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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1st October 1877, No. 3,051.

Read the following paper :—

No. 3. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 19th September 1877, No. 621.

I HAVE the honor to forward the correspondence as per margin for the favorable consideration of Government.

One letter from the Deputy Conservator, North Arcot, to the Conservator of Forests, No. 246, dated 7th July 1877.

One letter from do. to do. No. 295 dated 28th July 1877.

One letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Conservator of Forests, No. 993 dated 16th August 1877.

2. When Mr. Sheffield entered the junior ranks of this department he was a Private in the 60th Rifles then stationed on the Nilgiris; subsequently when he found that his promotion in the Military Department would not go on if he remained in the Forest Department, and that he might at any time be ordered to rejoin his regiment, he purchased his discharge. It was never contemplated in this department that he or other men of his class entering the department as Sub-Assistant Conservators should rise to the rank of Major or be promoted with Military Officers or that such prospects were ever held out to him. He is now anxious that Government should allow the military service which he put in prior to joining the Forest Department to count towards his civil pension, and I hope that this can be done; the Collector of his district supports his request.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From T. SHEFFIELD, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, North Arcot Division, to Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, dated Vellore, 7th July 1877, No. 246.

I HAVE the honor to solicit you to be kind enough to recommend to His Grace the Governor in Council that I may, as a special case, be allowed to count my Military service prior to joining the Forest Department towards Civil Pension; and as Government have decided that I and two or three others are not to get further promotion, His Grace in Council will, I feel sure, take your recommendation into favorable consideration.

2. Mr. Ferguson is not correct in paragraph 11 of his memorial in stating that "neither of them had previous special training," for Dr. Cleghorn selected me for my special knowledge, after testing it in a close examination in the office of Captain (now Colonel) Farwell, who will, I dare say, remember the circumstance.

3. Most of my Forest service has been under your command, and your official letters testify that you have always been satisfied with me; the Collector of my district, with whom most of my correspondence is, can testify that I am able to conduct the duties of my office efficiently, and that I am able to hold my own, and command the respect due to my position.

4. Being a military man when I entered the department, I thought I should continue to get military promotion as Military men in other departments do, and had this been given me I should be now, most probably, an Assistant Commissary and Honorary Lieutenant, but Government decided not to give military promotion in the Forest Department, and I purchased my discharge from the Army with a view to civil pension, and as

* I have not got the order, but it was issued between 1860 and 1864.

I was at the time a Sub-Assistant Conservator, I thought there would be no bar to my rising to a

good position and securing as good a pension as I should have got as an Assistant Commissary, so long as I fulfilled the conditions imposed by Government, and conducted my duties properly, and this view was strengthened on my promotion to Assistant Conservator, and, on the re-organisation, to the rank of Deputy Conservator; and it was not till Mr. Ferguson petitioned, and Captain C. Walker remarked that it was not intended that men of his class should rise to the higher appointments, and that Government had made a "marked separation in the List," that I awoke from my dream.

But it being now decided that I am to get no more departmental promotion, and having lost the chance of military promotion by the Government decision not to give military promotion in the department, I have the prospect of a very poor pension after over twenty-five years' service, unless Government are pleased to grant my request. With my very large family it has not been possible for me to save money, and my health is failing so fast now that I feel I shall not be able to serve the time necessary to secure me half pay pension, but if I am allowed to count my military service prior to joining the Forest Department, I have enough service to entitle me to half pay should I be obliged to go Home.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From T. SHEFFIELD, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, North Arcot Division, to Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, dated Vellore, 28th July 1877, No 295.

With reference to your demi-official, dated 26th instant, I have the honor to request you will kindly reconsider my case and support it with your recommendation, when I feel confident that Government will take it into their favorable consideration.

2. Should Government be pleased to grant my prayer it will by no means create a precedent. My case has special and peculiar reasons for favorable consideration, and Government might grant my prayer as a special case not to be drawn into a precedent; but, in fact, it could not be so taken for I am, I believe, the only person in the Madras Presidency to whom it could apply: in every other department military men get military promotion, and at the same time rise in their civil department. I know several men in the Department Public Works, who are now holding their honorary army rank and at the same time are Executive and Assistant Engineers, and are not debarred from further promotion both civil and military; they will get a good military pension, and have a poor prospect of a decent pension after so many years' service unless you are pleased to support me.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, dated Palnanair, 16th August 1877, No. 993.

I HAVE the honor to forward the enclosed letter received from Mr. Sheffield to your address, and to observe that if the Government are pleased to grant the boon asked as a special case not to be drawn into a precedent, the claim of a very zealous and most efficient public servant will, I consider, have been suitably treated.

FORWARDED to the Accountant-General for his remarks.

21st September 1877.

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

No. 4. From W. DONALD, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, Madras, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 24th September 1877, No. 730.

In returning your endorsement upon the letter of the Conservator of Forests, No. 621, dated 19th instant, and its enclosures, forwarded to me for my remarks, I have the honor to state that Mr. Sheffield may, under Section 6, Exception 4, and Rule 2, count the period during which he served in the Forest Department whilst a soldier; but may not count for pension any period of his military service prior to his acceptance of civil employ.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, 1st October 1877, No. 3,051.

Forest No. 1.

The Conservator of Forests will observe from the Accountant-General's letter recorded above that the request preferred by Mr. Sheffield is contrary to the provisions of the Civil Pension Code, and it is, therefore, out of the power of His Grace the Governor in Council to entertain it.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd F. R. Bantleman.

A.D. 46. Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests
North West Division Victoria July 1877

From J. Sheffield Esq.
Deputy Conservator of Forests North West
To Lieut. Col. R. H. Beddome
Conservator of Forests

Sir
I have the honor to solicit you
to be kind enough to recommend to His
Grace the Governor in Council, that I may
as a special case, be allowed to count my
Military Service prior to joining the Forest
Department, towards a final Pension, and as
Government have decided that I and two or
three others are not to get further promotion,
His Grace in Council will, I feel sure,
take your recommendation into favorable
consideration.

2. Mr Ferguson is not correct in para
11 of his Memorial in stating that "neither of them
had previous special training"; for Dr. Cleghorn
selected me for my special knowledge, after
testing it in a close examination in the office of
Captain (now Colonel) Harewell, who will,
I dare say, remember the circumstance.

3. Most of my Forest Service has been
conducted

6061. of 1877

REVENUE

TO THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS

6061. of 1877

Dated October 1st

Recd.

Encl.

G.O. 1st October 1877. No. 3,051.

OCTOBER
Nos. 3-6.

Mr. Sheffield, Deputy Conservator of Forests.
No. 3. Recd. - Observing that in request of -
to grant his Military service prior to his Civil
employment is contrary to the provisions of the Civil
Service Code, and inferring that it is out of the
power of Government to entertain it.

under your command, and your official letters testify that you have always been satisfied with me, the Collector of my District, with whom most of my correspondence is, can testify that I am able to conduct the duties of my office efficiently, and that I am able to hold my own, and command the respect due to my position.

4 Being a Military man when I entered the Department, I thought I should continue to get Military Promotion as Military Men in other Departments do, and had this been given me, I should be now, most probably, an Asst. Commissary and Honorary Lieutenant, but Government decided not to give Military Promotion in the ^{Dept.} ~~Dept.~~ and I purchased my discharge from the Army with a view to Civil Pension, and as I was at the time a Sub. Asst. Comm. I thought there would be no bar to my rising to a good position and securing as good a pension as I should have got as an Asst. Commissary, so long as I fulfilled the conditions imposed by Government, and conducted my duties properly; and this view was strengthened on my promotion to Asst. Conservator, and on the re-organization to the Rank of Deputy Conservator, and it was

not till Mr. Ferguson petitioned, and Captain C. Walker remarked that it was not intended that men of his class should rise

to the higher appointments, and that Government had made a "marked separation in the list" that I woke from my dream.

But it being now decided that I am to get no more Departmental promotion, and having lost the chance of all Military promotion by the Government decision not to give Military Promotion in the Department, I have the prospect of a very poor pension after over 25 years Service, unless Government are pleased to grant my request. With my very large family it has not been possible for me to save money, and my health is failing so fast that I feel I shall not be able to serve the time necessary to secure me half pay pension, but if I am allowed to count my Military Service prior to joining the ~~Dept.~~ Department, I have enough Service to entitle me to half pay should I be obliged to go home.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedt. Servant

R. T. Sheffield
Deputy Commr. of Forest, Parks and Soil

20 July 1865
C. W. Walker
got to
the point
of departure
1865

No 295

Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests

North West Division

Bellevue - 28th July 1897

From,

T. Sheffield Esq

Deputy Conservator of Forests

North West Division

To,

Lieut Col R. H. Beddome

Conservator of Forests

Sir,

With reference to your Memo dated 26th Instant I have the honor to request you will kindly reconsider Case and support it with your recommendation when I feel confident that Government will take it into their favourable consideration.

2. Should Government be pleased to grant my prayer it will by no means create a precedent. My case has special and peculiar reasons for favourable consideration and Government might grant my prayer as a special case.

By letter

Enclosure No 1

Chief Deputy Conservator 1890

Off

Mr. Deputy Conservator of Forests North West Division

To

Mr. Conservator of Forests

Bellevue 28th July 1897

W.D. 246

With the view of recommending for the

grant of the same to the

Deputy Conservator of Forests

North West Division for

Bellevue 28th July 1897.

Enclosure No 1

In a letter to Government from the Conservator of Forests, dated 29th Sept. 1897.

Per 11/10/97

Per 11/10/97

not to be drawn into a precedent, but in fact it could not be so taken for I am, I believe, the only person in the Madras Presidency to whom it could apply; in every other Department Military men get Military promotion and at the same time rise in their Civil Department. I know several men in the D. P. W. who are now holding their honorary army rank and at the same time are Executive and Assistant Engineers and are not debarred from further promotion both Civil and Military; they will get a good Military pension, while I, from the mere accident of being in another Department, cannot rise further, was not allowed Military promotion, and have a poor prospect of a decent pension after so many years hard service unless you are pleased to

Support me.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

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R. S. Sheffer
Deputy Conservator of Forests
at P. Area & Division

No. 993.

North Arcot, Collector's Office,

Camp Palamunair 16 Aug 1877

From,

W. S. WHITESIDE Esquire,

Collector of North Arcot.

To,

Lieutenant Colonel P. M. Biddonee

Commandant of Forests.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the enclosed letter received from Mr Sheffield to your address, and to observe that if the Government are pleased to grant the boon asked as a special case not to be drawn into a precedent, the claim of a very zealous and most efficient public servant will I consider have been suitably treated.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. S. Whiteside

Collector.

Enclosure No. 2.

General Duffield

27 June

The Dy. Commr of South Arcot District

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The Commr of South Arcot District

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Enclosure No. 2
To the Commr of South Arcot District
20th 20th 1877.

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Read the following papers
 No. 621
 Office of Commr. of Forests.
 Cochin, 19th Sept. 1877

No. 3 From,
 Lieut. Col. R. H. Beddome,
 Conservator of Forests.

To, C. G. Master Esquire,
 Secretary to Government,
 Revenue Department,
 Fort St. George.

Sir,
 I have the honor to forward
 the correspondence as per margin for

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| 1- Letter from the Deputy Commr. of Forests, No. 246 dated 7 th July 1877. | the favorable consideration of Government |
| 1- Do - from - Do - to - Do - dated 25 th July 1877. | Do. When Mr. Sheffield entered the junior ranks of this Department |
| 1- Do - from the Collector of Forests, No. 993 dated 16 th August 77. | |

he was a private in the 60th Rifles then stationed on the Nilgiris, subsequently when he found that his promotion in the Military Department would not go on if he remained in the Forest Department, and that he might at any time be ordered to rejoin his Regiment, he purchased his discharge. It was never contemplated in this Department, that he or other men of his class entering the Department as Sub-Assistant Conservators should

From THE COLLECTOR OF North Arcot.
 To, Conservator of Forests.
 Dated 16 Aug 1877.
 Despatched
 Received

No. 993
 ENCLOSURE TWO
 SUBJECT.

20-10-77 No 3057.
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Enclosure, No. 3
 Ma. Ltr. to Commr.
 from the Conservator
 No. 621 dated 19th Sept. 1877

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Should rise to the highest appoint-
ments, or be graded with Military
Officers, or trained Assistants en-
tering the Department in the higher
grades, and no such prospects
were ever held out to him, he is
now anxious that Government
should allow the Military Service
which he put in prior to joining
the Forest Department to count
towards his Civil Pension, and
I hope that this can be done,
the Collector of his District
supports his request.

I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most obed^t Serv^t.

Forbuddone Lt. Col
Conservator of Forests.

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Forwarded to the Accountant General for his remarks.

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Revenue
No 11095
The Conservator of Forests
The Secy to Govt.
Rev. Secy to Govt.
The Secy to Govt.

Revenue Department

Audit DEPARTMENT.

No. 730

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
24 September 1877.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS,

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

SIR,

In returning your endorsement upon the letter of the Conservator of Forests No 621 dated 19 Sept. and its enclosures forwarded to me for my remarks, I have the honor to state that Mr. Sheffield may make objection to exception 1, and rule 2 Count the period during which he served in the Forest Department whilst a soldier, but may not Count for pension any period of his Military Service prior to his acceptance of Civil employment.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant,
H. Donald
Offs Accountant General.

Comptroller

Forwarded

Revenue Department

No 3057

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 1st October 1877

Read the following papers.

Letter from the Comd^r of Forests
Forwardsing certain corres-
pondence from the Dy. Conservator
N. A. B. and recommending that
his past services in the Military
Dept. should be allowed to count
towards his Civil Pension.

(F. & 19th Sept^r 1877 N^o 621)

Letter from the Acct^t General Madras.
Stating that Mr. Sheffield
may count his service in the Forest
Dept. whilst a Soldier, but not his
Military service prior to his civil
employment.

(* - " 24th - " - " N^o 730)

The Conservator of
Forests will observe from
the Accountant General's
letter recorded above that
the request preferred by
Mr. Sheffield is contrary
to

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Revenue 1877
DEPARTMENT

ACCT. GEN'L'S OFFICE, MADRAS.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS.

No. 730
N^o 4150

To The Secretary to Govt

Revenue Dept

Conserved

Recd. 24/10/77
No. of answer.

Subject. N^o 3057.

Stating that Mr. Sheffield

may count his service

in the Forest Department

whilst a Soldier, but

not his Military service

prior to his Civil employ.

Conserved
in Civil employ
Military bearing

to the provisions of the
Civil Pension Code and
it is therefore out of the
power of His Grace the
Governor in Council to
entertain it.

W. H. T.

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Regarding the post services
of Mr Sheffield on the
only Sept.

His

Honble W. H. L. L. L.