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No. 432.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.

SIMLA, THE MAY 1873.

Read the following :—

No. 39, dated 17th January 1873.

From—The Government of India.

To—The Secretary of State for India.

We have the honor to report, for Your Grace's approval, that we have sanctioned a compassionate allowance of Rs. 50 a month to Mr. J. S. Robertson, Brevet Branch Pilot on the Bengal Establishment, whom it is considered expedient to remove from the service on account of intemperate habits.

2. We take this opportunity of representing to Your Grace that we often experience great difficulty from the rules in force not allowing the grant of a pension when, owing to inefficiency, which may, perhaps, not always be his fault, an officer is no longer able to perform satisfactorily the duties required of him.

3. We forward herewith a copy of the papers relating to the case of Mr. Fell, as an illustration of the inconvenience. Mr. Fell was a school-master in Akyab, and, after serving Government for about 23 years, he was removed for inefficiency, for which he was clearly not to blame.

4. Even the rules applicable to pension on medical certificate would not always meet such cases, and we should be glad to be allowed to exercise a discretion in granting to officers, whom it is desirable to remove from the service for inefficiency, due to whatever cause, such pension as may in each case seem to us expedient. We should limit such pension, ordinarily, to the amount admissible under Section 56 of the Civil Pension Code: it would probably be very seldom necessary to grant even so much.

5. What we wish is to be able to discharge, upon some reasonable conditions, an officer whom it is not desired to keep in the public service, but whose conduct has not been such as to justify his dismissal without any provision for his subsistence, or, perhaps, the infliction upon him of any penalty whatever.

No. 133, dated 27th March 1873.

From—Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India,

To—The Government of India.

PARA. 1. I have considered in Council your Financial letter dated the 17th January 1873, No. 39, reporting the circumstances under which you have sanctioned the grant of a compassionate allowance of Rs. 50 a month to Mr. J. S. Robertson, a Branch Pilot on the Bengal Establishment, and requesting to be "allowed to exercise a discretion in granting to officers, whom it is desirable to remove from the service for inefficiency, due to whatever cause, such pension as may in each case seem to you expedient."

2. I confirm the grant of this compassionate allowance to Mr. Robertson, but I cannot sanction any general arrangement by which pensions not authorized by existing rules could be granted without reference to the Secretary of State. I shall, however, be prepared to consider

any proposal you may make for the grant of a special pension in a case of the nature to which you refer, but such proposed grant should always be made to, and be sanctioned by, me, before any communication on the subject is made to the officer concerned.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the above be forwarded *confidentially* to—

The several Departments of the Government of India (the Marine Department being especially referred to Financial Resolution No. 319, dated 17th January 1873), and

The several Local Governments and Administrations.

D. BARBOUR,

Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

*Order Mercon. dated. Co. Acamund
5 June. 1873. No 793.*

*Communicated to the several De-
partments of the Secretariat.
(True Extract)*

*[Signature]
Chief Secretary.*

*To
The Revenue Department*

Recd 1873 Sept.
No. 1608.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.
PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.

To
Prov. of Govt. Secy. Secy.
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Dated ~~Simla 5 June~~ May 1873.

Received *4th June 1873*

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Communicating copy of
a despatch from the Secy. of
State confirming the grant by
the Govt. of India of a compas-
sionate allowance of Rs 50-0-0
per mensem to Mr. J. S. Robertson
Brevet Branch Pilot Bengal
Detachment.

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