

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
16th June 1865.*

No. 359. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the  
Military Department:—

Passing orders on a letter from the Secretary Military Fund, forwarding a Resolution of the Directors respecting the exemption of the Pensioners, from that Fund, from the exaction of one Rupee Stamp on each occasion of their furnishing the declaration in drawing their Annuities. (Here enter 12th June 1865, No. 2,184.)

No. 360. ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1865, No. 1,344.

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| Separate Revenue, No. 21. |
| Stamp.                    |

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

*Acting Under Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Military Department, No. 2,184.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

**MILITARY DEPARTMENT.**  
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.**

Read the following papers:—

From the Secretary Military Fund, Fort Saint George, 18th May 1865; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor, by desire of the Directors of the Military Fund, to enclose their Resolution of this day's date, for submission to Government, with the hope that it may have their strong and earnest recommendation in its transmission to higher Authority.

2. The Directors have undertaken to plead on behalf of the widows and orphans of the Officers of the Army, who draw Pensions from the Military Fund, on the grounds that their income is in most cases derived solely from the Fund; that in the case of unmarried daughters of deceased Officers, it is so small\* that the exaction of a Rupee on each occasion of the Declaration is to them a serious consideration.

3. The Directors are unable to dispense with the Declaration, as payment of the Pension must be protected by a Life Certificate, and in the case of ladies dependent on the Fund, by a Certificate that they are unmarried.

4. They venture to hope that entire exemption may be made, or such relief as the Government of India may, in due consideration, deem expedient.

Extract from the Directors' Minutes of Proceedings, dated 18th May 1865.

II. "Read letter, dated 1st May 1865, from Lieutenant-Colonel J. Temple, Superintendent of Stamps, calling attention to the omission on the part of Annuitants on the Fund to have their 'Declarations' in support of their applications for Annuity, stamped."

"Read also letter, dated 9th May 1865, from Mrs. A. W. Peterson, representing the hardship of having all future 'Declarations' which accompany her applications for the Pension of her granddaughter, Miss Herford, stamped, of the value of one Rupee."

N. B.—The amount of Pension drawn monthly is Rupees 43-12.

"Resolved, that the subject be referred to Government, with the earnest request of the Directors, that an exemption may be obtained in favor of Pensioners from the Military Fund, many of whom draw so small an amount as to render the Stamp on each monthly Declaration, a serious burden on their income."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) JOHN OBBARD, Captain,  
Secretary Military Fund.

ORDER, No. 2184, 12th June 1865.

In the foregoing communication the Directors of the Military Fund represent the hardship inflicted on the widows and orphans of the Officers of the Army, by the exaction of 1 Rupee Stamp on each occasion of their furnishing the Declaration, prescribed by the Rules in drawing their Annuities, with special reference to the rates of Pension noted in the margin of their Secretary's letter. It appears to the Governor in Council that some misapprehension exists on this point, the Declarations in question being required by the rules, to be furnished "quarterly," while the rates of Pension noted are those payable "monthly." In other words, the Stamp exacted appears not to be Rupees 1 on monthly Pensions of Rupees 29-2-8 and 43-12-0, but on quarterly Pensions of Rupees 87-8-0 and 131-4-0, respectively.

2. His Excellency further observes that the rates of widows' Pension vary with the rank of their late husbands, and although the stamp duty on Declarations must consequently press *unequally*, it does not necessarily follow that it presses *hardly* upon *all*.

3. It appears worthy of consideration by the Directors, whether the stamp fees on the Declarations of the smaller Annuitants might not be met by the Fund, leaving the larger Annuitants to meet it as at present.

4. Under any circumstances, however, the Governor in Council considers it unnecessary for the Directors to re-submit the question of the exemption of the Annuitants from stamp duty, for reference to the Government of India, His Excellency having no expectation whatever that any such representation would be attended to.

(True Extract.)

To the Secretary Military Fund.

" Superintendent of Pensions,

" Adjutant General,

" Controller of Military Accounts,

" Revenue Department,

for information.

Secretary to Government.

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Communicated to the  
Board of Revenue.

16<sup>th</sup> June 1863.

1. E. H. O. D. (General) in a report of 1863.

Dec. = 1865. 1/4th winter.  
Dr. of Good Hope (Linn.)  
No. 1594.  
Proceedings of the  
Brookline Club in  
the Winter of 1865.

Dated 12<sup>th</sup> of June 1805.  
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Passing orders  
on a letter from the Am.  
High School, forwarding  
a Resolution of the de-  
legates respecting the se-  
paration of the Session  
from that time, for  
the session of 1896  
stands on each occasion  
of their furnishing the  
declaration in reference  
to the Amurites.

With an order  
of 1344. 16 June 1911

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