Government would require of me.

6. I have separately written to Government on this date on the subject of Depôt affairs generally, but they are distinct from the questions on which I now seek instructions; and as there may be some delay and much inconvenience to the Pensioners, unless the future mode of drawing the Pensions be distinctly authorized, my addressing you on the subject has been unavoidable; and I trust to be favored with the early and specific orders of Government for the guidance of my Treasury Department.

From Captain F. TEMPLER, late Commanding Cuddalore General Depôt, Cuddalore, 6th June 1864,
No. 79 ; to the Collector of South Arcot.

Agreeably to instructions from the Brigade Major, Fort Saint George, (a copy of whose letter is hereto attached) I have the honor to request
Muster Rolls also accompany the Abstracts, as well as List of Abstracts forwarded. you will permit me to give over to your Deputy Collector all Pensioners, &c., formerly under my charge for payment. All Abstracts in arrears for May 1864, I have the pleasure to forward for the countersignature of the Deputy Collector in charge of the Pensioners and for transmission by him to the Presidency Paymaster, duly signed by myself.

THE BRIGADE OFFICE, 1st June 1864.

DEAR SIR,

I have received your note of the 19th May. As it appears the Commander-in-Chief is not going to issue any orders about the Depôt, you must break it up at once ; if you have not already done so, hand over all public money to the Treasury : send Cash Chest, if Government property, to the Arsenal Fort Saint George : send all men on leave, &c., to the Civil Authorities to be paid : make up Canteen Accounts to date and send in Proceedings to me : any surplus money might perhaps, with advantage, be divided amongst the Pensioners, but orders about this will be sent hereafter.

The Director of Army Schools will, I suppose, make arrangements about your School.

Your's sincerely,

(Signed) C. S. ELLIOT.

Referred to the Controller of Military Accounts for early report.

24th June 1864.

Report from the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, Fort Saint George, 23rd July 1864, B.

I have the honor to return the letter of the Collector of South Arcot, dated 13th June 1864, No. 33, with enclosure, referred under your docket of the 24th idem.

2. As only 17 Pensioners now remain on the Roll of the Depôt at Cuddalore, and the Deputy Collector there receives Rupees 35 for the payment of 927 Pensioners, it is presumed that the small addition to the number which the abolition of the Depôt involves, entailing a very small amount of clerical labor, will not necessitate any increase of establishment.

3. The salary of the Roman Catholic Priest will continue to be paid as heretofore, so long as there may be a hundred European Pensioners' wives and children resident at Cuddalore, the charge being supported by the Certificate prescribed in paragraph 103, page 349, Pay Code.

4. There do not appear to be any grounds for dispensing with such a voucher in the present instance : it seems specially necessary when the limit is so closely approached.

ORDER, No. 2695, 4th August 1864.

Ordered that the foregoing Report from the Controller of Military Accounts be communicated to the Collector of South Arcot, for information and guidance.

2. The Governor in Council approves of the steps taken by Mr. Reade, with regard to the Pensioners at Cuddalore, who will be paid by the Deputy Collector, under the Rules published in G. O. G. 14th February 1862, No. 78.

(True Extract.)

Admiral
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of South Arcot.
" Revenue Department.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Superintendent of Pensions.

Exd. T. Stubbs.

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