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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
27th August 1873.

No. 181. Read the following letter from Colonel J. LOUDON, Commissary-General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 30th July 1873, No. 3123 :—

I have the honour to forward, for submission, for the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, a memorial from Colonel Robson Benson, Assistant Commissary-General and Executive Commissariat Officer, Madras, praying to be relieved from the payment of a professional tax of Rupees 100 per annum, on the grounds that officers, similarly situated in the Presidency Towns of Bombay and Calcutta, are exempt from such tax.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable THOMAS GEORGE
BARING *BARON* NORTHBROOK of STRATTON, G.M.S.I.,
Viceroy and Governor-General of India in Council, Simla.

The memorial of Colonel ROBSON BENSON, Her Majesty's Madras Staff Corps and Assistant Commissary-General.

Humbly Showeth,—That your memorialist in April last submitted to the Right Honourable Vere Henry Hobart *Lord* Hobart, Governor and President in Council, Fort St. George, a memorial, copy of which is annexed, praying that he might be relieved from the payment of the Madras Municipal tax now levied, for permission from the President of the said Local Government to exercise his profession as a Colonel in Her Majesty's Army in India and that of an Assistant Commissary General within the municipal limits of the town of Madras.

2. The reasons set forth in your memorialist's petition for exemption from this tax were—

First.—That the exercise of your memorialist's profession in Madras is not a voluntary act *per se*, but in virtue of the commission issued by Her Most Gracious Majesty, commanding your memorialist to perform certain acts in obedience to her orders conveyed by duly constituted superior authority to your memorialist not in like manner to other persons free to select their place of residence, their trade, profession, or calling in such place and manner as may appear most conducive to their own personal convenience and advantage.

Secondly.—That, as the Governments of Calcutta or Bombay or other proper authorities have not included officers similarly situated to your memorialist as liable for this tax, your memorialist prayed the same privilege might be granted to him.

3. That, as your memorialist has not received redress to this his memorial, he now prays your Excellency will be pleased to consider his case and grant him relief from the payment of this said tax for permission to exercise his profession within the municipal limits of the town of Madras, in like manner as his brother officers serving in the Presidency Towns of Calcutta and Bombay are exempt.

For which your memorialist will ever pray.

Madras,
28*th July* 1873.

(Signed) R. BENSON, Colonel,
Assistant Commissary-General.

Transferred to the Financial Department with advertence to Order of Government in that Department, No. 811, dated 10th June 1873.

Ootacamund,
5*th August* 1873.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secy. to Govt., Mily. Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
27th August 1873.

No. 182. ORDER THEREON, 27th August 1873, No. 1208.

Ordered that the memorial be transmitted to the Government of India.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 183. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Ootacamund, 27th August 1873, No. 1209.

I am directed to forward, for the consideration of the Government of India, a memorial* from Colonel R. Benson, Assistant Commissary-General, praying that he may be relieved from the payment to the Madras Municipality of the tax on his profession, which is levied under Madras Act No. IX. of 1867.

* Procs., 27th August 1873, Nos. 181-182.

2. A copy of the Order of this Government, dated 10th June 1873, No. 811, is also enclosed.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of 1873 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Dated August, 27th.

Read.

G.O., 27th August 1873, No. 1208.

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Madras Municipality.—A memorial from Colonel Benson, Assistant Commissary-General, praying to be exempted from the payment of the tax on his profession, forwarded to the Government of India.

Financial Department.

No. 1400.

From Ho Commissary General

Dated 30th July 1873.

FOR ORDERS.

Col Benson is taxed in strict accordance with the Law enacted by the Legislature & assented to by the Secretary of State & Home Govt. I would therefore decline to forward his memorial.

Can we refer to [illegible]

Is amount to memorial?
How is it that the tax is paid
by Calcutta Municipality, & metro
Bombay Calcutta?
I do not remember about postal
tax Order G. O. d/10/June. Reply
on Above decided matter the demand
was a war cut "is accordance with
law"?

For Orders

(10)

Memorial &c
Forwarded for Govt
Thanks
22.8.78
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Memorial of Messrs Arbuthnot & Co
Madras

No. 1209 Financial Department

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India
Financial Department

Sir,

I am directed to forward for the Consideration of the Government of India a Memorial from Colonel R. Benson, Assistant Commissary General, praying that he may be relieved from the payment to the Madras Municipality of the tax on his profession, which is levied under Madras Act No IX of 1867.

2. A copy of the order of this Government dated 18th June 1878. No. 811. is also enclosed.

By Post 27th January 1879. Nos 181. 182

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
[illegible]
Secretary to Government

Ordered
27 August 1878.

By order &c
[illegible]
22.8.78

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No 3123

Commissary General's Office
Madras 30th July 1873.

From

The Commissary General

To

The Secretary to Government
Military Department
Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to forward for submission, for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, a Memorial from Colonel Robson Benson, Assistant Commissary General and Executive Commissariat Officer, Madras, praying to be relieved from the payment of a professional tax of Rs 100 per annum, on the grounds that Officers, similarly situated in the Presidency towns of Bombay and Calcutta, are exempt from such tax.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obdt Servant

Shaadon Colonel
Commissary General

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~~From~~ No. 3568.
Fmt
The Commy: General

To
S.D. No 1208
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The Secy: to Govt.
Mily: Department
Fort Saint George

Dated 30th July 1873.
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Forwards for submission, a Memorial from Colonel R. Benson, Asst: Commy General for the favorable consideration of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General of India in Council, praying to be exempted from a professional tax.

P.G. 19th June 1873 No 180–184

Transferred to the Financial Department with advertence to Order of Govt. in that Dept No. 811 of 10 June 1873

Ootacamund
5 August 1873

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Secretary to Government

Ootacamund 27 August 1873 No 1208

[illegible] the Memorial &c [illegible] to the Govt of India [illegible]

(by order [illegible]
22 Aug/73)

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