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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1521 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 31 ~~st~~ May 1869

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31*st May* 1869.

No. 693. Read the following letter from VADAVULLY UMMAL, widow of the late C. NARRAINSAWMY MOODELIAR, Deputy Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Under-Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Royapettah, 22. February 1869:—

WITH reference to your Endorsement on my petition, dated 20th February 1869, No. 388, I humbly beg to forward herewith my Memorial addressed to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India; and request that the Government will be pleased to transmit the same with their favorable recommendation.

No. 694. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1869, No. 1,521.

Miscellaneous.

THE Memorial will be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, through the Government of India, under Clause III. of the Revised Memorial Rules.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. Ft. St. George, 1869. Revenue.

To

Dated May 31st.

Read.

G. O., 31st May 1869, No. 1,521.

Encl.

Madras.

Widow of Deputy Collector C. Narrainsawmy Moodeliar.—Memorial praying for the grant of a pension, forwarded to Home Government through Government of India.

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Nos. 693-694.

Revenue Department.
Fort Saint George,
31*st May*, 1869.

No. 1,522.

No. 695.

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,
Financial Department.

Sir,

Miscellaneous.

I am directed to forward to the Government of India a Memorial from Vadavully Ummal, widow of the late C. Narrainsawmy Moodeliar, Deputy Collector, Salt Department, Nellore District, in which she prays that a pension may be granted to her in consequence of the death of her husband. In support of her request she urges the meritorious services of her husband during a period of seventeen years, and the helpless state in which he left his family (consisting of Memorialist and six young children) at his death. A similar petition had been previously addressed to this Government by Memorialist, dated August 19, 1868, with which, for reasons stated below, the Government was unable to comply.

2. Shortly before his decease, Memorialist's husband addressed a petition dated March, 1866, to the Collector of Nellore, in which he requested that a pension of Rupees 70 might be granted to his family on the same grounds as those now brought forward by Memorialist. This petition was submitted for the consideration of the Board of Revenue by the Collector, who recommended that the request of the Memorialist's husband should be granted. In Proceedings, dated 20th April, 1866, the Board of Revenue added their recommendation to that of the Collector.

3. The Government in an Order, dated May 7, 1866, declined to bring Memorialist's case to the notice of the Government of India, being of opinion that compliance with the Memorialist's application would form an inconvenient precedent.

4. The Governor in Council now sees no reason to recommend the present application for favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Financial 1869 Department.

No. 1521

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 31st May 1869.

Read the following letter from Vadamalli Ummal, widow of the late Narayanasamy Moodely, Deputy Collector of Nellore.—

Submitting Memorial for a pension.

Secretary to State saying for a pension from the State and requesting same be recommended by Government.

Read letter 22nd February 1869.

The Memorial will be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, through the Government of India, under clause III of the Article Memorial Rules.

Financial 1869 Department.

From Government of Fort St George.

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No. 695.

Forwarding a Memorial from Vadavully Ummal, widow of the late C. Narrainsawmy Moodeliar, Deputy Collector, Salt Department, Nellore District, praying that a pension may be granted to her in consideration of her late husband's meritorious services.

4. Revenue Department

Memorandum giving a precis of certain cases in which pensions or jaghires have been granted as a special case to the widows and families of deceased public servants and having reference to the expediency or otherwise of recommending to the Secretary of State the grant of a pension to the widow of the late late Deputy Collector C. Narrainswamy Moodelly

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1. A list which accompanies this memo shows that from May 1841 to April 1860 pensions were exceptionally granted to the families of deceased officials in sixteen cases. The amount of such pensions varied from Rs. 43 to Rs. 6 according to

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to the position of deceased and the number of his family; except in one case when it reached Rupees 250: Since 1860 about four instances of a like nature have occurred.

The sanction of the Home Government was invariably obtained.

2. The following cases are selected as examples.

3. Thomas French, 1st Uncovenanted Assistant in the Revenue and Public

5. Public Works Departments who had served the Govt for a period of 34 years, and who for the last 25 years of his life had been employed in the Secretariat died in March 1861. He possessed very satisfactory testimonials from Mesrs H. Forbes, W. W. Bayley and the Honorable Walter Elliot: the latter of whom "said with confidence that Govt did not

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possess two abler or
more zealous or hard=
=working servants than
the two Mess^rs French."
In addition to this, Dr^r
Mair who attended Mr^r
J. French during
his final illness certi=
=fied that "the disease
of which he died,
if not actually
caused, was probably
aggravated by his
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necessarily sedentary
life and by the laborious
and intermitting
nature of the duties he
had to perform in
his Office." He left
Seven children unpro=
=vided for: viz. three
Daughters: the eldest
of whom was 21: and
four sons: the eldest
of whom was 11. His
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two eldest sons were
receiving respectively
Rupees 50 and Rupees
30 in the Government
service. Three years
before his death his
salary had been raised
by the Court of Di-
=rectors, at the urgent
recommendation of
the Madras Government,
to Rupees 500 per mensem,
which rate of pay he
was drawing at the
time of his decease.

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4. Soon after his
death, his widow trans-
=mitted a Memorial
to the Secretary of
State (Sir Charles Wood)
through the Government,
in which she prayed
for an allowance for
the support and edu-
=cation of her children. She
urged her husband's
meritorious services and
the inadequacy of his
salary to make suitable
provision for his family
after his death.

5. The Government, in
forwarding her Memorial,
earnestly supported her
claim

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claim, and recommends a total allowance of Rs. 175 to the whole family - viz, Rs. 50 to Mrs. French for life, Rs. 15 to each of her daughters till marriage or death, and Rs. 20 to each of the sons till they attained the age of 18. The Secretary of State sanctioned this rate of allowance to all except the four boys which brought the pension down to a temporary stipend of Rs. 95.

6. The next case is that of the widow of Marcapah Moodelly late

late Manager in the Revenue and Judicial Departments who died about the year 1840. Before his death, on his retirement from the service through ill-health, the Government had granted him a pension of Rs. 105 per mensem for the remainder of his life: half of which was to be enjoyed by his son. On the death of the latter in 1848, his mother, and the widow of Marcapah was granted a pension of

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of Rs. 25.-

7. A similar pension under nearly similar circumstances was granted by the Court of Directors to Gamindoo Annual, widow of P. Goorooasemmy Naidoo who had been Native Manager in the office of the Secretary to Government in the Civil Department.

8. In 1821, Mahomed Moosa who was Peishcar to Colonel Read during the settlement

settlement of the Baramahal received a jaghire of the value of 480 pagodas per annum, to be held by himself, his son and his grandson.

9. The case of Mrs. H. A. French whose husband was first Uncovenanted Assistant in the Chief Secretary's Department weighs in the opposite scale. Mrs. H. A. French died in 1865, having been in the service of Govt. nearly

nearly 34 years. He had during the last eight years of his life been receiving a salary of Rs. 500 per mensem. He left a family consisting of a widow & eight children of whom five were unmarried daughters & three were sons below the age of 19. The highest testimony was borne to his character, & qualifications & claims. On his widow memorialising the Secretary of State, the Govt. strongly supported her claims, & recommended that a pension of Rs. 50 should be bestowed upon her for life, & a stipend of Rs. 15 upon each of her five daughters till marriage. But the Secretary of State declined in 1866 to grant her petition on the ground of irregularity & want of precedent, & when

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in March 1868, she addressed the Secretary of State again, citing several instances where a similar boon had been granted; although she was again supported by this Government the Secretary of State in a Despatch dated 16th January 1869 declined to extend to her the indulgence sought for "because it would involve a departure from the general rule in regard to the grant of pensions to the families of uncovenanted servants, and would obviously give rise to other claims of a similar character.

character."

10 The case of the widow of C. Narrain-sawmy Moodelly, late Deputy Collector in the Salt Department at Nellore which is now under the consideration of Government certainly does not offer so many arguments in favour of a pension as that of Mr. A. A. French. Narrainsawmy Moodelly had only been in the Government service for 17 years and left six children, while Mr. A. A. French had served Government for 34 years and left eight children. Both drew

drew the same salary at the time of their death, and the character of each is spoken of in equally flattering terms. The only ground on which Narrainsawmy Moodelly can be said to have a higher claim on the consideration of Government than A. A. French is that considerable direct gain is said to have accrued to Government from the zeal and ability which he displayed in the Abkarry and Salt Departments.

11. But considering all

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all the circumstances of the two cases, it does not appear likely that the same Secretary of State who on 8th January 1869, refused to sanction the grant of a pension to the widow and family of Mr. A. A. French, would now take a contrary course in the case of Narrainsammy Moodelly.

12. The Government may however, think it advisable to take wider action, and to point out to the Secretary of State that cases which call

The story further in human interest (see reply) to be about from Mr French's case

I do not think that the Govt can safely appeal that a person who is a native of India or some place where they have been injuriously exposed to climatic influences, whilst serving for the last six years in the more healthy climate on the East Coast of Malacca. Salt work calls for duty in this case but natives of this Presidency are accustomed to the sun. Seldom or ever of them general health is good & there is no organic disease - as regards the plea in his dec[n] for a boon that he made money per the Govt, I should like to see it shown that what he did in this way was by fraudulent acts of his own that - by enforcing the salt rules for the management of Govt Colaris [illegible] ruled by the Govt - as to his poverty at the time of his death I do not believe that a Collector or any Collector can safely assume that any serving Govt servant

R. D. M. Hall
Esq

call for the charitable interposition of Govern: =ment do occasionally arise owing to death &c in the Uncovenanted Service, and that it would be well for the question to be placed upon some defined footing.

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& was a pauper. How does this come to be unfounded? How is it corroborated? Because he asked help from and by relatives & when the duty of looking after the destitute & distressed children has fallen according to the practice of caste & the practice of the Country - as in all of the Courts I see nothing in the Memo to indicate that we withdraw any material from the Enclosed draft

13.5.69

Signum mei
Philippi

A. P.

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Memorandum
Filium a Jacobo ejusdem
Jacobum Brun in Regis
Minorum Hospitium
Parentibus ejus Charos
Cadetto Filio minorenni
Familiæ defuncti
Judicis Servandis.

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No. 1522

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Should let the Para. stand as it is altered in red ink the case in the next N. and remark the case in the next.

I must say "I am of opinion that compliance with the Memorialist's application would form an alarming precedent," N

would be liable to involve

No. 4. The Governor in Council now sees no reason to recommend the present application for favorable consideration

31 May 69

I would say — The grounds in Council have been a further consideration of the meritorious and hospitable services rendered by the deceased Dep. Collector does [illegible] in recommending the grant of pension of £50. to the widow — as a Special case. There is indeed that the active & distinguished career pursued by the deceased in his various employments united with a long increase of revenue to Govt. N.

Our Deputy Collectors do not accept pensions under 500 with a belief that a donation will be granted to their widows, and have ask aware that the pension of any person deceased has ever been held out to them. — It would be an awkward precedent to establish, that a dept. Collector retired to have died soon after the brief period of 17 years service, should have his widow pensioned on £60 per annum — A pension that his conduct as Coll. Deputy Collector entitled him to of £100 per annum — Should be as small as £50 per annum — The widow will not want more than 2½ lb. of food at the least. Should much shelter if the weather were severe as her landlord perhaps, we should be unsuccessful, and regret that the original draft should ever have been the means of depriving the widow's claim

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I advise that this

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glad should you
favorably dispose
of the memorialist and
I may above that
my humble petition
of state has upon
it found a favour
of the widow of a much
more distinguished
public officer the late
Lt. A. A. Genl. and
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was strictly enumerated
by the Local Govt.
I am convinced that
a recommendation made
in favour of the memorialist
would be used by a
Board.

A. S.

Ecclesiastical Dept. Re 14 Oct 16.