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Quarterly payment of pensions

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

ARMY DEPARTMENT.



Delhi, the 23rd February 1920.

To

*CHIEF SECRETARY
27 MAR 1920
MADRAS*
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, CENTRAL PROVINCES.
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF ASSAM.
THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT AT HYDERABAD.
THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER AND AGENT TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE.
THE HON'BLE THE AGENT TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND CHIEF COMMISSIONER, BALUCHISTAN.
THE HON'BLE THE AGENT TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN CENTRAL INDIA.
THE HON'BLE THE AGENT TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN RAJPUTANA, AND CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF AJMER-MERWARA.
THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE AND CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF COORG.
THE RESIDENT, KASHMIR.
THE RESIDENT, BARODA.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, DELHI.

SIR,

I am directed to forward a copy of correspondence* regarding proposals to introduce an improved system for paying pensions to pensioners of the Indian Army and to say that if it is considered to be necessary and likely to meet the end in view the Government of India would be prepared to adopt a system which would provide for the payment of such pensions quarterly in advance, in the case of all classes of military pensions not exceeding Rs. 10 a month.

2. I am to request that with the permission of ^{His Excellency the Governor} ^{His Honour the Lieutenant-} ^{His Honour the Lieutenant-} in Council, the Government of India may be favoured with the views of the Local Government ^{your views}, on the proposal.

I am,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) A. H. O. SPENCE, Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

Copy of the above forwarded to:—

The Financial Adviser, Military Finance.
The Adjutant General in India.

(Sd.) A. B. HARLEY, *Lieut.-Colonel,*
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

Report of the Committee appointed to consider the possibility of devising an improved system of payment of pensions to Military pensioners of the Indian Army held on Monday, the 29th September 1919.

PRESENT :

M. F. Gauntlett, Esquire, C.I.E., C.B.E., I.C.S.
The Hon'ble Mr. G. R. Clarke, O.B.E., I.C.S.
The Hon'ble Mr. E. Burdon, I.C.S.

We were invited to consider whether:—

- (1) it is feasible to introduce in other provinces the system of payment of pensions through the agency of the Post Office which already obtains in the Punjab;
- (2) it is possible, in the event of the extension of the Punjab system being impracticable, to recommend any simpler system for other provinces having regard to the hardship entailed on pensioners by the present system.

2. We recognize that under the Punjab system the alleged hardship that the pensioner has often to travel a great distance in order to receive his pension is greatly reduced. We are, however, of opinion that the extension of this system to other provinces would be fraught with difficulty. Where the number of pensioners to be paid at any head or branch post office is large, it would involve the entertainment of a special staff, though the work to be done in connection with the payment of pensions would not be sufficient to keep this extra staff fully employed throughout the month. The introduction of a new form of money distribution with which the postal officials, except in the Punjab, are not familiar would not work smoothly in the initial stages especially at sub-post offices where the staff is sometimes not efficient. These objections are not vital and could no doubt be overcome but a more serious objection, from the point of view of the Post Office, is the difficulty of justifying the introduction of an entirely new form of money distribution through the agency of the Post Office, when a method is already in existence with which Post Office officials are fully acquainted, which works smoothly and efficiently and which could be readily adapted to the payment of pensions, namely, the Money Order system. That this system would be readily adaptable is proved by the fact that it has been successfully introduced for the payment of family allotments, and of salaries to schoolmasters in the employ of district boards. In the case of regular remittances the danger of fraud is reduced to a minimum.

3. Although not included in our terms of reference, we have considered the advisability of the extension of this, *i. e.*, the Money Order system, to the payment of pensions, in view of the fact that the Postal authorities regard this as the most convenient method for the disbursement of pension payments through their agency. We have considered the question from the wider aspect not only as it would affect the post office, but also as it would affect the interest of the pensioners and the work of Controllers of Military Accounts. There are, we find, grave objections to the introduction universally of the Money Order system. We consider that the difficulty of apportioning the blame in case of delay owing to the fact that it would be impossible to say whether the Controller of Military Accounts or the Post Office or the pensioner himself were at fault and in consequence the inevitable dissatisfaction that might be created are serious disadvantages. Under the present arrangement there is a permanent payment order, but under the Money Order system the necessity would arise of issuing a fresh payment order every month or every quarter. This would mean the issue of nearly 100,000 money orders every month or quarter. As the permanent pension pay order is already in existence, this very heavy additional work is absolutely unnecessary except to bring the payment under the Money Order system and there is the additional disadvantage

that any mistake in the performance of this mass of work in the writing and transmission of the money orders must result in a delay in the pension payment which under the present system could only arise by the act of the pensioner himself. Any delay would create dissatisfaction and the investigation into the cause of the delay would inevitably lead to friction between the departments concerned. Moreover, the audit of the money orders themselves would be additional work as the actual pension payment must be audited under any system of payment. Except therefore in special cases, which we deal with in paragraph 6 below, we are not in favour of the introduction of a system of payment by money order.

4. We now turn to the second part of our terms of reference. We find it necessary to emphasize one question which we hold to be fundamental, namely, whether there is any vocal demand on the part of pensioners themselves for any change of system. No definite answer to this question can be obtained from the materials before us, but we are strongly of opinion that this is the principal factor in the case and that we cannot obtain any accurate information on this point except from district officers.

5. We are, however, inclined to think that from the point of view of the pensioners an improvement could be effected on the following lines. We observe that under the existing system pensions are payable monthly or quarterly in arrears. To make them payable quarterly in advance at district treasuries and sub-treasuries would be an immense gain to the pensioner. It would give him a considerable range of choice as to the most convenient day for him to draw his pension and thus enable him to combine private business with his visit to the treasury to receive his pension. The objection that pensioners might die before they had earned the whole of the pension received would be more than counter-balanced by the reduction in work at treasuries, consequent on the substitution of quarterly for monthly payments, and the satisfaction of the pensioners themselves. We do not, however, advocate the introduction of this system without ascertaining from district officers whether the scheme is likely to be viewed with favour by the pensioners themselves, and whether its practical working at treasuries and sub-treasuries is likely to cause trouble.

6. We would not, however, commit ourselves rigidly to the system we advocate. In certain cases where the pensioner's home may be remote from a treasury or sub-treasury, payment by money order might be an advantage and we are inclined therefore to recommend that the option be given to such pensioners of receiving their pension by money order. This option would be given only on the application of the pensioner himself and in cases where he could prove the existence of real difficulties in presenting himself at the treasury or sub-treasury in the usual way.

7. We, therefore, recommend a reference on the whole question to Local Governments who should be invited to ascertain through and from their district officers :—

- (a) whether they are aware of discontent among pensioners as to the existing system of pension payment;
- (b) which of the alternative proposals for the modification of the existing system is likely to be most acceptable to the pensioners;
- (c) whether the introduction of the system of payment suggested in paragraph 5 above is likely to cause trouble in treasuries or sub-treasuries.

We are of opinion that the reference should discuss, on the lines indicated in this report, the *pros* and *cons* of the various modifications which have been suggested. If this proposal for a reference to Local Governments is acceptable to the Indian Soldiers' Board, we presume the reference will be made by the Army Department who will also no doubt consider whether the system suggested in paragraph 5 above, if accepted in principle, should be utilised for the payment of all or any kind of military pensions (as, *e.g.*, retiring pensions, family pensions, wound and injury pensions, etc.) and whether any limit should be fixed to the amount of the pension which may be paid under this system, pensions exceeding that amount continuing to be paid under the existing system.

Extracts from the Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Indian Soldiers' Board held on the 8th October 1919.

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7. The report of the Committee appointed to consider whether any improved system of payment of pensions to the pensioners of the Indian Army could be introduced was considered.

It was decided :—

- (a) that it seemed unnecessary to ask local Governments whether they were aware of discontent among pensioners as to the existing system of pension payment since, whether there was discontent or not, a simpler system should, if possible, be introduced;
- (b) that before the suggested reference to local Governments is made, the expenditure on pensions below Rs. 10 per mensem for 1½ months should be ascertained and submitted to the Finance Department in order to enable them to see the financial effect of the recommendation of the Committee to pay pensions quarterly in advance;

Mr. Burdon kindly undertook to do this.

- (c) that if the Finance Department then had no objection the Board would recommend to the Army Department that a reference as proposed by the Committee should be made to local Governments on the lines suggested subject to the reservation in resolution (a) above.

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Memo. 409 W-1 29.3.20

The Govt of India have under consideration proposals to introduce an improved system ^{in the payment of} ~~of~~ ~~paying~~ pensions to Pensioners of the Indian Army. Under the existing system pensions are payable monthly or quarterly in arrears. It has been suggested that ~~to me~~ ^{if} it would be an immense gain to the pensioner if the pensions were made payable quarterly in advance at district treasuries and sub-treasuries because such a course would give him a considerable range of choice as to the most convenient day for him to draw his pension and thus enable him to combine private business with his visit to the treasury to receive his pension. It has further been pointed out

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that the objection to this system viz that pensioners might die before they had earned the whole of the pension received would be more than counterbalanced by the reduction in work at treasuries, consequent on the substitution of quarterly for monthly payments and ^{by} the satisfaction of the pensioners themselves. If ^{it be necessary} it is considered and likely to meet the end in view, the Govt of India are willing to adopt a system which would provide for the payment of such pensions quarterly in advance in the case of all classes of military pensions not exceeding Rs 10 a month.

Before recommending the system for adoption the Govt desire to have a report from the Presidents of St Soldiers Committees ^{in the hand} whether the existing system of payment of pensions has given rise to any discontent

✓ 10/3/20
To All Collectors,
Presidents of St Soldiers
Committees.

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and whether the proposed scheme is likely to be viewed with favour by the pensioners themselves. The Collectors of districts are also requested to report whether the introduction of the scheme of ^{proposed} ~~is likely to cause trouble~~ in the district treasuries & sub-treasuries.

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Telephone No.
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Telegraphic address
Station "Collector, Madras", Dated the 18th March 1920.

From (Name) A.R.L. Tottenham Esq., M.A., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of India, Madras,
Revenue (Special) Department.

Sir,

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Pensions - (Military) - Payment of - Quarterly
payments suggested. - Memorandum No.909-W dated 9-3-1919.

The question of quarterly payments of pensions has been discussed with a retired Indian Commissioned Officer who is a member of my District Committee. He states that the present system of monthly payments has not given rise to any discontent in this district, where the payments are made by the Pension Paymaster.

2. He also agrees with me that so far as Madras is concerned it would be very undesirable to pay pensions in advance quarterly. It is as likely as not that when the pensioner finds himself in possession of three months' pension he will dissipate it. The Secretary to the Government of India, Madras, is most obedient servant.

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informs that, even under the existing system, he knows of cases in which pensioners do not return home until they have spent the sums paid to them. In the circumstances I do not recommend the extension of the scheme to this district.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. Totham
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Collector.

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Pensioners.

Proposals to introduce improved system for the payment of ----- to pensioners of the Indian Army.

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Station Guntur, Dated the 16th March 1920 191

From (Name) T. H. Hill Esq., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of Guntur District.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue (Special) Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report called for in the last sentence of Memo.No.909 W-1 dated 9-3-20.

The introduction of the scheme proposed would considerably lighten the work in the treasury and sub treasuries of this district and would give rise to no difficulties so far as I can see.

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

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(SPECIAL)

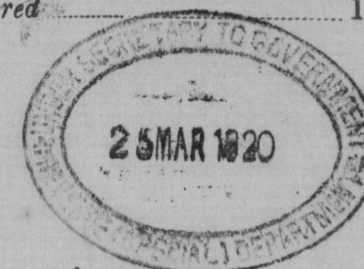
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Subject.

Pension.

Reporting that the system of making pension payment quarterly in advance to the pensioners of Indian Army drawing a pension not exceeding Rs. 10 a month will facilitate work of treasury etc.

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R. C. No. 50 /M.P. of 1920.

Station Ootacamund, Dated the 22nd March 1920.

From (Name) The Collector of the Nilgiris.

(Designation)

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue (Special) Department.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to Memorandum from Government Revenue (Special) Department No. 909 W-1 dated 9th March 1920, I have the honour to report that the system of making pension payment quarterly in advance to the pensioners of Indian Army drawing a pension not exceeding Rs. 10/- a month will facilitate work of Treasury and Sub-Treasuries of this district and also benefit pensioners.

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Subject.

Submitting report regarding the introduction of improved system for the payment of Military pensions not exceeding Rs.10/-

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D.Dis. No. 656-A Cor. of 1920.

Station Cuddalore, Dated the 25th March 1920.

From (Name) R.F.B.L. Guppy Esq., I.C.S.,

(Designation) As. Collector of South Arcot.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
REVENUE (Special-War) Department.

Sir,

Referring to Government memorandum 909 W-1, dated the 9th March 1920, I have the honour to state as follows.

2. The number of pensioners drawing their pension in the Huzur and the several sub-treasuries in this district are 428 in all, of which nearly 90% are getting a pension of less than Rs.10/- a month. Some of these pensioners are entitled to 'rice money' and others not. The amount of 'rice money' depends on the price of the second of rice at Cuddalore O.T. and it will vary from

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month to month according to the rise or fall in the price of rice in the preceding month.

3. No difficulty will be experienced under the system proposed in paying pensioners not entitled to rice money. In the case of those entitled to rice money, however, the amount of that money to be paid in advance may easily be calculated on the price prevailing in the last month of the quarter preceding that of payment.

4. The proposed system is likely to be appreciated by the pensioners themselves and to lighten the work of the establishment in treasury concerned.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

[Signature]
for Collector

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Ref. 3535-D-1/20.

Malabar Collector's Office,

Calicut, 27th March 1920.

From

E. P. Thomas, Esq., I.C.S.,

Collector of Malabar.

To

The Secretary to Govt. of Madras,

Revenue (Special) Department,

Madras.

Sir,

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Government Memorandum No. 909-W-1 dated 9-3-20.

Military - Pension - System of payment.

There are 312 pensioners in this district who get amounts less than Rs. 10 per mensem. The system of payment of pensions quarterly in advance will considerably reduce the work in the treasuries and is not likely to cause difficulties in the district Treasuries and Sub Treasuries. The only difficulty is with regard to the payment of Rice money. There are 41 pensioners in this district who are paid rice money. The amount to be paid as rice money for a month is fixed according to the market rate of cost of food stuffs in that month. As this amount cannot be determined in advance the rice money for a quarter will have to be paid with the pension for the succeeding quarter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

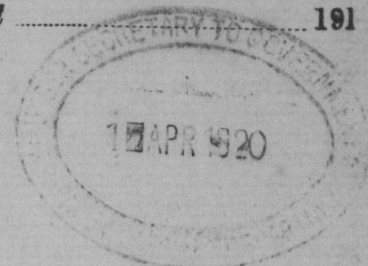
Your most obedient servant,

[Signature]
for Collector

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Forwarding a copy of the resolution
passed by the Soldiers' Committee

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Station *Manjore.*, Dated the *29th March 1920* 191

From (Name) *J.R. Huggins Esquire, I.C.S.,*

(Designation) *Collector & President of the
Soldiers' Committee MADRAS.*

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

REVENUE (SPECIAL)

Department.

MADRAS.

Sir,

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With reference to Government memorandum No. 909 W-1
dated 9th March 1920, I have the honour to forward here-
with a copy of the resolution passed by the District
Soldiers' Committee at its meeting held on 23-3-1920.

2. I have called on the Treasury Deputy Collector to
report if the introduction of the proposed scheme of quar-
terly payments is likely to cause difficulties in the
district treasury and sub treasuries and am awaiting his
reply.

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Copy of the resolution passed by the District
soldiers' Committee at its meeting held on 23rd March
1920.

The Committee has no knowledge of any discon-
tent with the present system and the majority is of
opinion that a system of quarterly payments would not
be advantageous.

Ag. K. M. I.

For Collector.

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30.3.20

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Receipts (over)

Memo: 909W-28/10.4

Pensions (military) -

Payment of - Proposal to make
quarterly payments - Memo: 909W-1 dated 9.3.20.

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The Collector of - is requested to expedite his reply to the reference quoted above regarding the proposal to make quarterly payments of pensions to pensioners of the Indian Army drawing a pension not exceeding Rs 10 a month.

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The Collector of Anantapur,
North Arcot, Bellary, Chingleput,
Chittoor, Coimbatore, Cuddapah,
Guntur, Godavari, South Arcot,
Kistna, Kurud, Madras, Nellore,
Ramanathapuram, Tanjavur, Trichy
+ Vengalooram.

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Pensions (Military)--Payment of--Proposal to make quarterly payments.

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Station Coimbatore, Dated the 23rd April 1920. 191

From (Name) J. M. Turing Esq., I. C. S.,

(Designation) Collector of Coimbatore.

To The Secretary to Government,
Revenue (Special) Department,
M a d r a s.

Sir,

In reply to Government Memorandum No. 909/W-1 Revenue (Special) dated the 9th March 1920 calling for a report on the introduction of a new scheme of paying quarterly in advance, of pensions of Rs. 10 and below to pensioners of the Indian Army, I have the honour to state that the introduction of the proposed scheme is not likely to cause difficulties in District and Sub Treasuries. As for the objection viz, that pensioners might die before they had earned the whole of their pension, I think that the recovery of the amount drawn by

be waived by Government, otherwise the correspondence
 running on death will outweigh the other conveniences.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. S. M. S.
 23.4.20
 For Collector.

M. S. M. S.
 23.4.20

C.S. 23-4-1920.

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Pensions - Military

Payment of ----- proposal to make quarterly payments.

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Station Cuddapah., Dated the 21st April 1920. 191

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From (Name) H.G. Gharpurey Esq., M.A., I.C.S.

(Designation) AG. Collector of Cuddapah.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
 Revenue Special (War) Department.

Sir,

With reference to Government Memo No. 909 W.1,
 regarding the above, I have the honour state that the
 reports called for from some of the Tahsildars have not
 yet been received. I have sent them special reminders.
 The report to Government will be submitted in a fortnight.

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

E. S. M. S.
 23.4.20

For Collector.

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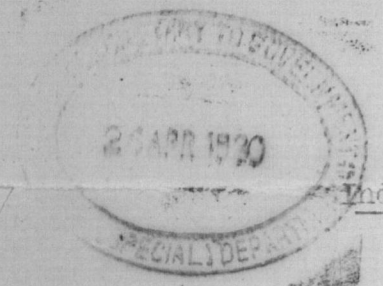
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Subject.

Indian Military Pensioners.

Reporting on the proposal to make quarterly payments in advance todrawing not more than Rs 10 per mensem.

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Station Trichinopoly, Dated the 23rd April 20. 191

From (Name) E.W. Legh Esquire, I.C.S.,
(Designation) Collector,

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue (Special-War) Department.
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to Government memorandum No. 901-W-1 dated 9-3-20, I have the honour to state as follows.--

2. There are 860 pensioners drawing a pension of ten rupees and less in the Huzur Treasury and Sub Treasuries in this district as detailed below!

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Kulitalai

The scheme will be welcomed by most of the pensioners and will lighten the work of the treasuries but it is doubtful if it is advisable to introduce the system, especially in the case of men drawing Rs 10 and less.

3. A large number of these military pensioners are addicted to drinking and in any case they are men to whom habits of thoughts are not natural. There is every likelihood that they will spend whole pension in drinking or otherwise immediately after it is received, and thus have nothing to live on for the rest of the period. This danger, in my opinion, outweighs the slight advantage of giving relief to the treasuries.

4. In the interest of the pensioners themselves, the introduction of the scheme is not advisable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. M. M. M.
For Collector.

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Submitting report regarding the payment of military pensioners once a quarter.

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Station *Chattrapur*, Dated the 20th April 1920. 191

From (Name) *A. C. Leach Esquire, I.C.S.,*
(Designation) *Acting Collector of Ganjam.*

To The Under Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue (Special) Department,
Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your Memo No. 909 W-1 dated 9th March -- 1920, I have the honour to inform you that the proposal is not viewed with favour by the pensioners themselves. The present system gives rise to no discontent. The average military pensioner would find it inconvenient to budget for three months in advance; he would in all probability spend the money too rapidly and be left destitute for a considerable portion of each quarter. All the pensioners who have been consulted have expressed great dislike to the proposal.

2. On the other hand, the

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There would be no difficulty in working the scheme.

On the whole I do not consider that any change is desirable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

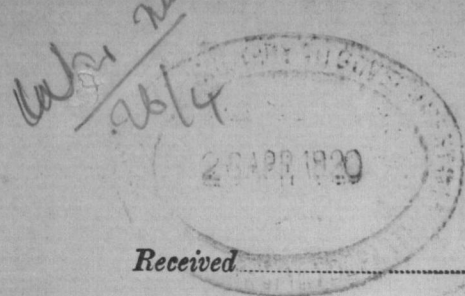
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For Ag: Collector.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Ward 1462

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Subject.

Informing that the present system of making monthly payments of Military pensions has caused no discontent and that the proposed system of quarterly payments in advance would be welcomed by --- pensioners.

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Station Kurnool, Dated the 23rd April 1920. 191

From (Name) J. C. Molony Esq., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector and President of District Soldiers' Committee.

To The Secretary

to the Government of Madras,

Revenue (Special) Department.

Sir,

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 909 W.1 dated 9-3-20, I have the honour to state that the present --- system has caused no discontent. The proposed change would probably be welcomed as it would provide pensioners with a --- larger lump sum in hand for their purchases. On the other hand if a man dies it will be very hard to recover anything from his representatives. Rice money will have also to be fixed by the quarter, not by the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

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Subject.

Reporting on the scheme of quarterly
payments of military pensions not
exceeding Rs. 10/-

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R.C. No. 649/M of 1920.

Station Tanjore., Dated the 20th April 1920.

From (Name) P.C. Dutt Esquire, B.A., I.C.S.,
(Designation) Collector of Tanjore.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
REVENUE (SPECIAL) Department.

Sir, MADRAS.

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 909 W-1 dated 9th March 1920, and in continuation of my R.C. 649/M dated 29th March 1920, I have the honour to report that the introduction of the proposed scheme of quarterly payments not exceeding Rs. 10 a month will not in any way cause difficulties in the District treasuries and sub-treasuries. On the other hand it will be greatly appreciated by the pensioners. The scheme may I think apply to civil pensioners as well of similar value.

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A copy of my Treasury Deputy Collector's note
on the subject is enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. R. MacBain
For Collector.

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D.Dis No.16/Mp. of 1920.

OFFICE NOTE.

In the memorandum received from Government it is proposed to ~~make~~ ^{make} military pension payments (in the case of pensions not exceeding Rs.10/-) quarterly in advance and the Government wants to know whether the introduction of the scheme is likely to cause difficulties in the District and Sub Treasuries. There are three classes of military pensioners in this district.

1. Pensioners ~~xx~~ not entitled to Rice money on account of their having voluntarily retired on completion of 21 years' service or of their having been enrolled after 1st September 1888.

2. Pensioners, who are entitled to their pension. ^{Rice money in addition to}

3. War pensioners who do not get Rice money.

Rice money is calculated at certain rules which may vary from month to month according to the state of the market. For instance if rice sells at 3 measures a Rupee the rice money for a month of 31 days will be Rs.5-8-2. If it sells at 4 measures the rice money will be Rs.3-11-9. If Rice money is paid in advance for a quarter, there will be slight variation in the total amount paid as Rice money. In other respects, the proposal to pay quarterly in advance has decided advantageous and will greatly help the pensioners who get about 3, 4, 5 Rs. a month. Some of the pensioners who get small amounts, do not turn up monthly but appear only once in 2, 3, or 4 months after the pension amount ^{accumulates} ~~accumulates~~. The proposal will not in any way cause difficulties in the District and Sub Treasuries but will on the other hand greatly lessen the pension payment work and scriptory

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Sd/- David
Deputy Collector.

(True Copy)

A.R. MacQueen

For Collector.

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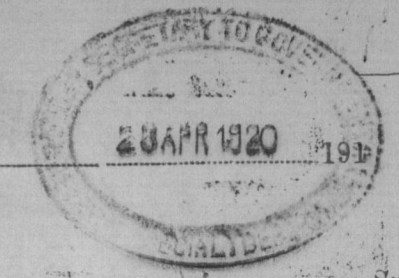
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DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Pension

Payment quarterly.

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Station Salem., Dated the 24-4-20. 191

From (Name) P. MacQueen Esq; I.C.S;
(Designation) District Magistrate of Salem.

To The Secretary to Government,
Revenue, (Special War) Department,
ms MADRAS.

Sir,
With reference to Government Memo No. 909/W-1 dated 9-3-20, I have the honour to state that I consulted both the Treasury Deputy Collector and the Secretary to the District Soldier's Committee and to report as follows:--

2. The proposal is likely to shorten the scriptory work of the office, but is not a good one in the interest of poor pensioners who live upon the pension every month.

3. They may *welcome* ~~enclose~~ the proposal but they are likely to spend what they get in one month and then suffer for -- the remaining two months.

4. I therefore recommend the continuance of the present system.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

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REVENUE (SPECIAL) DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Regarding proposals to introduce improved system of payment of pensions (Quarterly payment of pension in advance).

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Station Cocacoda, Dated the 28th April 1920 191

From (Name) G. T. H. Bracken Esq., I. C. S.,
(Designation) Ag. Collector of Godavari.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
REVENUE(SPECIAL) Department.
S. Stone house hill, Ootacamund

Sir,

In reply to the Government Memo No. 909--W--I., dated 9--3--1920, I have the honour to report that (a) the proposed scheme is likely to be viewed with favour by the pensioners.

(b) the introduction of the new scheme will not cause any difficulty but on the other hand, it will cause an appreciable reduction in work both in the district Treasury and in the Sub-Treasuries,

(c) no cases of discontent consequent on the existing system of payment of pensions have been brought to notice till now.

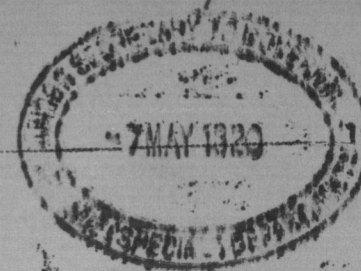
I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Collector & President, District
Soldier's Committee, Godavari,

Revenue (Special War) DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Scheme for payment of military pensions quarterly in advance.

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D.Dis. No. 1375.

Station Bellary, Dated the 1st May

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From (Name) A.F.G. Moscardi Esq., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue (Special War) Department.

Sir,

With reference to the last sentence of your memo No.909 dated 9-3-1920 asking me to report whether the introduction of the scheme for payment of pensions quarterly in advance to all military pensioners drawing Rs.10 and under is likely to cause difficulties in the District Treasuries and Sub Treasuries, I have the honour to reply in the negative.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Collector.

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Ward 1574

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Subject.

Submitting report regarding the introduction of an improved system for the payment of pension to the pensioners of the Indian Army.

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D. Dis. No. 1839 Rev. of 1920.

Station M A D U R A, Dated the 1st May 1920. 191

From (Name) S.W.G.I. MacIver Esq., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of Madura.

To the ~~Chief~~ Secretary to the Government of Madras
Revenue (Special) Department, Madras.

Sir,

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 909 W-1, dated, 9th March 1920, I have the honour to state that the existing system of payment of pension to the pensioners of the Indian Army have given rise to no discontent and the proposed system is not viewed with favour by the pensioners themselves.

2. The introduction of the Scheme proposed is not likely to cause any difficulty either in the District or Sub Treasuries.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

At Fairbairn Michael.
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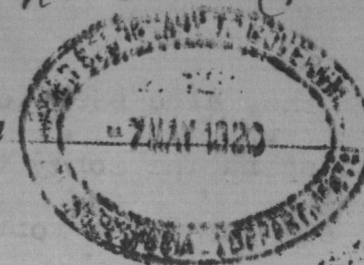
For Collector.

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Subject.

Scheme for payment of military pensions quarterly in advance.

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Station Bellary

, Dated the 1st May

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From (Name) A.F.G. Moscardi Esq., I.C.S.,

(Designation) President, Dt. Soldiers' Committee
Bellary.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue (Special War) Department.

Sir,

In reply to your memo No. 909 dated 9th March 1920 I have the honour to report that the class of military pensioners referred to in your memo quoted above desire to have their pensions paid at the end of every month rather than in advance for every three months. The reason for their choice is that most of such pensioners in this District are residents of towns and therefore do not find it difficult or inconvenient to attend the sub treasuries once a month to receive

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receive their pensions. They also seem to be afraid that they may be tempted to spend the money too quickly if they are paid in a lump sum for three months.

I have the honour to bd,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. Sathyan
For President

Dt. Soldiers' Committee

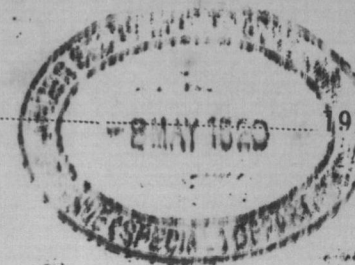
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Subject.

Reporting on the proposal to pay pensions to Military pensioners quarterly in advance.

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No. 976 D/Cor.

Station Nellore., Dated the 1st May 1920. 191

From (Name) M.R. Ry. A. Ramacha Nedungadi Avl., B.A., B.L.
(Designation) Collector of Nellore.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

REVENUE (SPECIAL) Department.

Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

With reference to Memorandum, No. 909 W-1 dated 9th March 1920, I have the honour to state that the District Soldiers' Committee, Nellore thinks that though there is no clear evidence of discontentment in the existing system of payment, still the proposed change will be immensely appreciated by the pensioners.

2. The ^{introduction} ~~introduction~~ of the proposed scheme of payment of pensions quarterly in advance is not likely to cause any difficulties in the Treasuries but on the other hand, it minimises the work in them. It may be given

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a trial.

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

Chas. David
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For Collector.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Pensions - Submitting report regarding the payment of military pensioners drawing less than Rs.10 per mensem quarterly in advance instead of monthly in arrears.

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D Dis.No. 826 D/Accts of 1920.

Station *Chilakalapudi*, Dated the *8th* May 1920. 191.

From (Name) *P.L. Moore, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,*

(Designation) *Collector, Kistna district.*

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,
(Special) Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to reply to Government memo No.909 W-1 dated 9th March 1920, calling for a report on the scheme of payment of pensioners drawing less than Rs.10 a month quarterly in advance. From a treasury point of view, the concession would be an advantage I think however that it would be the reverse of a benefit to poor pensioners who would usually spend their quarterly pension very rapidly.

2. Complaints have not been received about the existing system but there can be no doubt that the frequent journeys must be a hardship in some cases. However for the reason given in para 1, I think the balance of advantage is against payment quarterly in advance.

3. The Reverend H.V. Pezzoni the non-official Secretary of

the District Soldiers Committee, Masulipatam, who has considerable experience of small pensioners is of the same opinion.

3. I recommend payment of pension monthly in advance.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. R. Ramayya
For Collector.

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Dis No. 536/DA of 1920

Station Chittoor, Dated the 7th May 1920 191

From (Name) M.R. Ry A. Upendra Poi Avergal, B.A.

(Designation) Acting Collector of Chittoor

To The Under Secretary to Government,
Revenue (Special-war) Department,

Sir, M A D R A S.

I have the honour to reply to Government Memorandum No. 909 W-1 dated 9th March 1920 regarding the proposal to make quarterly payments of pensions to military pensioners drawing a pension ^{not} exceeding Rs10 a month.

2. The proposal to pay pensions to this *class* of pensioners in advance quarterly is likely to be very much appreciated by the pensioners and will minimise work at the district and sub-treasuries. The proposed scheme may therefore be introduced, it being understood however, that in the event of casualty no recoveries should be made from the heirs of the --

the deceased pensioner.

3. There is the question of the rate at which rice money is to be paid. At present, the rate is fixed with reference to the local price of rice on the 1st of each month. This will simply have to be altered into the 1st day of every quarter. I think, on the whole, that the proposed scheme has much to recommend it.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. Duncan
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for Acting Collector.

H.M.R.

8.5.1920

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Station Saidapet, Dated the 8th May 1920 191

From (Name) R. B. WOOD Esquire, I.C.S.
(Designation) Collector of Chingleput

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue (Special-War) Department.
Madras.

Sir,

Ref:--Government Memo No.909 W-1 dated 9th March 1920. Pensions (military)-proposal to make quarterly payments in advance.

I have the honour to state that my Treasury Deputy Collector to whom the above reference was communicated for remarks, reports that though the proposed system of making payments quarterly in advance will not cause any difficulties in the District or Sub Treasuries, the pensioners are not in favour of it as the money received in advance would be spent in the first month

leaving them helpless for the remaining months of the quarter.

The existing system of monthly payments in arrears has not caused any discontent among them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. R. R.

for Collector.

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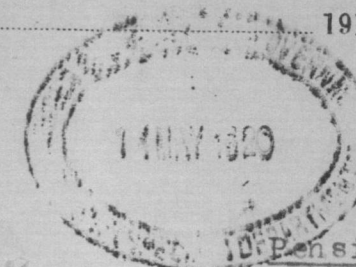
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Subject.

Pensions.

Informing that the introduction of the scheme regarding the payment of / / quarterly in advance will not however cause any difficulties in the District or Sub-Treasuries.

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Dis. No. /366 D.Rev., of 1920.

Station Cuddapah., Dated the 9th May 1920 191

DESPATCHED 10 MAY 1920 From (Name) H.G. Gharpurey Esq., M.A., I.C.S., (Designation) Ag. Collector of Cuddapah.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue (Special) Department.

Sir,

In reply to your Memorandum No. 909 W-1 dated 9th March 1920, I have the honour to report that the existing system of monthly payments of pension has not given rise to any discontent in the district, and that the proposed system of quarterly payment in advance is not quite viewed with favour by the pensioners themselves. Some of them who were consulted in the matter said that if they were to get the whole amount for the quarter at one time they would be tempted to be extravagant the first few days and have to suffer consequently for the remainder of the quarter.

2. The introduction of the scheme proposed will not however cause any difficulties in the District or Sub-Treasuries.

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

Shrinivas

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For Collector.

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Subject.

Submitting a report regarding the proposal of introducing an improved method of paying military pensions quarterly in advance.

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D.Dis. No. 769/accb 720

Station Anantapur, Dated the 18th May 1920.

From (Name) M.R.Ry. A. Ramacha Nedungadi Avl., B.A., B.L.,

(Designation) Ag Collector of Anantapur & President District Soldiers' Committee, Anantapur.

To The Secretary to Government,
Revenue (Special) Department, Madras.

Sir,

With reference to Government Memorandum No.909 W-1 dated 9th March 1920, I have the honour to report that the existing system of payment of pensions has not given rise to any discontentment, but the pensioners are likely to view with favour the present proposal to pay them in advance. The scheme is not likely to cause any inconvenience in the District or Sub Treasuries. In the case of Chelsea pensioners, payment of pension is made even now in advance in the beginning of the quarter.

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

Shrinivas
for Ag. Collector & President District Soldiers' Committee, Anantapur.

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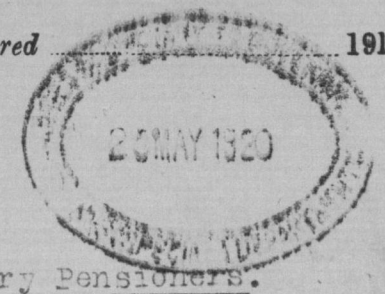
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Subject.



Pensions. — Military Pensioners.

Submitting report on the proposal to improve the system of payment of to

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Dis No. 72 of 1920.
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Station Vellore , Dated the 17th May 1920. 191

From (Name) H. M. Hood Esq., I. C. S.,
(Designation) As. Collector of North Arcot.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue (Special) Department.

Sir, o o t y.

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 909 W-1 dated the 9th March last regarding the proposal to introduce an improved system of payment of pensions to Military -- pensioners whose monthly pension does not exceed Rs. 10/-, I have the honour to submit the following report.

2. From the Memorandum referred to above, it is observed that the primary object kept in view by the Government is to allow the Military pensioners whose monthly pension does not exceed Rs. 10/- to get their pensions once in a quarter and to enable them to draw the same on any day which is most convenient to each of them. In this District, the payment of pensions to Military pensioners in the Taluks of --

Tirupattur, Gudiyattam, Vellore and Wallajah and the Arni - Division is attended to by an itinerating staff of one Military Pension Deputy Tahsildar, two Clerks and one Shroff; the number of pensioners in each of these Taluks is as shown in the margin. In the other Taluks of this district this branch of work is attended to by the local Sub Treasury Officers as -

	Tirupattur	160
	Gudiyattam	260
	Vellore	2100
	Wallajah	340
	Arni	290

the number of Military pensioners in each of them is smaller. Under Rule 58 of the rules contained in the instructions for the payment of military pensions in the Secunderabad Division the pensions of all military pensioners except Chelsea and -- Naval pensioners are payable monthly in arrears. Rule 59 of the above instructions lays down that Military pensions should be paid at any time after the first week of each month. It further enables the paying officer to fix the date of payment for each pensioner. In accordance with this rule, certain - dates are fixed in each month for the payment of pensions to - military pensioners in the Taluks of Tirupattur, Gudiyattam, Vellore and Wallajah and the Arni Division. At present one day in each month is devoted to the payment of these pensioners in the Taluks of Tirupattur and Gudiyattam and the Arni Division, two days for those in Wallajah and about ten days in Vellore, each of these days being set apart for certain classes of -- pensioners. The principal object aimed at by the Government under the proposed scheme of quarterly payment, namely, of affording convenience to every pensioner to receive his pension whenever he chooses, cannot be fully attained in the case of pensioners in the Taluks of Tirupattur, Gudiyattam and Wallajah and the Arni Division unless their pension is disbursed by the local sub treasury officers instead of by the itinerating -- Military Pension Deputy Tahsildar and his staff, otherwise he can only be given a choice of 2 or 3 days when the touring - Military Pension Deputy Tahsildar will be at the Treasury from which he is to be paid. As regards the Vellore Taluk the -

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latter can attend to this Branch of work without any difficulty.

3. There seems to be some apprehension among the pensioners that if they be paid quarterly in advance they will spend - the whole quarter pension in a short time and be in difficulties till the next quarter day. I do not think we need -- worry about that.

4. Rice money is now calculated monthly with reference - to the selling price of approved quality of rice at the Headquarters of the district in the month preceding that to - which the pension relates. These rates vary every month. Under the scheme proposed the rate will have to be fixed quarterly with reference to the rates prevailing in the - previous quarter.

5. The new system is not likely to cause any difficulty in District Treasuries and Sub Treasuries.

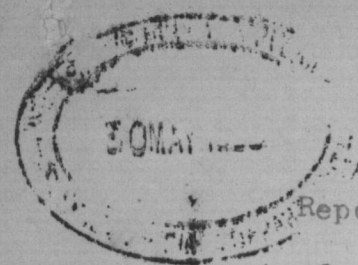
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. A. M. S. S. S.
for Ag. Collector.

M. G. 19/5
Exd. by *Sh. S. S. S.*



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Subject.

Reporting on the proposed scheme for the quarterly payment of pensions to Military pensioners.

D.Dis. 987/Rev/20.

Tinnevely Collector's Office,

Enclosure Nil.

Dated 20th May 1920.

From

A.R. Cox Esquire, I.C.S.,

Acting Collector of Tinnevely.

To

The Secretary to Government of Madras,

Revenue (Special) Department,

M A D R A S.

Sir,

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 909-W-1 dated 9-3-1920, I have the honour to report that no instance has so far been brought to my notice in which the existing - system of payment of pensions to Military pensioners has given rise to ~~any~~ discontent among them. The proposed quarterly -- payment in advance of all kinds of military pensions up-to -- Rs. 10 a month will be advantageous to the pensioners and the scheme will be welcomed by them if introduced. The introduction of the proposed scheme is not likely to cause any difficulties in the district and sub-treasuries and in fact it -- would tend to reduce the work in those offices.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

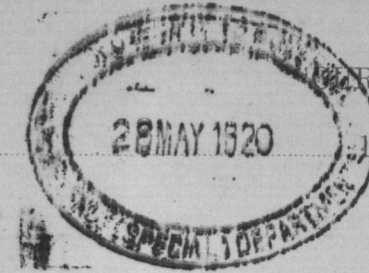
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For Collector.

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Subject.

Submitting report on the proposal to pay military --
pensioners quarterly in advance in lieu of monthly payments
in arrears.

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D. Dis No. 12 of 1920

Station Vizagapatam, Dated the 23rd May 1920.

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25-5-1920

From (Name) J. R. Higgins Esq., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector, Vizagapatam.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,
(Special)
Revenue Department.
Madras.

Sir,

Adverting to Government Memorandum No. 909 W-1
dated 9-3-20, I have the honour to report that the present
system gives rise to no discontent and that the pensioners
generally are not in favour of the proposed scheme. I do not
think that the introduction of the proposed scheme will give
rise to difficulties in treasuries and Sub Treasuries.

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

B. Srinivasan

For Collector.

P.S.N. 25/5.

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Subject.

Introduction of an improved system for the payment of pensions quarterly in advance to military pensioners.

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Station Camp-Mattupatti, Dated the 22nd May 1920. 191

From (Name) H.L. Braidwood Esquire, I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of Anjengo.

To The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue (Special) Department.

Sir,

In reply to Government Memorandum No. 909 W-1 dated 9th March 1920 I have the honour to report that there is no Soldiers Committee in the District and very few military pensioners. There have been no complaints about the existing system of payment of pensions in arrears, but payment in advance would doubtless be appreciated and would not cause any difficulties in Treasuries.

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

H. L. Braidwood

Collector.

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to Military pensioners.

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D. Dis. No. 1587-Rev. of 20.

Station Madur a, Dated the 4th June 1920. 191

From (Name) C. F. Brackenbury, Esq., I. C. S.

(Designation) Collector of Ramnad

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue (Special) Department.

Sir,

In reply to Government Memorandum No. 909-W-1.

dated 9th March 1920, I have the honour to state that
the existing system of payment of pensions to pensioners
of the Indian Army, has not given rise to any discontent.

The majority of pensioners consulted in the Siva-
kasi and the Ramnad Divisions do not view with favour
the proposed change. Almost all officers are of opinion
that it is likely to lead to imprudent expenditure and I

agree

agree with them.

The proposed scheme would not be likely to cause any difficulties in the District and Sub Treasuries, but would on the other hand effect some reduction of work.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

For Collector.

m.s.5-6.

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Pensions-Indian Army.
I.S.B. Case.
A.D. Regr. No. 3638-C.II.

No. 7103.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

ARMY DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 7th June 1920.



To

Ch. No. 1988 WZ
24/6/20

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay.
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.
The Chief Secretary to the Government of the United Provinces.
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Burma.
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bihar and Orissa.
The Chief Secretary to the Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner of Assam.
The Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner and Agent to the Governor General, North-West Frontier Province.
The Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor General in Central India.
The Hon'ble the Resident in Lysores and Chief Commissioner of Coorg.
The Chief Secretary to the Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces.

Sir,

I am directed to invite attention to Army Department letter No. 2420, dated the 23rd February 1920, regarding proposals to introduce an improved system for paying pensions to pensioners of the Indian Army and to say that the Government of India would be glad to receive an early reply.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Asquith

Colonel,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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To

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28/6/20

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay.
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.
The Chief Secretary to the Government of the
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The Chief Secretary to the Government of Punjab.
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Sindh.
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bihar and Orissa.
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Your most obedient servant,

[Signature]

Colonel,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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Station Guntur, Dated the 21st June 1920. 191/

From (Name) T. H. Hill, Esq., I. C. S.,
(Designation) President, District Soldiers
Committee, Guntur.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
REVENUE(SPECIAL) Department.
Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your Memorandum No. O 909 W 1 dated
9th March 1920, I have the honour to report that while there
is no reason to believe that the existing system of payment
of pensions has given rise to any discontent my Committee
is of opinion that the proposed scheme of quarterly advance
payments would be viewed favourably by pensioners them-
selves.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
[Signature]
President.

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Letter 909W-28 2-7-20

To

2-7-20

The Secretary to the Govt
of India. Army Dept

Recd Dept
2-7-20

Sir,

I am directed to invite
a reference to Colonel Spence's
letter N° 2420 dated the 23rd Feb
1920 on the subject of introducing
an improved system for the
payment of pensions to pensioners
of the Indian Army.

Sp at 15/8/20 p.l.c.f.

2 District Officers who have been
consulted in the matter are
unanimously in ^{of the opinion} ~~the~~ ~~that~~
that the improved system will
^{(of course from the difficulty involved in}
cause no difficulty in the
^{that it is the other}
treasuries and ~~the work of the~~
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~~become will be lightened.~~
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The scheme

Several collectors have however
raised the following objections
~~the success of the scheme viz:~~
(1) That the pensioners as a
class are so improvident
that many of them would
probably spend their allowance

long before the end of the quarter ^{to} and be reduced to destination and that in their interests it is desirable to continue the present system of monthly payments.

(2) That a considerable portion ^{the} of pensioners are now getting 'rice money' which has to be calculated month by month according to the prevailing prices and cannot without some revised arrangements be paid quarterly in advance.

3) ^{that} It is not clear from the letter from the Govt of India's letter under reply whether, in the case of deceased pensioners to whom pensions ^{will be} have been paid ^{under the scheme} in advance and who die before the end of the quarter, ^{whether any} recovery ^{made} would be attempted from their relations; presumably no recovery is intended. But Mr. H. E. The Governor in Council has given the matter his careful consideration and has come to the conclusion that the disadvantages on the whole outweigh the advantages. ^{and that} ~~he~~ ^{he} considers that according to the information that no change in the present system is necessary.

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Under this proposal is correct so much work will be given by the attempt to move the scheme with the object.

Feb 2.7.20

(C. 909)

Rev. sp. O. Dep. Secy
From the Govt of India No 2420 D 23.2.20.
(Fid. No. 909 W-1 29.3.20)
File of replies from Collectors

(Subject - Quarterly payment of pensions)

Except from the Collector of ^{South} Kistna Kanara replies have been received from all Collectors. They are tabulated at flag (X X II). It will be seen from the statements that as regards the question whether the proposed system will reduce the work of the treasuries and sub-treasuries ~~the~~ the Collectors are unanimous in saying that there will be reduction of work. But as regards the point whether the proposed system will be appreciated by the pensioners themselves, opinions differ. ¹² ~~10~~ Collectors consider that the system will be viewed with favour by the pensioners, while 10 are of opinion that it will not be appreciated by the pensioners and ~~the~~ it may even do harm; 3 remain neutral.

Subd for orders as to the reply that should be given to India.

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The proposal to

By Pensioners —
 Practically all
 Collectors are agreed
 that there will be
 no difficulty in the
 Treasury — the work
 will be lightened
 but there is a distinct
 division of opinion as
 to whether the pensioners
 will appreciate the
 change
 Perhaps the Govt of
 India may be
 inclined but as
 change is necessary
 here
 24.6.20

Two rather serious objections to the Govt. of India's scheme are suggested by several Collectors.

(1) That the pensioners as a class are so improvident that many of them would probably spend their allowances long before the end of the quarter, and that in their interests it is desirable to continue the present system of monthly payments.

✓ I think there is much force in this objection.

(2) That a considerable proportion of pensioners are now getting "rice-money" which ^{has} to be calculated month by month and cannot without some revised -

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arrangements be paid quarterly in advance. It is possible that this arrangement might be met by - averaging the prices of rice and paying accordingly but, if this involves readjustment at the end of the quarter, as it probably would, the revised arrangement would certainly give more trouble to the treasuries than the present arrangement.

2. It seems to be implied in the Government of India's letter that, in the case of deceased pensioners whom pensions have been paid in advance and who die before the end of the quarter, no recovery would be attempted from their relations. This however is not quite definitely stated, and I think ^{an} assurance on the point is essential before the system is introduced. Such recoveries would be infinitely troublesome and would do away with the main advantage i.e. relief to the treasuries.

3. On the whole it is doubtful if the proposed change is desirable. Submitted that we may report that the disadvantages on the whole outweigh the advantages.

H. M. (War).

Refer to the arguments for 24.6 letter

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Supr. accordingly. Some of common
something like said for. eg. relief of
treasuries
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Abstract

job No 229 d 8-7-20

Quarterly payment
of pensions

Views of the Madras Govt
expressed communicated
to the Govt of India.

Name of District	Whether existing system has given rise to discontent	Whether the proposed system likely to be received with favour	Remarks
1) Madras (pp 9-10 CF)	Not given rise to discontent	(Against the proposal)	Very undesirable to pay pensions in advance quarters.
2) Guntoor (p 11 CF)	"	(Neutral)	Would lighten the work in the treasury & sub-treasuries. Would give rise to no difficulties.
3) The Nilgiris (p 12 CF)		✓ will benefit pensioners	Will facilitate work of Treasury and Sub-treasuries & also benefit pensioners.
4) South Arcot (pp 13-14 CF)		✓ likely to be appreciated by pensioners	Will lighten the work in the treasuries.
5) Malabar (p 15 CF)		(Neutral)	Will considerably reduce the work in the treasuries.
6) Tanjore (pp 16 CF + pp 27-30 CF)	Do	✓ Do	The system of quarterly payments will not be advantageous. Will lighten the work in the treasuries.
7) Coimbatore (pp 19-20 CF)		(Neutral)	Will not cause difficulties in treasuries. If the pensioners die before they had earned the whole pension, the excess amount must be waived.
8) Trichinopoly Cuddalore (pp 22-23 CF)		✓ will be welcomed by most of pensioners.	Will lighten the work of the treasuries. The introduction of the scheme not advisable.
9) Ganjam (pp 24-25 CF)	Do	✓ not viewed with favour by pensioners	Will reduce work in the treasuries. Change not desirable.
10) Kurnool (p 26 CF)	Do	✓ would be welcomed by pensioners.	
11) Salem (pp 31-32 CF)		✓ Do	Not good in the hands of pensioners. Recommend the continuance of the present system.

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Name of district	Whether existing system given rise to discontent	Whether the proposed system viewed with favour	Remarks
12) Godavari (p 33 CF)	no discontent	✓ yes	will lighten work in the treasuries
13) Bellary (pp 34 CF) 36-37 CF)		+ not viewed with favour by pensioners	will not cause difficulties in the treasuries
14) Madras (p 35 CF)	do	+ not viewed with favour by pensioners	do.
15) Nellore (pp 38-39 CF)	No clear discontent	✓ immense will be appreciated by the pensioners.	do.
16) Kistna (pp 40-41 CF)	do	+ would be reverse of a benefit	Recommends payment months in advance.
17) Chittoor (pp 42-43 CF)		✓ will be appreciated by the pensioners	[this is a variant from the scheme]. The scheme may be introduced. In the event of casualties no recoveries should be made
18) Chingliput (p 44 CF)	do	+ not viewed with favour by the pensioners	
19) Cuddapah (pp 46-47 CF)	do	+ do	will not give difficulties to the treasuries
20) Anantapur (p 48 CF)	do	✓ likely to be viewed with favour by pensioners	do.
21) North Arcot (pp 49-51 CF)		+ not viewed favourably	do
22) Tirunelveli (p. 52 CF)	do	✓ will be welcomed by the pensioners	will be advantageous to the pensioners. will not give any difficulties in the treasuries.

Name of district	Whether existing system given rise to discontent	Whether the proposed system viewed with favour	Remarks
23) Vijayapalan (p53CP)	No discontent	persons nor in favour	no difficulties in the measure
24) Angeng (pouet)	do	will be viewed with favour	do
25) Ramnad (p55-56 ct)	do	not viewed with favour	do

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