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No. 81. 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 April 1873, No. 753 :—

I have the honour to forward, for submission for the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a memorial from Colonel Robson Benson, Assistant Commissary-General and Executive Commissariat Officer at 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 both Bombay and Calcutta are exempt from such tax.

To the Right Honourable VERE HENRY HOBART, *LORD* HOBART,
Governor and President in Council, Fort St. George.

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

Humbly Sheweth—

That your memorialist has been threatened by the President, Municipal Commission for the Town of Madras, with distraint of his property in case of his failing to pay the tax of 100 Rupees per annum, levied upon your memorialist's pay and allowances both as a Colonel in Her Majesty's Army and as Assistant Commissary-General, for permission from the said President and Municipal Commission to exercise his profession as an Officer in Her Majesty's Army—a profession already exercised in and by the virtue of a Commission issued under the command of Her Most Gracious Majesty through Her Secretary of State for War ; and, therefore, as your memorialist's profession is exercised under the highest authority in the land, your memorialist begs respectfully to submit that the permission of an inferior authority to perform the same act is both supererogatory and anomalous, and, as your memorialist has been well informed that officers similarly situated in the Presidency Towns of both Bombay and Calcutta are exempt from this tax, your memorialist begs your Excellency to grant the same privilege to him, and relieve him from the payment of the said tax in such wise as your Excellency may deem fit and expedient, and for which your memorialist will ever pray.

Madras,
25th April 1873.

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

Referred to the Financial Department.

Ootacamund,
5th May 1873.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government, M.D.

No. 82. Order thereon, 10th June 1873, No. 811.

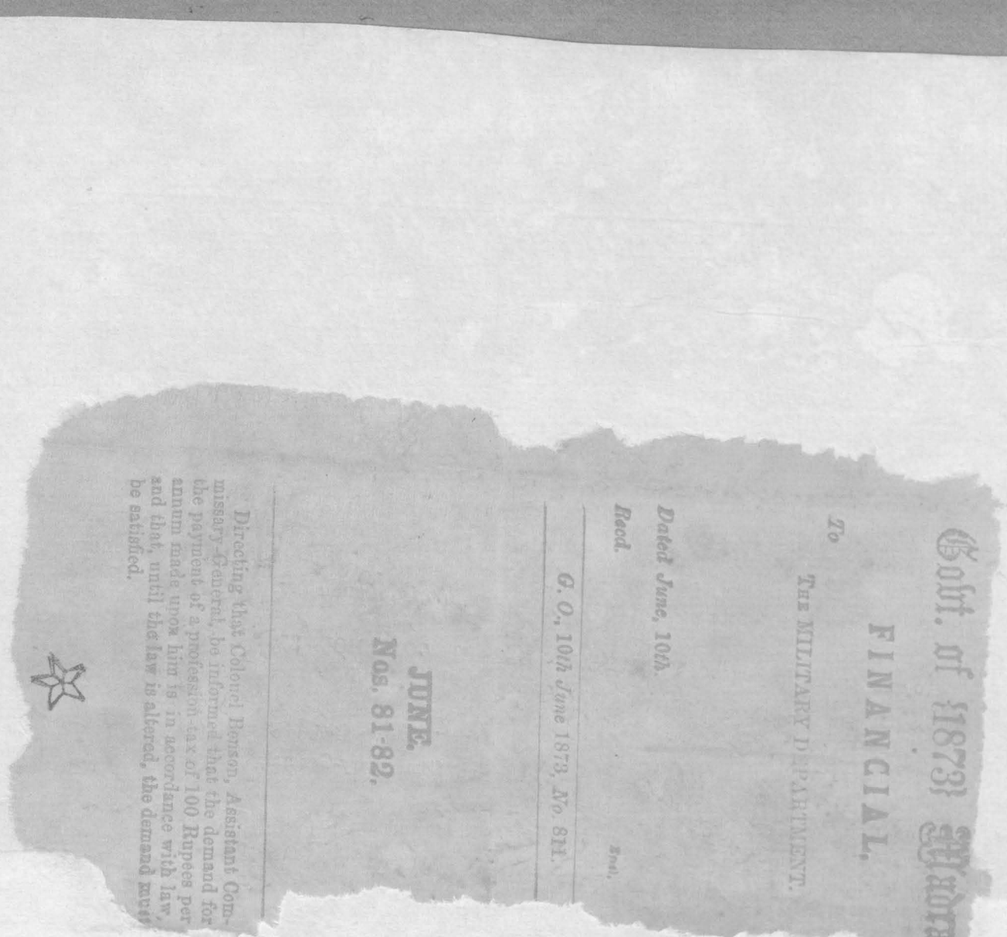
Colonel Benson should be informed that the demand made upon him is in accordance with law, and that, until the law is altered, the demand must be satisfied.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.



Govt. of [1873] Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Dated June, 10th.

Read.

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G. O., 10th June 1873, No. 811.

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Directing that Colonel Henson, Assistant Commissary General, be informed that the demand for the payment of a profession-tax of 100 Rupees per annum made upon him is in accordance with law, and that, until the law is altered, the demand must be satisfied.

To

The Right Honorable Vcn Henry Hobart Lord Hobart.
Governor and President in Council
Fort Saint George.

The Memorial of Colonel
Nelson Benson Her M. Madras Staff Corps
and Assistant Commissary General.

Humbly Sheweth.

That your Memorialist has been threatened by the President Municipal Commission for the Town of Madras with distraint of his property in case of his failing to pay the tax of one hundred Rupees per annum, levied upon your Memorialist's pay and allowances both as a Colonel in Her M. Army and as Assistant Commissary General, for permission from the said President and Municipal Commission to exercise his profession as an Officer in H. M. Army a profession already exercised in and by the virtue of a Commission conferred under the Command of Her Most gracious Majesty through Her Secretary of State for War, and

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therefore as your Memorialist's profession is exercised under the highest Authority in the land, your Memorialist begs respectfully to submit that the permission of an inferior authority to perform the same act is both supererogatory and anomalous and as your Memorialist has been well informed that Officers similarly situated in the Presidency Towns of both Bombay and Calcutta are exempt from this tax, your Memorialist begs your Excellency to grant the same privilege to him and relieve him from the payment of the said tax in such wise as your Excellency may deem fit and expedient. And for which your Memorialist will ever pray.

L Burkett
Lieut.

Madras
25th April 1873

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From ~~G.O.~~ the Letter of the Offg Deputy Secretary to the Govt of India Military Dept endorsed with the proceedings of Govt dated 24th Sept 15th Inst 1869 it appears that the question of the assessment of Officers in the performance of Military duty is under the consideration of the Governor General.

If an Officer holding the post of Asst Commissary General can be held to be "in the performance of Military duty" Memorialist

Commissary General's office
Madras 30th April 1873.
No 753

From

Commissary General

might be informed that the general question raised in his memorial is now under consideration.

JL

I thank Col. Brown for it - but they should say does he [illegible]

Lol

I have the honor to be in general that the demand made upon him is in accordance with the law. and until the law is altered, it must be duly paid.

JL

I have Colonel
Commissary General

Madras Dept.
Memorial of Colonel R. Brown Asst. Q.M.G. Madras Staff Corps and Assistant Commissary General

Rs 4,000 June 25 Rs 81-8-2
The Right Honourable Lord Napier Bolan- Lord Bolan- Governor & President in Council

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the general question raised in
his Memorial is now under
consideration.

I thank Col. Burton
may be informed that the
demand made upon him
is in accordance with the
Law. and until the Law
is altered, it must be
complied.

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Fort Saint George 10 June 1873 No 811

From Lt Colonel W. H. Rickon Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General in charge of Records

To The Secretary to Government Military Department

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a Memorial addressed to the Governor in Council by Mr. Thomas Hill late Sergeant Major of the Madras Artillery Corps, praying that he may be relieved from the payment of a professional tax of Rs 100 per annum.

2. I am directed to request that the Memorial may be submitted for the favorable consideration of Government.

I have &c
W. H. Rickon
Lt Colonel
Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General
in charge of Records

From Military 1873 Depart.
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The Secy to Govt
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Submits for the favorable consideration of Government the Memorial from Mr Thomas Hill praying to be relieved from the payment of a professional tax of Rs 100 per annum.

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Pulicat 5th May 1873

Secretary to Government

To
The Financial Department.