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FINANCIAL DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 114 para. 1

Dated 19th February 1915.

Mr. LORP,

I forward herewith, for any observations you may desire to offer, copy of a letter^o from the Colonial Office, with its enclosures (return requested), regarding the application of Kapur Singh, late Sub-Inspector of Police, East Africa Protectorate, for the grant of a plot of land in India.
(Sent in advance by mail of 5th February 1915)

It will be observed that Kapur Singh has been informed by the Colonial Office that he is not eligible for pension or gratuity in respect of his Colonial service, but as he might possibly have some claim to consideration if his service in the East Africa Protectorate followed, without a break, a period of pensionable service in India, I shall be glad to be informed whether this is the case, and if his service in India, or any part of it, can be regarded as pensionable. I shall be glad to receive your views on the subject generally in order that, if a case is established, representations may be made to the Colonial Office with a view to the grant to Kapur Singh of a pension divisible between Indian and Colonial funds in accordance with recognised practice.

* Dated 28th January 1915.

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No. 213 of 1915.

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PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.

To

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

Simla, the 2nd July 1915.

SIR,

We have the honour to refer to paragraph 1 of Lord Crewe's despatch No. 14-Finl., dated the 19th February 1915, inviting our observations on the application of Kapur Singh, late a sub-inspector of Police in the East Africa Protectorate, for the grant of a plot of land in India, and enquiring whether Kapur Singh's service in East Africa followed without a break a period of pensionable service in India or whether his service in India or any part of it can be regarded as pensionable.

2. As regards the grant of land to Kapur Singh, no political considerations are involved in the case nor is there any evidence that his services were so exceptional as to entitle him to this concession. We would add that we cannot find that any representation in this matter has ever been addressed to us.

3. With regard to the enquiry as to the nature of his service in India, we enclose a copy of a letter from the Government of the Punjab No. 379-B-Home dated the 2nd June 1915, from which it will be seen that a period of nearly 13 years intervened between the termination of the man's service in India and the commencement of his service in East Africa. Kapur Singh served in the Punjab Police for a period of 11 years and 10 months, but as no information can be traced to show whether he resigned or was dismissed it cannot be definitely stated whether any claim to pension would be in respect of this service. There is no reason apparently to accord Kapur Singh exceptional treatment, and we therefore have no recommendation to make on his behalf.

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4. The enclosures to the letter from the Colonial Office No. 105, dated the 28th January 1915 are returned as requested.

We have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) HARDINGE or PENSHURST.

" BRAUCHAMP DUFF.

" R. W. CARLYLE.

" B. H. CRADDOCK.

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 - (ii) Application from Kapur Singh dated the 27th July, 1914.
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 - (iv) Letter from the Governor of East Africa Protectorate to the Colonial Office No. 1005, dated the 27th November, 1914.

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FROM

THE GOVT. OF INDIA,

TO

THE SECY. OF STATE FOR INDIA

No. 218.

Dated Simla, the 2nd July 1915.

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No. 379-S.-Home, dated Simla, the 2nd of June 1915.

From—A. B. KITTLEWELL, Esq., I.C.S., Additional Secretary to Government,
Punjab.

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1395-C., dated the 13th March 1915, regarding the pensionary claims of Kapur Singh, late a constable in the service of the East African Protectorate.

2. In reply, I am to say that it has been ascertained that a man, named Kapur Singh, son of Ghasita Singh of Gogulana, district Amritsar, enlisted as a constable in the Delhi district police on the 6th January 1874 and was promoted to second and first grade constable, respectively, on the 1st September 1875 and the 1st May 1876. On the 1st December 1884 Kapur Singh was transferred from Delhi to the railway police, in which he received Rs. 8 per mensem pay and an additional Rs. 1 per mensem as good conduct allowance. From the 1st September 1885 his good conduct allowance was forfeited and he himself was discharged from the service on the 1st November 1885. Whether he resigned at his own request or was dismissed cannot be ascertained.

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Enclosure No. 2 (i).
105-1914-15.

DOWNING STREET,
28th January 1915.

SIR,

With reference to the letter from this Office of the 3rd of September, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to inform you that, after consulting the Governor of the East African Protectorate, he has ascertained that you are not eligible for a pension or gratuity in respect of your service in the Protectorate.

I am,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) H. J. READ,
for the Under Secretary of State.

Kapur Singh

Enclosure No. 2 (ii).

Gago Booha,
Sarai Amahat Khan,
Amritsar,
(Punjab),
Dated 27th July 1914.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
LONDON.

SIR,

I have the honour to bring to your notice the following few lines with hopes that they will be favourably considered.

1. I have been discharged by the Police Authorities with effect from the 19th June 1909 (see page 3, last certificate) on account of old age. I am 65 years now after having served for about 11 years continuously commencing from June, 1898 when this place was not properly settled and it was a danger to one's life and at several times arrows were thrown towards us in the execution of our Police duties. Before joining the Police here I also served in India in various capacities for about 23 years having joined the Delhi Police in January 1874.

3. On or about 26th June 1908 I applied through proper channel to the then Inspector General of Police, requesting that I may be granted gratuity or pension and allowed to go on leave as was suggested by the Assistant District Superintendent of Police at Nakuru who in fact told me that such suggestion was of Mr. Donald's. In reply to this I was verbally told by the Assistant District Superintendent of Police, Nakuru, that I must submit my resignation and that the I. G. Police was arranging for a gratuity. Having received no definite answer I again reminded that officer thrice that six months had elapsed and I was not informed as to how the question of my gratuity or pension was getting on.

4. Suddenly in end of January 1909 I was ordered by the Assistant District Superintendent of Police, Mr. Lew, to proceed to Nairobi and report myself to the Commissioner of Police. I duly carried out the orders but unfortunately I became very ill on my arrival at Nairobi but did not fail to report to the Commissioner of Police in writing that I had arrived in Nairobi and was ill in bed.

5. After my arrival in Nairobi in about a day or two I received my discharge certificate. On this I wrote to the Commissioner of Police, requesting him to kindly inform me as to what decision was arrived at with regard to my being granted a pension or gratuity.

6. In reply to this I got a letter from the Commissioner of Police saying that it was ruled that the pension and gratuity regulations, 1903, do not apply to the subordinates of the Police Department by whom it was ruled, I am not in a position to say but was certainly told by the Commissioner of Police that the reason for this was that there was not a clause in the Police Ordinance of 1906

(such is also not the case with Indian Police Acts on which this Ordinance seems to have been based) and that I was granted 4 months' leave to India to which I was of course entitled. In this connection I beg leave to say that there was also no mention for granting the leave in the Ordinance above quoted. As soon as I was a little better I was fortunate enough to have an interview with the able Commissioner of Police (Mr. Notley) who from seeing me old said that it was injustice if no bonus or pension for such a man like myself who has put in about 11 years continuous service in a Colony was granted. I explained to the Commissioner that I was an old servant of the British Government and having served for about 35 years in all was not given any thing to depend on in my last days. He was then kind enough to say that he would again represent my case to the Higher Authorities and inform me of the result. I am sorry to add that in June or July 1909 I received a letter from Commissioner of Police telling me that nothing further could be done in my case as the former Ruling was upheld.

7. I would most respectfully submit that had not the Police Ordinance been enacted would not the Subordinate Staff of the Police be brought under Foreign Office Regulations of 1903. Former Inspectors General of Police told me that every one will be rewarded for his long but good services. On the other hand, I would beg to bring to your notice that there are several precedents in the Police Department itself where bonuses and compensations have been paid. The new regulations for the Subordinate Staff even do not exclude the police from gratuity or pension. A Sub-Inspector Nadar Khan has been granted pension this year and lot of Postal and Customs Clerks have been granted pensions and gratuities.

8. I, therefore, most submissively appeal to you, Sir, that my case may be favourably considered and that some recognition be made of my good services rendered to the Government of East African Protectorate which is proved from the new copies of my testimonials (attached, vide paragraph 2 above).

9. I appealed to the Governor of East African Protectorate and have been in correspondence with that Government till this year but I have received no satisfaction from them and, therefore, submit this application to you.

10. I also request that you would kindly address the India Office that they may be pleased to grant me some land say 100 acres on the new canal so that I may be out from my poverty in which I have naturally been thrown by my discharge from the East African Police of which force I have been a respected officer.

11. I would ask that original correspondence on this subject may be called from the Government of East African Protectorate before your decision is passed on the subject.

I have, etc.,

(Sd.) KAPUR SINGH,

late Sub-Inspector of Police, East African Protectorate.

Copies of Testimonials.

Deputy Inspector Kapur Singh did very well in a case in which a well-known bad character was convicted of being in possession of property stolen in the Nairobi Bazaar from Gulab Devi prostitute.

(Sd.) C. FARQUHAR,

Superintendent of Police.

I have much pleasure in testifying that I have known Kapoot Singh, Deputy Inspector, Railway Police, since January 1899 to June 7th, 1899 and that he has always given the utmost satisfaction in the conduct of various criminal cases under his charge before this Court.

(Sd.) K. MACDOUGAL,

1st June 1899.

Acting Magistrate, Provincial Court.

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the satisfactory manner in which Deputy Inspector Kapur Singh has carried out his duties in the case of Regina versus Nawab Khan.

It is very satisfactory to find that the Sessions Judge has been pleased to make such a satisfactory report on the conduct of the case generally by the Police and I shall be glad if you will refer again to this case when Deputy Inspector Kapur Singh is due for promotion.

(Sd.) G. WHITEHOUSE,

Chief Engineer, Uganda Railway.

Deputy Inspector Kapur Singh served under me while I was Acting Superintendent of Police and Railway Magistrate. He performed his duties to my entire satisfaction. He worked hard and well especially in the case Regina versus Nawab Khan which was successfully convicted.

KIGINDINI, }

3rd December 1899. }

Deputy Inspector Kapur Singh, was attending in my court to prosecute in Railway cases. I was satisfied with his work, has a sufficient knowledge in Indian cases, and I believe him to be a reliable and trustworthy man.

NAIROBI; }

1st November 1900. }

Kapur Singh, Deputy Inspector of the Uganda Railway Police, has worked under me for three years, he has during that time gained for himself a very good name not only with me but with the various Magistrates before whom he has taken cases. For this he deserves considerable credit as the post he has filled has been one requiring the greatest tact.

I hope he will return to this country to resume his duties under me.

NAIROBI; }

18th March 1901. }

I have known Kapur Singh, Deputy Inspector of Police, Uganda Railway, or the past five months, he has continually appeared in my court and prosecuted cases on behalf of the Government, he is an intelligent and painstaking man, and about the best Deputy Inspector in the Railway Police.

(Estarpment, 19th March 1901.)

The bearer Kapur Singh has on many occasions prosecuted in my court in his capacity as Deputy Inspector of Police, Uganda Railway. He has invariably conducted his cases with ability and tact.

He informs me that he is shortly proceeding to India on leave of absence. I trust that no untoward incident will occur to prevent his return which I shall anticipate with much pleasure.

(Sd.) T. T. GILKISON,

Magistrate, 1st Class,

NAIROBI; }

18th March 1901. }

Provincial Court, E. A. P.

Deputy Inspector, Kapur Singh, Uganda Railway Police, has been constantly in my court in charge of cases during the past four months. He appears to have

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taken great trouble with his work which has given me satisfaction so far as he was responsible.

(Sd.) G. H. L. MURRAY,

Head Magistrate.

NAIROBI; }

8th August 1900. }

Kapur Singh, Deputy Inspector, Uganda Railway Police, has brought cases for about one year. He seems to know his business well.

(Sd.) N. E. F. CORBETT,

Acting Provincial Magistrate.

NAIROBI; }

13th May 1902. }

Deputy Inspector, Kapur Singh, has worked under me for four years and one or two months.

During that time I have had practically to find no fault with him. He is very energetic in his work and has held with great success charge of the Nairobi Railway Zone Police District, a post entailing much hard work and the use of a large amount of tact. I am now leaving East Africa and in giving him this certificate I wish him as much success in the future as he has had in the past.

(Sd.) C. FARQUHAR,

Inspector General, Police.

NAIROBI; }

16th September 1902. }

I have much pleasure in certifying to the good work done by Inspector Kapur Singh in case of Mehar Singh and others under section 468, Indian Penal Code.

(Sd.) R. DONALD,

Town Magistrate.

R. B.; }

30th December 1903. }

In cattle criminal case 225-05 Kisumu Police Station Inspector, Kapur Singh, has done excellent work and has been the means of recovering a large number of Government cattle. This case was a particularly difficult one to investigate as the culprits were members of the Kisumu Police and raw Wakavirondo but the Inspector conducted the inquiry in a masterly and thorough manner.

(Sd.) H. RAYNE,

Assistant District Superintendent, Police.

KISUMU; }

5th December 1905. }

The bearer Kapur Singh has served under me in the Police in this country since 1899 as Sub-Inspector and Inspector. During this period he has done exceptionally good work. He has done some very good detective work and is well up in his Law and Procedure.

He retires from the Force on account of old age.

(Sd.) G. McL. TEW,

Assistant District Superintendent, Police.

NAIVASHA,
B. E. A., 1909.

This is to certify that Sub-Inspector Kapur Singh has served in the East Africa Protectorate Police for ten years, eleven months and five days, and is now going on four months' leave at the end of which he is discharged on retirement from the service on account of old age.

His character whilst serving in the above has been "exemplary."

(Sd.) W. K. NOTLEY,

Commissioner of Police.

NAIROBI,
6th February 1909.

Enclosure No. 2 (iii).

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Downing Street,
3rd September 1914.

SIR,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th of July, and to inform you that he is consulting the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate on the subject of your application for a pension in respect of your service in the East Africa Police.

A further communication on the matter will be addressed to you in due course.

I am, etc.,

(Sd.) H. J. READ,

for the Under Secretary of State.

Kapur Singh.

Enclosure no. 2 (iv).

East Africa Protectorate,
No. 1009.

November 27th 1909.

SIR,

With reference to your despatch no. 830 of September 3rd, I have the honour to report as follows on the application by Kapur Singh, late Sub-Inspector of Police, for a pension.

2. This case was first submitted to Government in November 1908 when Sir Frederick Jackson was Acting Governor.

It was pointed out by the Treasurer at the time that under the Police Ordinance then in force there was no provision for retiring gratuities and that the pension regulations did not apply to the Native Police. Further that as Kapur Singh had only served ten years he would not be eligible for a pension or gratuity under the Superannuation Act of 1887.

The Inspector General of Police concurred in this opinion and added the further fact that Kapur Singh was fully aware at the time of his attestation that his appointment carried no pension or retiring gratuity.

3. For these reasons therefore the application was not entertained and, when raised again in January 1910, was treated in a similar manner by Sir Percy Girouard.

4. The grant of pension rights to Sub-Inspectors of Police only came into force at the beginning of this year, vide your despatch no. 832 of October 1st, 1913, and in consequence of this ruling Sub-Inspector Nadir Khan was recommended for a pension to which sanction was received in your despatch no. 885 of September 29th.

5. I may add that on more than one occasion application has been made to the Government of India, asking if Kapur Singh's request for a plot of land in the Punjab could receive favourable consideration, but I fear that there is little hope of meeting his wishes.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your humble, obedient servant,

(Sd.) H. C. BELFIELD,

Governor.

The Right Honourable
Lewis Harcourt, P.C., M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, London, S. W.