

To The Secretary to
The Government of India
Financial Department
Calcutta

Dated Nov. 8th 1895
75 Whitehall Road
Brixton
London

Enclosures

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1. Lord Napier
letter

1. Copy of
Madras GO
No 1008.

Sir

I beg with reference to my memorial
to the Secretary of State for a Special
Pension dated London 13.3.95
and forwarded thro: the Madras and
Supreme Govt., to state, that I have
received from the India Office
a ^{letter} ~~communication~~ No. 7. 4682 D. No. 1st
1st 1895. stating that a communication
on the subject of my Pension will
be made to the Govt of India.

2. In order that the Govt of India may
have before them all the facts I beg
to enclose copy of a letter from Lord
Napier & Sturges K.T. P.C. to the

(10421)

Secretary of State (where the Lordship sent through me in an open cover to Lord George Hamilton) stating the circumstances of my case -

3. In connection with this letter and all the circumstances of the case I humbly and respectfully urge that my services since March /68 in Madras & Cabul may be allowed to count for pension.

In that case I should be entitled to $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$ of pay under the old rules and $\frac{1}{4}^{\text{th}}$ under the new.

Should however the compassionate grant of Rs 2000 made to me in 1874 be regarded as satisfying my service under Govt up to that time I am ready to refund the amount provided my service since /68 is allowed to count for pension.

I beg respectfully to remark that I never made any claim for nearly 8 years service before 1868. Neither do I now, but I never considered that this compassionate

* Proved by
a letter from
Sir M. Kennedy
Director Genl.
of Munitions &
Supply Cabul
India.

grant was intended to satisfy about 11 years service before it was made, nor do I believe that the Madras Govt ever intended it should for I never made any application for a gratuity. No papers for such ^{then in force} pension and a gratuity according to the rules would have given me a much larger sum. It was a purely compassionate grant and I humbly draw attention to the fact that it was given me "in consideration of his present unfortunate circumstances" vide G.O. Madras No: 1006 D-4.6.74 (copy enclosed) chiefly because ~~the~~ my poor position had resulted from writing nearly 4 years for re-employment which was not given me as at first intended in

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5) I also respectfully beg to state that with the intention of preventing a break in service Lord Napier Govt in Council gave me full pay and allowances for the time I was suspended indicating clearly thereby that I was not ultimately to be punished vide ^{the} well known rule in the subject and remonstrance of the Accountant General at the time with regard to the order.

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I also beg humbly to observe that when
I was re-employed as surgeon in 1880
by the Madras Govt through the intervention
of the Secretary of State after 9 years waiting
and supplicating the Madras Govt in vain,
in accordance with the facts ^{of my case,} and that
it was not my first appointment to Govt service,
the Madras Govt sanctioned travelling expenses
for self and servant from Madras to Manipal
to join the appointment they offered me;
and which, I refused to accept under any
other condition --

I respectfully beg that with reference to the com-
munication from His Excy the Secretary of State noted
above you will kindly bring the same to the
favorable notice of the Government of India and
I humbly trust that the Govt of India will mercifully
consider all the circumstances ^{of my case} and graciously
frame such an order ~~or~~ reply that the break in
my Madras Service may be condoned so that I may
have a chance of obtaining a somewhat better pension
from the India Office than the "mere exemption from
rule No 521 a.C.P.C." affords for which act of
grace I shall be ever thankful for I am very poor
and helpless --

I beg to remain
Sir
Yours most obedient
Humble Servant

C. Powell
late. Secy. Rev. Dept. Madras

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following petition from Mr. C.

Powell late ~~Ag~~ 1st Class Assistant Supt. of Police Bellary
to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated December 1873.

Order thereon 4th June 1875 No. 1006.

His Excellency in Council
observes that on Mr. Powell's removal from
the Police, it was not intended to debar an
officer of his undoubted zeal and ability
from further employment in other branches
of the public service. It is to be regretted
that no opportunity has occurred of re-
employing him, and the Governor in
Council is pleased, in consideration of
his present unfortunate circumstances, to
assign to Mr. Powell a compassionate
grant of 2,000 Rs., to be met out of the assign-
ment for Police - Provincial Services.

[True Extract]
[Signed] D. H. Carmichael
Offg. Chief Secretary.

[True Copy]
Shankar Prasad,
Asst. Under Secretary.

Admiral Macon
London Bucks.
September 28th 1895

My Lord

I have been asked by Mr. C. Powell formerly
employed in the Police and Salt Departments
of the Madras Government, to offer my opinion
to your Lordship in connection with his claim
to pension - now under the review of the India
Office - I do so with reluctance as my connection
with India and its affairs is now of very remote
date, but I feel that I cannot refuse my inter-
cession on behalf of Mr. Powell having unhappily
been the instrument of his temporary removal
from the public service under circumstances to
which I advert with deep regret -
Mr. C. Powell was, while I was Governor of the
Madras Presidency a Deputy Superintendent of
Police and in the exercise of his functions
he became the object of complaint on account
of alleged acts of irritation, severity or violence to-
wards subordinates - These complaints were
carefully considered by the Governor in Council

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and an experienced official officer was
nominated to investigate the charges referred to
in connection with similar accusations directed
against certain other officers of Government.
In consequence of the Report submitted
the Govt felt themselves obliged to remove
Mr. Powell from the Police Force. They did
so with much regret because he was an officer
of undoubted integrity and energy whose defect
of temper in the single case made out against
him, was in some measure extenuated by bad taste
and by provocations incidental to the duty on which
he had been engaged at the time the offence
was committed and also because Mr. Powell had
a record of honourable service in the South Indian
army and had been wounded in action at the period
of the Mutiny. While sanctioning a decision of such
severity which the Govt conscientiously believed they
could not avoid, there was a confidential understanding
between my colleagues and myself that Mr. Powell
was at a fitting time to be re-employed in some other
position where he would be less severely tried, and to
which his experience and ability would be better
adapted. He was shortly afterwards called to

Calcutta by the death of the Viceroy and my return
from the Madras Government followed in
1892. Mr. Powell was himself obliged by bad
health to repair to England, my intentions with regard
to Mr. Powell were not realized, years elapsed,
and it was not till 1880 that his employment
was found for him under the Govt of Madras in
the Salt Department in which he served ^{on} ten years
to the satisfaction of his superiors -
Mr. Powell retired in 1894 in consequence of impaired
health and applied for Pension. If then
because apparent that the period of his service
in the Salt Department of 10 years could
alone be counted, conformably to the regulations
in force, his previous service in the Police having
been forfeited by the break of continuity between 1870
and 1880 -

Mr. Powell now solicits the consideration of your
Lordship's Department in the hope that the break
in his service under the Government of Madras
may be condoned, that his services in the two
Departments above mentioned may be consolidated
and that his pension may be determined according
to the aggregate period of 15 years which would

even then afford him but a moderate provision de-
barred as he is by illness from independent exertions
and burdened with the charge of a family -
If my old connection with the Madras ~~Presidency~~ ^{and}
with the case under discussion may hold me ^{excused}
in expressing an opinion to your Lordship I venture to
submit that the services of Mr Powell and his suffering
during the Mutiny would alone entitle him to ^{honourable}
~~consideration~~ ^{honourable} treatment while his services subsequently in the civil
administration, though arrested by one most unfor-
tunate incident, were still, in other respects,
of real merit - and of substantial value to
Government

I have the honour to remain
My Lord
Your Lordships
Most obedient
humble Servant
Edw Napier & Strick

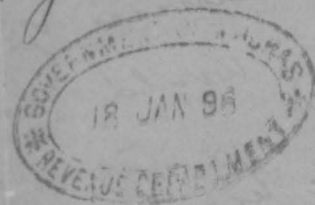
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No. 179.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.
Calcutta, the 14th January 1896.

To
The Secretary to the Govt of Madras.



Sir,
In continuation of the letter from this
Department, No. 5822, dated 16th December 1895, I
am directed to forward a communication, dated
8th November 1895, and enclosures, from Mr C.
Powell, late an Inspector in the Salt and
Abkari Department, Madras, regarding his
pension.

I have the honour to be,
Your most obedient Servant,

Nathan
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt of India
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