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or Individuals

Treasury

1908

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Previous Papers

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(Subject.)

Pension to W. G. H. Murray

Considers some deduction should be made; suggests £76.8 p.a., leaving a pension of £102.13.4

General note

(Minister.)

4/3/08

3/4

W. Harris

In view of the Secretary of State's minute on 5/3/08, I favour the Treasury suggestion and to be accepted.

Inform Janner & W. Murray [explaining to the latter that only deduction has been made], & instruct Clerk

April 8

Atomic

W. G. H. Murray

W. G. H. Murray

It is suggested that the Treasury should be asked to consider the possibility of a further deduction from the pension to be made.

To Gen. Conf. 27 April

...also like to know...
whether their practice is...
...a man's business...
...an opportunity of...
...explanation or something...
...known" is general...
...without any definite...
...instance being given

1872
1874

...then please do so by...
...official note to...
...the form is that we...
...has difficulty in...
...the ruling of the...
...of Murray call for...
...afternoon as to...
...be here...
...spoke during the...
...year to...

...these will be...
...attached...
...the Treasury will not...
...of the...
...generally...
...of...
...the...
...in this case...
...the matter...
...but the Treasury...
...that his...
...has been...
...of...
...the Treasury...
...is...

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Certainly Mr Cox has done all that is possible to persuade the Treasury, but I fancy that they, like myself, find it difficult to get over the existence of the...
...[further stated]...
...in the way of...
...possibly the...

...but in...
...I...
...the...
...of...

Begin by telling her the
amount of pension award.

July
22.4
at home

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Dear Heath,

We are rather troubled by your letter of 2nd April 5814/08 as to the pension of Murray. Murray you will remember has broken down from repeated attacks of malarial fever and gastritis.

The medical report states this and that he was at times not judicious in the use of alcohol. With gastritis of course any use of alcohol would be injudicious. The principal medical officer when asked for a special report cannot estimate the extent of the effect of alcohol on the gastritis but says it should have been entirely avoided. There is no record of Murray's even having come under medical treatment for alcoholism.

It is quite possible that a man out in the wilds suffering from the extreme prostration of gastritis might increase his use of alcohol not knowing that it was the worst thing he could do. The man does not appear to have been a drunkard. He has never been treated for alcoholism nor are there any reports against him to that effect. But the Governor says "it has been generally known that "Mr Murray was at times addicted to the immoderate use of alcohol". This the Governor knew from unofficial and private sources at the time the malaria and gastritis were at their height.

Your letter speaks of the practice here. Is it really the case that a man's pension here would be reduced on the strength of private and unofficial reports that he drank too much, when he had never been publicly drunk or seen drunk in office hours?

If so of course there is a precedent for dealing with Murray likewise, but I am afraid that an injustice may be done to a sick man in this particular case.

Sincerely yours,

14 April. 173

Dear Sir

Health has asked
to answer yours

Her secte regard to the

domain of all things

ask whether a man
passion at home would
be reduced on the
strength of private
and unofficial reports
that he drank too
much, when he had
never been public
before.

The answer to this
question is in the
negative. But, although
rumours would not
affect the award, a
deduction would be
made if it appeared
in the medical certificate.
The question is whether
the award would be
affected by the fact that
the man had been
public before.

partially due to cause
within his own control.
In the case of Murdock
it appeared that it
was ^{slightly} partially so due
and therefore a decision
was made, but
by no means so
great a deduction.

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would have been
made if drink had
been the main, not
to say the sole, cause
of retirement.

We have treated
him exactly the
same as a home

Civil Servant.

Sincerely Yours

J. P. Crowley

Residual Office.

14th April, 1908.

Dear Crowley,

Many thanks for your letter of to-day. Your view is what I anticipated. My difficulty is that I do not read the medical reports as stating that the illness was caused from "drink" or from causes within the pensioner's own control in the sense that he was yielding to a vicious habit. I read them as saying that the man suffered from malaria and gastritis - diseases in which all alcohol should have been avoided, that "at times he was not judicious in the use of alcohol" i.e. that he took alcohol and took it immoderately having regard to his state of health. I do not infer that he knowingly gave way to drink or that moral obliquity was involved in his taking more alcohol than under the circumstances was good for him. It seems to me that the case may have been similar to that of a man who takes opium to relieve abdominal pain when his real disease is something for which opium is contraindicated. I should like to give him the benefit of the doubt but you are quite clear that it would be impossible to do so. I am, therefore, obliged to say

Sincerely yours,

(H. J.) H. H. TRAM COX.

15 April

Dear Arthur - for

The full deduction
that we make from
vision when we drink
the cause of
breakdown is four

drunk was a small
Antiethos of the part of the cause.
The deduction that what it was a small
made in the case of part of the cause of
Murray was only ^{clear} to me clear.
Antiethos. I think you drink I don't mean
will agree that the drinking to a scandal
was moderate and ^{of} us extent but drink
only ^{implied} assumed that it is so as to injure.

one's health, a
which is done eve
day without scan

Sincerely Yours

J. P. Crowley

Handwritten initials

DRAFT

Edw. Proctor

Confidential

For Sir J. Hayes Sadler, Hong. C.B.

27 April 1908

MINUTE

Mr. ...

Mr. ...

Mr. ...

Mr. ...

Mr. ...

Mr. ...

Mr. ...

Mr. ...

The Earl of ...

I have the honor to ask the

receipt of Mr Jackson's despatch

(582) Confidential (7) of the 15th of January

transmitting a paper of particulars

of the source of Mr. ...

the District Commr ...

I draft

regarding a ...

reference that ...

recognition of his services

has approved by the Commission

use of alcohol

2. After careful consideration

of the circumstances of the case, it was thought desirable
and that after consulting the Commission
has decided that the pension

(£10) for which Mr. Murray is
qualified shall be reduced by £7.68;

and the Crown Agents for the Colonies

has accordingly been instructed to

issue pensions at the rate of £102.13.4

per annum as from the 28th of

January last inclusive.

The papers of Mr. Murray were

returned without any comment of the

Commissioners that Mr. Murray was

qualified and no further action should

(6904/8)

copies of which were enclosed

to the No. 157 of the 30th volume

Change

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Gray

DRAFT.

G. H. Murray, Esq.

and 29/1/10

25th April 1908

MINUTE.

- Mr. Hunter 9
- Mr. Harris 10
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Ainslie
- Mr. Cox
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Mr. Churchill.
- The Earl of Elgin.

With reference to your letter of the 17th ultimo (1907) sent to the reply from the Department of the 26th ultimo I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to inform you that you have been awarded, in recognition of your service in the East African Protectorate, a pension at the rate of £102.13.4 per annum, and that the Crown Agents for the Colonies have

3 drafts

Mr Cox
You will see that I must have explanations

by minute
D. H. B.
Sir F. Hopwood
I am sure that

been instructed to issue
pension as from the 25th of January
last inclusive, after making the
necessary adjustments consequent upon
the issue of the elementary allowance
which you are at present receiving.

Yours

(Signed) R. L. ANTROBUS

Draft

The Crown Agents

for the Colonies

Yours

25 April 1908

1908
Mr. Murray

18 April

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With reference to the letter from

this Department of the 29th of February

last I am directed by the Earl of

Grey to inform you that Mr. J. L.

Murray has been awarded, in respect

of his service in the East African Proter-

torate, a pension at the rate of one

hundred and two pounds, thirteen

shillings, and fourpence per annum

and that his ~~total~~ ^{annual} allowance of your

concerning such pension as from the 25th

of January last inclusive, after making
the necessary adjustments consequent upon
the issue of the elementary allowance which
you are at present receiving, as mentioned in the letter from

Draft

£102.13.4

(Blind) R. C. CARTHOUS