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Pension of Nadi Khan Ahmedi.

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Pension
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1. Governor Bygone 176 Conf _____ 24th December
Trans. a letter from Nadir Khan Ahmedi in which he
maintains that he should be accorded special treatment on
connection with the payment of his pension. States that he is
unable to recommend any deviation from the normal procedure.

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Nadir Khan Ahmedi, a Sub-Inspector of Police,
was examined by a Medical Board on the 7th March 1914,
and was found to be suffering from emphysema and chronic
asthma. He also had a *left varicose* which pained him.
There was a cataract developing in the left eye, but
this was then in an early stage. After due considera-
tion the Board decided that owing to his asthma and the
condition of his left eye, he was no longer fit for
further service in the East African Police, and
recommended that he be invalided out.

He was duly invalided and granted a pension which
on a basis of 15 Rupees to the £, amounted to £31.3.4d.
(Rs.467/8) per annum.

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EA

The change of currency in 1921 did not affect
the conversion rate of Rupees (Rs.15 = £1) of the
pension payable to Nadir Khan Ahmedi as he was resident
in India. He appears to have returned to East Africa
for a short time after the change of currency and his
pension was paid as if he were resident there, i.e.
in Shillings at the rate of 30 Shs. to the £, that is
to say, 2 Shs. for each Rupee paid before the change in
currency. But on his return to India, he was put back
on to the rate of 15 Rupees to the £.

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In the Secretary of State's despatch of the 12th
November, 1923, it was definitely laid down that East
African Non-European pensioners resident in India whose
pensions were granted before the change in the currency,
should be paid at the rate of 15 Rupees to the £.

Nadir

Nadir Khan Ahmedi claims that he was prematurely invalidated on a mistaken diagnosis concerning his eye and appears to suggest that as a recompense his pension should be paid to him in Shillings at 30 to the £.

There seem no grounds for departing from the normal procedure in the payment of this pension. ? Request the Governor to inform Nadir Khan Ahmedi that the Secretary of State has considered his letter but that he sees no reason to intervene.

C.A. [unclear] 4/2/35

B. [unclear] 4/2

His [unclear] [unclear] it.

If the letter of 31/8/34 did say "2/ to the rupee" it is wrong. It should of course be 1/4 to the rupee or 15 rupees to the £. But that does not matter.

*As proposed
S.L.G. [unclear] 4.2.*

*W.L.B. 6.2.35
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Mr. *Domich* 7/2/35
Mr. *Preeston* 7/2/35
Mr.

SDA

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Mr. Parkinson.
Sir G. Tomlinson.
Sir C. Bottomley.
Sir J. Shuckburgh.
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Secretary of State.

13 February, 1935.

Sir,

I have etc. to acknowledge
the receipt of your Confidential
despatch No 176 of the
24th of December transmitting
a copy of a letter from
Nadir Khan Ahmed, late
Sub-inspector of Police, in which he
asks that the pension
granted to him in
1914 may be paid
at a higher rate of
exchange.

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for.

2. I see no reason
for departing from the
normal procedure with
regard to the payment
of this pension

and

FURTHER ACTION.

And I shall be obliged if
you will cause the
petitioners to be informed accordingly.

~~That I have considered~~
his letter but that
I see no reason to
intervene.

I have etc

(Sgd.) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

KENYA.

No. 176.

CONFIDENTIAL.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

24th December, 1934.

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C. O. REGY

Sir,

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Letter.
6th Aug.

With reference to the late Viscount Harcourt's despatch No. 885 of the 29th of September, 1914, I have the honour to transmit a copy of a letter received from Nadir Khan Ahmedi, late Sub-Inspector of Police, on the subject of the amount of pension granted to him from the funds of this Colony.

2. This officer, being in India, is at present paid at the rate of fifteen rupees to the pound in accordance with the terms laid down in His Grace the Duke of Devonshire's despatch Confidential (9) of the 12th November, 1923. This was pointed out to the petitioner in replying to his petition and a copy of that reply is also enclosed for your information.

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Reply.
31st Aug.

3. Nadir Khan has, however, now requested that his letter should be referred to you as an appeal for your favourable consideration, on the grounds that the ruling referred to in paragraph 2 only governs ordinary retirements whereas his retirement, in his opinion, was an extraordinary one which was due to a mistaken diagnosis by the Government Medical authorities. In consequence he maintains that he should be accorded special

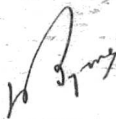
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MAJOR SIR PHILIP CUNLIFFE-LISTER, P.C., G.B.E., M.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON S.W. treatment

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treatment. A copy of the Medical Board proceedings accompanied the late Sir Henry Belfield's despatch No. 748 of the 13th August, 1914, from which it will be seen that the members of the Board stated that the cataract in the left eye was at an early stage and the decision to retire him from the Service was due to asthma in addition to the condition of the eye. I would point out that although the petitioner states that the local diagnosis differed from that of the Eye Specialist whom he consulted in India, he has produced no evidence in support of this statement or to show that he has been cured of his disability.

4. In the circumstances I am unable to recommend at this date any deviation from the normal procedure in the rate of payment of this pension.

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



BRIGADIER-GENERAL,
GOVERNOR.

To

The Hon'ble Chief Secretary,
to the Government Kenya Colony,
NAIROBI. E. Africa.

Sir,

Most respectfully I beg to crave the favour of your kind and gracious consideration into my humble case which briefly stated is as follows:-

I served in the Kenya Police in the capacity of Sub-Inspector and Inspector, for a period of 18 years and 4 months, as will be gathered from the attached Discharge Certificate in original.

The Finger Print Bureau, which has since developed into a large Department, was originally started by me. Due, however, to the strain which the work of the Bureau entailed upon the eye-sight, I at last contracted a disease of the eye. The Medical Officer in charge of the Nairobi Hospital examined me, and made it out to be a case of cataract in its early stage, and on the strength of this diagnosis I was retired on pension, @ Rs. 467/8 p.m. (per annum).

The diagnosis, however, was not confirmed by the Eye-specialist, whom I consulted in India. He diagnosed the trouble to be some other disease of the eye and with his treatment the trouble was cured. I wrote to Col. W.K. Notley, the then Chief Secretary to the Government on the subject and enclosed is an extract from his reply dated the 10th August, 1921., for your kind perusal.

The wrong diagnosis of my trouble was responsible for my premature retirement on a small pension which hardly suffices to maintain myself and my family.

After my retirement the pension rules were amended so as to include the house allowance in the pension and also the medium of payment was fixed in Shillings at the rate of 2 Shillings to the Rupee.

According to the circulation of new coins I was paid my pension in African Currency during the period I was in Africa at Shs.77/91 instead of Rs.38-15-4 but again on my return to India I was put on the Rupee basis.

Under the circumstances stated above I think you will agree that am entitled to special consideration in this matter,owing to my premature retirement due to a mistaken diagnosis and you will be pleased to grant my pension at the rate of African Currency just as it is done in the case of other pensioners of the Kenya Government, and I may also be granted the benefit of the amended rules which have come into force since my retirement.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kindness.

I beg to remain,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sgd. Nadirkhan Ahmed
Late of Kenya Police.

Quadian,
District Sardaspur, India.,
5th August, 1954.

Government House,

Kenya, East Africa.

10th August, 1921.

Dear Nadir Khan,

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I am very glad to hear that your eyesight is better, and hope that you will be successful in obtaining the appointment you are trying for in Zanzibar.

I am sorry that you find your pension insufficient.

Yours very truly,

SD/- W.K. NOTLEY.

No. P.189/26/14.

Nairobi, 20th November, 1920.

Mr. Nadir Khan Ahmedi,

Village Sarkal Kasar,

P.O. Dhudial, Dist. Jhelum,

Punjab.

With reference to your letter of 17.10.20, I forward an explanation of the matter you complain about, which should make it clear that you were never reduced or degraded in any way. I return your Discharge Certificate.

SD/- P.D. TYSSEN,

AG. Commissioner, E.A. Police.

The Secretariat,

Nairobi,

31st August, 1934.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant and to inform you that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has ruled that when a pensioner who retired from Kenya Service prior to the 21st July, 1920, is resident in Kenya his pension is payable at the rate of Shs.30/- to the pound and when resident in India at the rate of Rs.15/- to the pound.

2. Your pension is at the rate of £31.3.4 per annum and in accordance with the Secretary of State's ruling you have been correctly paid your pension at the rate of Shs.30/- to the pound in respect of your residence in Kenya and at the rate of Shs.2/- to the rupee during your residence in India.

3. I regret that your request for special consideration be accorded to you on the grounds adduced in your letter cannot be entertained.

I have etc.

sd. F.V. PRESTON

for AG. COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. Nadirkhan Ahmedi,
Qadian,
District Gurdaspur,
India.