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Sir,

In forwarding enclosed Certificate & Memorandum I beg to inform you that the pensioner Thomas Brown is totally blind & to a great extent bedridden and suffers occasionally from epileptic fits It is therefore impossible that he can present himself either for identification or for signing the usual application for pension and it is necessary that he should be visited in his house As he resides several miles from any town and in a very remote and wild location it is not easy to visit him For some time back his application for pension has been taken and completed by the Roman Catholic Curate of his Parish who sometimes visits him, and I would suggest that if any Certification similar to that enclosed be required on any future occasion that the Parish Clergyman may be permitted to give it. I may add that owing to the pensioners advanced age and helpless state that it is not impossible that his memory may fail altogether - He had 2 sons in the Army, one of whom is dead and the other in a Lunatic Asylum & his care is a pitiable one in many respects.

Yours Obediently
J. H. Connellan
Major Retired
J.P.



To the Military Secretary
India Office
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Transcribers Note:

The note that was originally transcribed in 2009 was incomplete and is shown here highlighted in yellow. In the new batch of images transcribed in 2023, two additional papers regarding this man were found, which completes the letter.