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Madras Marine Board Office
24th January 1857

From
J. T. Franklin Esqre
Secretary Marine Board.

To
T. Pycroft Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

1 I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to bring to the notice of Government the great inconvenience and delay which the order of 21st March last No 126 has occasioned in the Accountant branch of their office.

Extract Minr: of Consultation

2 The order referred to dispensed with the services of the two Assistants to the Accountant, in consequence of the Civil Auditor undertaking the audit of all Civil charges. Subsequently on the 8th May following, a writer was allowed to be retained, but distinct instructions were issued for dispensing with the services of

of the Assistant who received a salary of 35 Rupees a month.

3 The Board regret to be obliged to appeal again to Government on the subject, but they not only find that the work of the office is in arrears for want of means to keep pace with the requirements of the service, but they believe that Government cannot be aware of the amount of business that branch of the office has to transact.

4 They have transcribed for the information of Government a statement of the bills indents &ca which have passed through the office and have been disposed of during the month comprised between the 20th December and the 20th January, and when it is remembered that this was during the Christmas holidays, they think that Government will admit that the department must be too much pressed with but one Accountant and one writer, to examine into the correctness of all these charges and demands.

Orders
Military Bills 37 for 63,354
Civil Do 47 .. 19,508
Do Indents .. 436
Besides 28 bills examined and forms &c to Commissary General for supply.—

5 The order of Government marginally noted certainly relieved the Board of the task of calculating the items of the Civil charges, but that of the 22nd October following, No 517, throws the whole responsibility on them of the correctness and propriety of the charges, and in point of fact their duties are in no wise lessened in this respect. All Civil bills are submitted to them first for countersignature, which under whatever term it may be denominated, they understand to mean vouching for the correctness of the charges. It is therefore their duty to ascertain, before attaching the signature of the office whether the orders bearing on the charge in question have been complied with, and this will frequently entail much reference to former correspondence.

Ex: min: of Cons
20th March 1856
No 126.

6 But moreover, besides this duty of examining bills and indents, it is the province of the Accountant to assist the Manager in preparing all statements having reference to figures or calculations and the Government are aware how much labor there is likely to be of this description now that

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Financial Department

No. 88

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date 13th February 1857.

Read the following letter from the Marine Board.

(Dated 24th Jany 1857 No. 280)

When the Govt in Ex. Min. of Con. of ~~[illegible]~~ the 8 May 1856 No. 147 directed the discharge of the Assistant to the Accountant on the Establishment of the Marine Board, it was supposed that the services of this person might have been dispensed with in consequence of the transfer of the audit of the Marine charges to the Civil Auditor under the arrangements Sanctioned

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F. C. - 28th March /56 - No. [illegible]

Fin. Dt. to [illegible] of 20 June No. 13 of 1857. Para 25 to 26

In Cons. 17 February
Financial 1857 Departt

From the Secretary to the Marine Board

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Dated 24th January 1857

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3.

Brings to notice of Government the great inconvenience and delay which the Order of 20th March last No. 126 has occasioned in the Accountant branch of the Marine Board Office and for reasons assigned urges on Government the necessity of reappointing the Assistant to the Accountant on his salary of 35 Rs a month & replacing him with a writer on a salary of 17½ Rs a month –

Copy sent to the Civil Auditor on the 4 March 1857

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should Come before the Board for their counter signature

JP

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To the Marine Board }
" " Civil Auditor } Dispd 12th

Finl Desh to Engd of 30th June
No 13 of 1857 Para 25 & 26

In Dept from 17th February

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