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Deputy Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

Communicating to the Board of Revenue the sanction of the Secretary of State for India to the grading of the — with the Assistant Commissioners of Salt, Abkári and Customs Department in the Madras Presidency.

WITH ORDER

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following endorsement, Mis. No. 4693, Revenue, dated 29th November 1898:—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 3851, dated 9th September 1895:—

Resolution—Mis. No. 3851, dated 9th September 1895.

In paragraph 2 of Government Order, Mis. No. 2929, Revenue, dated 23rd July 1895, Government desires that, in view of the fact that the duties entrusted to the Sea Customs Deputy Collector are under the control of the Board in the Department of Separate Revenue, the Full Board should report whether it would not be better to class that officer among the Assistant Commissioners of Salt and Abkári instead of among the Deputy Collectors who belong to the Land Revenue establishment.

2. The Board begs leave to state that the civil list does not include the Sea Customs Deputy Collector among the Land Revenue Deputy Collectors. The pay of the former is charged to "Customs," while the pay of the latter is charged to "3. Land Revenue." There was a Deputy Collector of Sea Customs long before Act VII of 1857 relating to the appointment of Land Revenue Deputy Collectors was passed. There seems, therefore, to be no necessity to treat the subject as one for the Full Board.

3. The total salary of the Deputy Collector of Sea Customs (Rs. 500 *plus* personal allowance Rs. 50) nearly corresponds with the pay of a third-grade Assistant Commissioner of Salt and Abkári Revenue. If the proposition statement submitted to Government with Board's Proceedings, No. 259, dated 13th June 1895, in accordance with the proposals generally accepted by the Government of India is finally sanctioned, the Deputy Collector's pay will be Rs. 700, which corresponds with the pay of a second-grade Assistant Commissioner. It would be well to grade the Deputy Collector of Sea Customs with Assistant Commissioners of Salt and Abkári Revenue, especially if the increase of pay is sanctioned, as it would allow of an officer with special qualifications holding the appointment for a long period without losing all promotion. There should be no difficulty in finding qualified officers in the Department of Salt and Abkári Revenue to hold the post. This mode of recruiting is in accordance with the general scheme sketched in Board's Proceedings, No. 259, dated 13th June 1895.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. KRISHNASWAMY AIYANGAR,
Acting Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

Endorsement—Mis. No. 4693, Revenue, dated 29th November 1898.

Referred to the Accountant-General for favour of remarks.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General.

Read—again the following G.O., Mis. No. 1615, Revenue, dated 1st May 1899 and the following letter to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, No. 1616, dated 1st May 1899:—

Read—again endorsement, Mis. No. 4693, Revenue, dated 29th November 1898.

Read—also letter from T. HESKETH BIGGS, Esq., Accountant-General to the Government of Madras, dated Fort St. George, 14th December 1898, No. 6279.

Abstract.—Stating that the sanction of the Government of India is necessary to classing the Deputy Collector of Sea Customs among the Assistant Commissioners of Salt, Abkári and Separate Revenue Department.

Read—again Official Memorandum to the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), No. 3, dated 6th January 1899.

Abstract.—Requesting the Board of Revenue to state whether, if the Deputy Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, is graded as an Assistant Commissioner of Salt, Abkári and Customs Department, he should draw house rent allowance as others of his class do, whether he should be required to pass any of the Special Tests and to what head the allowance of the officer should be debited.

Read—again endorsement, Mis. No. 590, Revenue, dated 9th February 1899.

Abstract.—Referring to the Accountant-General, for remarks, Proceedings of the Board of Revenue informing that the officer in question should draw house-rent allowance; that he should not be made to pass any other tests than those prescribed for the officers of the Salt, Abkári and Customs Department, and that the pay and house-rent of the officer should be debited to Customs".

Read—also the following letter from T. HESKETH BIGGS, Esq., Accountant-General to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 24th February 1899, No. 752:—

With reference to your endorsement, No. 590, dated the 9th of February 1899, on Board's Proceedings, No. 411, dated 30th January 1899, I have the honour to state that the pay and house-rent of the Deputy Collector, Sea Customs, Madras, should be debited to the same Major head of account as the pay of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Customs is proposed to be debited (*vide* correspondence ending with this office letter No. 22, dated 6th January 1898). The grant of house-rent to the Deputy Collector of Sea Customs requires the Government of India sanction, as it would exceed the limit fixed in paragraph 4 of the Government of India letter recorded in Board's Proceedings, No. 89 (Separate Revenue), dated 7th March 1893.

Order—Mis. No. 1615, Revenue, dated 1st May 1899.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. G. S. FORBES, I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, dated 1st May 1899, No. 1616.

I am directed to solicit the sanction of the Government of India to the grading of the Deputy Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, with Assistant Commissioners of the Salt, Abkári and Customs Department in this Presidency.

2. The Deputy Collector is not graded with the Land Revenue Deputy Collectors, and devotes his whole time to Sea Customs work. In view of the large revenue

dependent on special and technical knowledge, it is essential that the appointment of the Deputy Collector should be capable of being held for a long time by an officer with the required qualifications without losing promotion. As the Deputy Collector is under the control of the Separate Revenue branch of the Board of Revenue, His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that the best way of attaining this result will be by grading him with the Assistant Commissioners of the Salt, Abkári and Customs Department. The grading would be in keeping with the arrangements sanctioned in Mr. Meyer's letter No. 3241-Ex., dated 28th July 1896, for merging the customs establishments at the outports in the Salt and Abkári Department.

3. The present pay of the Deputy Collector is Rs. 700 per mensem and corresponds with the pay of an Assistant Commissioner of the second grade. I am accordingly to suggest that the number of appointments in this grade may be increased by one, and that the officer in charge of the Sea Customs work may be allowed also to draw the house-rent of Rs. 46–2–6 a month admissible to Assistant Commissioners. The pay and house-rent will be debited to "*9. Customs.*" The additional expenditure involved in the proposal (Rs. 46–2–6×12), Rs. 553–14–0, may be met from the provision in the budget.

Read—also the following letter from W. S. MEYER, Esq., I.C.S., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, to the Secretary to the Governmet of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 15th August 1899, No. 3726-Ex. :—

In reply to your letter No. 1616, dated the 1st May 1899, I am directed to forward a copy of the correspondence with the Secretary of State for India noted in the margin, from which it will be seen that His Lordship has sanctioned the proposal of the Government of Madras that the Deputy Collector of Sea Customs in that Presidency should be graded (in the second grade) with the Assistant Commissioners of the Salt, Abkári and Customs Department, drawing, in common with them, a house-rent allowance of Rs. 46–2–6 a month.

Despatch to the Secretary of State for India, No. 187, Financial, dated 8th June 1899.
Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, No. 158, Revenue, dated 20th July 1899, received on the 7th August 1899.

Copy, with a copy of the correspondence with the Secretary of State for India referred to therein, forwarded to the Accountant General, Madras.

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Enclosures.

From the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department (Salaries, Establishments, &c.—Customs), to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, dated Simla, 8th June 1899, No. 187 of 1899.

We have the honour to forward a copy of a letter from the Government of Madras, No. 1616, dated the 1st May 1899, requesting sanction to the grading of the Deputy Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, with the Assistant Commissioners of the Salt, Abkári and Customs Department in that Presidency.

2. For the reasons explained by the Government of Madras we agree that the appointment, which is at present an isolated one on Rs. 700 a month, should be graded in the manner proposed, an appointment being added in the second grade of Assistant Commissioners on Rs. 700 a month. The only additional charge involved in the proposal is a house-rent allowance of Rs. 46–2–6 a month which the Customs Officer will draw in common with the other Assistant Commissioners of the combined department.

3. We recommend the proposal for your Lordship's sanction.

From the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 20th July 1899, No. 158, Revenue.

I have considered in Council your Excellency's letter, dated 8th June 1899, No. 187 (Finance and Commerce), supporting a proposal of the Government of Madras that the Deputy Collector of Sea Customs in that Presidency should be graded (in the second grade) with the Assistant Commissioners of the Salt, Abkári and Customs Department, drawing, in common with them, a house-rent allowance of Rs. 46–2–6 a month.

2. I sanction this proposal.

Order—No. 599, Revenue, dated 7th September 1899.

Separate Revenue No. 98.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue in continuation of G.O., No. 1615, dated 1st May 1899.

(True Extract.)

for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).
Copy to the Financial Department.

Exd. A. Rungasawmy Aiyangar.

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