

6 CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO CHELSEA PENSIONERS.

It is further proposed, that when in any case the approval of the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital, so far as their control is concerned in protecting the interests of the pensioners, shall have been obtained, the application of the man shall be sent to the Colonial Department for any observations, orders or official assistance that may be required, and on notice from that department that the arrangement is approved, and a final notice from the parish that the pensioner's passage has been taken, or that he is embarked, the necessary orders for the alternate quarterly payments will be made by the Chelsea Board.

In case the pensioner should die before the advance is refunded, the parish making it must suffer the loss.

I am, &c.

(signed) *H. Hardinge.*

—No. 2.—

COPY of a LETTER from the Deputy Secretary at War to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, dated War-office, 11 October 1830.

Sir,

L. Sullivan, Esq.
to H. Twiss, Esq.,
11 Oct. 1830.

MANY applications having been received at this office from out-pensioners who are desirous of commuting their pension under the Act passed in the last Session of Parliament (1 Will. 4, c. 41), it is desirable that some rules should be established for the disposal of these and similar cases.

For Memorandum,
vide Enclosure in
Mr. Under Secretary Hay's letter,
20 October, with
the alterations in
italics suggested
by Sir George
Murray.

A memorandum has therefore been drawn up for the purpose of explaining to the men, that the principal object of the measure is to assist those who may be anxious to become settlers in the colonies, and also to furnish them with information upon those points upon which it is necessary that they should be instructed, both to enable them to determine whether it will be for their advantage to emigrate, and to understand how to proceed in the event of their choosing to take that step.

I now enclose a copy of the memorandum, and have to request that you will lay it before Secretary Sir George Murray, and beg that he will favour the Secretary at War with any observations he may have to offer thereupon, filling up at the same time the blanks left in the memorandum for the insertion of the places to which the pensioners might be recommended to proceed, and the names of the individuals to whom they might apply for information.

It might be useful to apprise the pensioners of the expenses to which they would unavoidably be subjected, and the articles which would be requisite for their outfit, and where it might be most advisable for them to obtain them; and if any information of this kind, or upon other points judged essential, can be furnished by the Colonial Office, it would be added to the memorandum, upon the particulars thereof being stated.

There will probably be many cases of men who wish to proceed to the colonies, not as settlers, but to carry on trades, or to obtain employment as labourers. With regard to these the Secretary at War would be glad to be furnished with the sentiments of Secretary Sir George Murray, and to know whether there are any circumstances which would render it not expedient to encourage men of this class to commute their pension, and if not, whether any course of proceeding should be suggested for their guidance, or whether any precaution should be adopted in the payment of their commutation-money, so as to prevent their being brought into difficulties soon after their landing in the colony.

I have, &c.

(signed) *L. Sullivan.*
