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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd October 1873.

No. 212. Read the following letter from Captain J. G. CLOETE, Deputy-Superintendent, in charge of the office of the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Hon. R. A. DALYELL, Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chepauk, 9th October 1873, No. 2,452-86 :—

I HAVE the honour to bring to the notice of Government the following circumstances connected with the grant of civil pension to Ordnance Artificers employed in the Revenue Survey Department.

2. Before the publication (last year) of the new Civil Pension Code, it was generally understood that Ordnance Artificers were, in common with other surveyors, counting their service in this department towards civil pension; the Government, in Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 16th April 1858, No. 488, having declared that all servants of the Survey Department are eligible to pension, and again, on 19th June 1863 (G. O., No. 1,080) having expressly declared surveyors to be eligible.

3. In the new Civil Pension Code, however, Section 6, it is said that service, which qualifies for pension under Military Rules, does not qualify for pension under this Code.

4. An exception has since been made to this section, and "*soldiers*, in civil employ, are entitled to count the whole period of their departmental service towards civil pension, provided that those now in civil employ take their discharge from the army before 1st November 1873," (G. O. G. I., dated 17th October 1872, No. 3,656).

5. On a reference to the Ordnance Department regarding the discharge of an Artificer, the Inspector-General has furnished me with a ruling of the Acting Controller of Military Accounts to the effect that Ordnance Artificers in civil employ do not come under the exception in paragraph 4 above, as they are not *soldiers*.

6. If this ruling be correct, and no alteration be made in the rules, a very great hardship will be inflicted on a number of deserving public servants.

7. There are now fourteen Ordnance Artificers in the department; their average service is thirteen years; and the fact that twelve of them have risen to the highest subordinate grade is alone sufficient to testify to their good conduct and ability; they have all done the State good service, and have all more or less suffered from the effects of constant exposure and hard work.

8. I beg, therefore, earnestly to request that the Government of India may be moved to allow to Ordnance Artificers (as they have already done to soldiers) the privilege of counting towards civil pension the whole period of their departmental service.

9. The greater number of the Artificers have already obtained their discharge from the corps, and those few who have not will have to apply before the 1st proximo, to enable them to benefit by the Civil Code. I have the honour, therefore, to request that I may, if possible, be favoured at once with an intimation from the Government that this application has its support, in order that I may advise the Artificers, who have not done so, to apply for their discharge before the 1st November.

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No. 213. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1873, No. 1,155.

Miscellaneous.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has no doubt that Ordnance Artificers are "soldiers" within the meaning of Exception 4, Section 6, of the Civil Pension Code, which evidently refers to all persons holding service qualifying for pension under Military Rules.

2. A copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Government of India, Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

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

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND,
23rd October 1873.

No. 156.

No. 214.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Miscellaneous.

SIR,—A reference having been made to this Government as to whether Ordnance Artificers are Soldiers within the meaning of Exception 4, Section 6 of the Civil Pension Code, the question was answered in the affirmative. I am directed to submit the accompanying Proceedings to submit the accompanying Proceedings on the subject for the information of the Government of India.

G. O., dated 23rd October 1873, No. 1,155.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. W. H. French.

Govt. of {1873 Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF

REVENUE SURVEY.

Dated October 23rd.

Read.

Encl.

G. O., 23rd October 1873, No. 1,155.

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Nos. 212-213.

Ordnance Artificers.—Remarking that — are "soldiers" within the meaning of Exception 4, Section 6, of the Civil Pension Code, and resolving to forward to the Government of India a copy of the Proceedings.

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No. 1155

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 23 Oct. 73

Read the following
letter from the Superintendent
Revenue Survey.

Requesting to move
the Gov.t of India to allow Ordnance
Artificers to count towards Civil
pension their service in the Survey
Dep.t &c.a

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Financial Department.

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Revenue Dept
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No. 1156

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India
Financial Dept.

Sir.

A reference having been made to this Govt as to whether Ordnance Artificers are soldiers within the meaning of Exception 4 Section 6 of the Civil Pension Code the question was answered in the affirmative, ~~but as it appears that a contrary opinion has been held~~, I am directed to submit the accompanying Proceedings for the information of the Govt of India.

G.O. dated 23d Oct. 1873 No. 1155

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To

The Govt. of India

Return to Bearer Office
for Service in the Survey Dept.

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