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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

19th September 1878, No. 1,515.

Read the following paper :—

No. 199. From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Palmanair, 19th August 1878, No. 805.

WHEN His Grace the Governor recently paid a visit to Vellore he was pleased to permit Mr. T. Sheffield, Deputy Conservator of Forests of this district, to again address the Government, in view to their reconsidering their Order, dated 1st October 1877, No. 3,051, wherein they observed that as Mr. Sheffield's request to be allowed to reckon his Military service prior to obtaining Civil employ was contrary to the provisions of the Civil Pension Code, the Government were unable to entertain his application.

2. In accordance with the sanction thus granted by His Grace the Governor, I have now the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of Government a letter from Mr. Sheffield, wherein he brings to notice that Colonel Beddome was in error when he informed the Government in his letter, No. 621, dated 19th September 1877, embodied in the Proceedings of Government above quoted, that Mr. Sheffield when he entered the Forest Department in 1860 was a Private in the 60th Rifles. Mr. Sheffield shows that, when selected by Dr. Cleghorn for forest employment, he held the post of Band Sergeant of his Regiment, and he served continuously, rising steadily in the department until 1872, when he first became aware that it was not intended that he should rise to the highest grades, as he was not a Military Commissioned Officer, or a trained Assistant at the time when he entered the department.

3. It does not appear that, when Mr. Sheffield left Military employ for service in the Forest Department, there was any distinct rule or understanding that promotion to the higher grades of the department should not be open to him provided he worked well, and passed the necessary examinations. Mr. Sheffield passed the required examinations, and I have much pleasure in testifying to the zeal and efficiency with which he has discharged his duties as a Forest Officer throughout the seven years I have known him. When he discovered that the system on which the Forest Department was administered was different from that prevailing in the Department of Public Works, (in which I need hardly remind the Government there are many instances of officers who entered the department from the same rank as Mr. Sheffield rising, even within recent date, to high positions). Mr. Sheffield was anxious to obtain the permission of Government to be at any rate allowed to count his previous Military service towards his Civil pension as some compensation for the unfavorable position in which, contrary to his expectation, he suddenly found himself, and to that end he put forward the application that Government were unable to consider, as it was then regarded as contrary to the rules of the service.

4. Mr. Sheffield now desires to invite the attention of Government to the Order, No. 658 of 1877, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 21st August 1877, wherein it is notified that pensioned Serjeant Lloyd Stephenson, of the Sappers and Miners, had been allowed by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India to count his Military service for pension under the rules in the Civil Pension Code, and he prays that, with reference to that case, a similar favor may be now conceded him.

5. Mr. Sheffield's case is a very special and peculiar one, which (if the Government are pleased to grant his application) is extremely unlikely to furnish grounds for quotations hereafter as a precedent; and in view of his long and

meritorious service, and the disappointment to his hopes of further advancement in the Forest Department, I beg respectfully to commend it to the favorable consideration and orders of Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From T. SHEFFIELD, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, North Arcot, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Vellore, 29th July 1878, No. 205.

I HAVE the honor to submit the papers concerning my application to be allowed to count my Military service prior to joining the Forest Department towards pension under the Civil Pension Code, for the consideration of His Grace the Governor in Council as directed by you.

2. The order of which I have ventured to solicit a reconsideration is attached to G.O., No. 3,051, dated 1st October, herewith submitted, for convenience of reference.

3. I entered the Army in December 1851, and was selected by Dr. Cleghorn for forest employment in August 1860. At that time, I was Band Serjeant of the Regiment, not a Private as stated by the Conservator of Forests in his letter embodied in the above-quoted Government Order. I retained my Army rank on entering the department and understood that I should receive Military promotion as Military men in other departments did; but after I had been in the department some time, an order was given that no Military promotion would be given me. When promoted to Sub-Assistant Conservator of Forests, my Military pay even ceased, and I then purchased my discharge from the Army and devoted my mind wholly to my Civil duties with a view to rising in the department. I was successful and was promoted to Assistant Conservator of Forests. This put me into the controlling grades, and I knew of no obstacle to my rising to the highest appointments in time. In 1872, I was appointed Deputy Conservator, 4th Grade; shortly after this Messrs. Ferguson and Yarde petitioned concerning their position on the gradation list, and in his reply the Inspector of Forests stated that it was not intended that they should rise to the highest grades. This was the first intimation I received that there was no future promotion in store for me, and I could hardly credit it. I was administering my district to the satisfaction of my superiors, had passed the necessary tests, and had been in actual charge of a district for about twelve years, and now learnt that because I was not a Military Commissioned Officer or a trained Assistant when I entered the department, I was not to get any further promotion, this at that time, too, when the Supreme Government was arranging and making rules for the entry of *men of my "class"* to the highest grades of the departments under the Government of India.

4. My only hope now was to be allowed to count my Military service for Civil pension as some compensation for the loss of both Military and Civil promotion, and I solicited permission to do so; but Government in the orders enclosed, pointed out that it was contrary to rules and out of their power to entertain: the case, however, of Serjeant Lloyd, who has been allowed to count his Military service for Civil pension, induces me to hope that His Grace the Governor in Council will be graciously pleased to recommend to the Secretary of State for India that I be allowed to count for Civil pension my Military service prior to joining the Forest Department.

No. 200. ORDER THEREON, 19th September 1878, No. 1,515.

Forests, No. 13.

IN the case quoted by Mr. Sheffield in support of his present reference the Secretary of State sanctioned, not a relaxation of the rules, but an admission to their benefits. The concession now sought seems wholly without precedent, and the Government are unable to recommend it.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of North Arcot.
" the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. W. H. French.

No. 305. | North Arcot Collector's Office
Camp Palmanair 19th August 1878

From, H. S. Whitesides Esquire
Collector of North Arcot

To, C. G. Masters Esquire
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.
Madras

Sir,

When His Grace the Governor recently paid a visit to Vellore he was pleased to permit Mr. F. Sheffield, Deputy Conservator of Forests of this District, to again address the Government, in view to their reconsidering their Order dated 1st October 1877 No. 3057, wherein they observed that as Mr. Sheffield's request to be allowed to reckon his Military Service prior to obtaining Civil employ was contrary to the Provisions of the Civil Pension Code, the Government were unable to entertain his application.

2. In accordance with the sanction thus granted by His Grace the Governor, I have now the honor to submit for the favorable consideration

Federation of Government a letter from Mr Sheffield wherein he brings to notice that Colonel Reddome was in error when he informed the Government in his letter No 621 dated 19th September 1877, enclosed in the Proceedings of Government above quoted, that Mr Sheffield when he entered the Forest Department in 1860 was a Private in the 60th Rifles. Mr Sheffield shews that, when selected by Doctor Cleghorn for Forest employment, he held the post of Band Sergeant of his Regiment, and he served continuously, rising steadily in the Department until 1872, when he first became aware that it was not intended that he should rise to the highest Grades, as he was not a Military Commissioned Officer, or a trained Assistant at the time when he entered the Department.

3. It does not appear that, when Mr Sheffield left Military employ for service in the Forest Department, there was any distinct rule or understanding that promotion to the higher Grades of the Department should not be open to him provided he worked well, and passed the necessary Examinations. Mr Sheffield passed the required Examinations, and I have much pleasure in testifying to the zeal and efficiency with which he has discharged his duties as a Forest Officer, throughout the 7 years I have known him. When he discovered that the system on which the Forest Department was administered was different from that prevailing in the Department Public Works, (in which, as I remind the Government, there are many instances of Officers who entered the Department from the same rank as Mr Sheffield rising, even within recent date, to high positions) Mr Sheffield was anxious to obtain the permission of Government to be at any rate allowed to count his previous Military Service towards his Civil Pension or some compensation for the unfavorable position in which, contrary to his expectations, he suddenly found himself

himself, and to that end, to put forward the application that Government were unable to consider, as it was then regarded as contrary to the Rules of the Service.

4. Mr. Sheffield now desires to invite the attention of Government to the order No. 658 of 1877 published in the Fort Saint George Gazette dated 21st August 1877, wherein it is notified that Pensioned Serjeant Lloyd Stephenson of the Sappers and Miners has been allowed by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India to count his Military Service for Pension under the Rules in the Civil Pension Code, and he prays that, with reference to that order, a similar favor may be now conceded him.

5. Mr. Sheffield's case is a very special and peculiar one, which, (if the Government are pleased to grant his application) is extremely unlikely to furnish grounds for quotation hereafter as a precedent; and in view of his long and meritorious Service, and the disappointment to

to his hopes of further advancement in the Forest Department, I beg respectfully to commend it to the favorable consideration and orders of Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt. Servant

W. F. Whitcombe

Collector

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No. 265 Dy: Conservator's Office North Arcot
Vellore 29th July 1878.

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From Thomas Sheffield Esquire
Dy: Conservator of Forests
North Arcot

To W. S. Whiteside Esqre
Collector of North Arcot

Sir, I have the honor to submit the papers concerning my application to be allowed to count my Military service prior to joining the Forest Department towards pension under the Civil Pension Code, for the consideration of His Grace the Governor in Council as directed by Government Memo No 3738 dated 19th September 1878.

2. The order of which I have ventured to solicit a reconsideration, is attached to G. O No. 3051, dated 1st October here with submitted for convenience of reference.

3. I entered the Army in December 1851, and was selected by Dr Cleghorn for Forest employment in August 1860. at that time I was Band Serjeant of the Regiment (not a private as stated by the Conservator of Forests in his letter embodied in the above quoted

Copy of Memo No 3738 dated 19th September 1878 from the Chief Secretary to Government to the Conservator of Forests, Madras.

Read Memo No 3738 dated 19th September 1878 from the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras.

Forwarded to the Collector of North Arcot with reference to the Government Memorandum dated 23rd October 1878 No 3051 Forests.

Recommended for favourable consideration.

Conservator of Forests

Vellore 30th October 1878.

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras.

Collector

Cuddapah 31st October 1878.

graciously pleased to recommend
to the Secretary of State for India
that I be allowed to count for Civil
pension, my Military service, prior
to joining the Forest Department.

I have &c.

[signed] J. Sheffield
Dy Conservator of Forests.
N. Arcot.

[True Copy]
W. S. Whitehead
Collector

Revenue Department.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 19th September 1878

Read the following
letter from the Collector of
N. Arcot dated 19 Augt 78
No 305

The case to be referred to
the Secretary of State for
India in Council as
the Chief Secretary
thinks that it must stand
over till 1879

Note
See from Govt of India 7th Augt
77. Grant of Sergeant
Stephenson was admitted
to the date. They were
not referred
As to Mr. Sheffield's
application as to his pay pension
compared with that of
Mr. Lowe Collector

In the case quoted
by Mr. Sheffield in support
of his present reference
the Secretary of State
sanctioned, not a relaxa-
tion of the rules, but an
admission to their benefits. The concession

Revenue
Collector
Mr. Sheffield
19 August 1878
No 305.
Rec'd 28/8/78
Ans'd 1/10/78

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Assistant Commissioner & Honorary Lieutenant (vide in letter in F.D. 1st Oct 97 No 3.057) it is observed that his pay when would have been Rs 375 + it is now Rs 350 + 150 Travelling allowance.

His pension would then (if invalided) have been Rs 175. It will now be the same amount, if he can serve 7 years longer, which he should do, as he will be 44 years of age.

If compelled to go sooner he will only be entitled to 1/3 of 350 Rs or Rs 116 ~~66~~

(+ This sum includes 100 Rs personal allowance but this comes under the term "emoluments" on which pension is calculated vide §70 (2) Civil Service Code

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1 For the Collector of Kanara, Karwar
2 The Conservator of Forests

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Mr Sheffield's
Case for the Russian
Rules -