

## 8 CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO CHELSEA PENSIONERS.

\* Memorandum.  
Sir George Murray  
is of opinion, that  
if the pensioner  
has a family, he  
should not be  
allowed to go out  
by himself and  
abandon his family.

must specify their number, age and sex, and whether his family are to accompany him to the colony.\* And to enable the Secretary at War to make inquiries, he must also mention the names and addresses of the clergyman of the parish in which he resides, and the magistrate before whom the pension affidavit has usually been made.

As it is understood that men capable of exercising trades or desirous of obtaining employment as labourers may emigrate with every prospect of benefit to themselves, the advantages of commutation will not be confined to those pensioners only who propose to settle as agriculturists, but will be allowed to those pensioners also who may be considered likely to maintain themselves by other means. It will therefore be optional with them to take grants of land or not, subject of course to such conditions as are imposed by the colonial regulations. The amount of commutation will be governed by the circumstances of the case, but it will in no instance exceed the amount of four years' net pension; and it will not be paid without reasonable security that it will be applied to the purpose intended; as that purpose is to assist men desirous of emigrating, they will, upon their engaging a passage for themselves and their families, receive so much of the commutation-money as will be requisite to provide necessaries for the voyage, and such useful articles as they may wish to take with them to their place of settlement.

On their arrival in the colony they will receive from the Commissari at Department the balance due, or so much thereof as the proper authorities on the spot may judge proper for their present use; and the remainder whenever it will be most for their advantage to receive it, but not later than one year after having obtained their respective grants of land. Men desirous of emigrating will not be restricted to the North American Colonies; but they must clearly understand that the public will not undertake to defray any part of the expense of their conveyance, either to them or more distant countries to the destination they have first fixed upon, or to any other place, in the event of their becoming desirous to change their residence.

Sir George Murray  
would recommend  
that this paragraph  
should be omitted.

To such men as have not already connections in the colonies, near whom they may wish to settle, or whose views are not directed to a particular spot, it is recommended that they proceed to ; from whence they can procure conveyance to , where grants of land can be obtained upon application.

The information necessary for their guidance, prior to their being located, will be supplied to them by upon the arrival in the colony to which they may have determined to proceed, will be furnished to them from the Colonial Department, through the War-office, previously to their embarkation.

The colonies in which land will be granted to pensioners under the above regulations are the following:—

In North America.—Upper and Lower Canada; Nova Scotia; New Brunswick; Prince Edward Island; Newfoundland.

In Australia.—New South Wales; Van Diemen's Land; Western Australia.

FORM to be filled up by a PENSIONER desirous of commuting his Pension with a view to his becoming a Settler in the British Colonies.

Name of the Pensioner - - - - -  
Regiment from which he was discharged -  
Rate of Pension - - - - -  
Age of Pensioner - - - - -  
His trade or calling - - - - -  
Whether married or single - - - - -  
If married, the age of his Wife - - - - -  
Whether his Wife and Children are to accompany the Pensioner\* - - - - -  
Names and dates of birth of his Children -  
Place to which he wishes to go; whether he intends to take a grant of land and to settle on it, or to carry on a trade, or obtain employment as a labourer - - - - -  
What means he has of conveying himself thither, providing necessaries, and subsisting for the first Twelve months - - - - -  
Name and address of the Minister of the parish in which the Pensioner resides -  
Name and address of the Magistrate before whom the Pensioner's affidavit has usually been made - - - - -  
Certificate of a medical man as to the state of the Pensioner's health - - - - -  
Certificate of one or more respectable householders as to the Pensioner's general character - - - - -

\* See Sir George  
Murray's opinion  
on the Memo-  
randum.