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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
19th December 1865.

No. 151. Read the following letter from J. MASKELL, Esq., Magistrate of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Vepery Police Court, Madras, 12th December 1865, No. 66.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, dated 6th December 1865, No. 1743, returning my Memorial, and declining, for reasons assigned, to forward it to the Secretary of State in its original form, but stating that, if the Memorial be revised, and its prayer confined to an application for an increase of my salary as a Magistrate of Town Police, it will be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

2. In obedience to the orders thus conveyed to me, I have expunged from the Memorial those portions to which exception has been taken. I have re-printed the Memorial in its altered form, and forward, herewith, a copy in triplicate, which I solicit may be transmitted to the Secretary of State for India in Council at an early date.

3. I trust, however, the Government will be pleased to do me the favor, in forwarding the present Memorial, to support the prayer of the petition contained therein.

No. 152. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1865, No. 1811.

The Memorial received with the foregoing letter will be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

SIR CHARLES WOOD, BART., K. C. B.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA IN COUNCIL,

LONDON.

The Memorial of JOHN MASKELL, B. L.,

Stipendiary Magistrate, Madras.

SHEWETH,

That your Memorialist entered the Public Service in the Master Attendant's Office as a Substitute Clerk, in January 1836, or nearly thirty years ago.

2. That your Memorialist was entertained on the permanent Establishment of that Office in January the following year, and rose step by step until he became Head Clerk and Manager, which office he held upwards of five years.

3. That your Memorialist entered the Office of the Board of Revenue as Deputy Manager in September 1845, and subsequently filled the appointments of 2nd Assistant, Manager, and 1st Assistant respectively, in that Office.

4. That your Memorialist was selected by Sir Charles Trevelyan, in June 1860, for the appointment of Magistrate of Police, on 500 Rupees a month, which office he still holds.

5. Your Memorialist has nothing to complain of with regard to his career in the subordinate grades. His services were always appreciated and well rewarded for the station he then filled, and his Testimonials, copies of which are annexed (Appendix I) will shew that he succeeded throughout in doing his duty to the utmost satisfaction of his superiors.

6. The time has however arrived, when your Memorialist feels himself compelled, most reluctantly, to submit a humble appeal to your Excellency in Council:—but before stating the specific cause of his grievance, your Memorialist would solicit attention to the following further personal detail.

7. In consequence of the need felt for a more general diffusion of legal knowledge, not only among the Pleaders in the Mofussil Courts, but among Public Servants appointed to administer the Law, the Government of Madras established a Law Class in connection with the Presidency College, early in 1855, or upwards of ten years ago. Memorialist was one of the first to join this Class as a Public Student. After completing the prescribed curriculum of legal studies, which occupied 3½ years, and embraced three annual examinations, he received a Law qualification Certificate (No. 1 in Appendix III.) His next step was to graduate in Law at the University, but to effect this it was necessary to matriculate in the first instance: your Memorialist therefore entered upon a course of scholastic studies, including Classics and Mathematics, notwithstanding the irksomeness of the task at his time of life, passed his Matriculation Examination, and finally graduated as a Bachelor of Law at the University of Madras. (Vide Diploma No. 2 in Appendix III.)

8. Memorialist subsequently proceeded to England, on leave of absence, in 1862, and carried with him his desire to qualify further in Law. During his stay in England he attended public lectures and private classes at the Inns of Court and completed the Law educational course qualifying to be called to the Bar (Vide Certificate No. 3 in Appendix III.) The Rules of the public service however precluded Memorialist's remaining in England long

enough to attend the prescribed number of dinners, and his call to the Bar has therefore been postponed until he shall have complied with this requirement of the Inns of Court.

9. Your Memorialist would here remark that, simultaneously with his law studies, he commenced a course of reading in the Native languages with which he was previously tolerably well acquainted, viz., Tamil, Telugu and Hindustani, and with so much success that he is now able to speak those languages fluently, and conduct any description of work in the Vernaculars.

10. Your Memorialist did vain hope, after his return from England, that his long services, and his exertions to fit himself, both by study of the Law and the Vernaculars, for a higher office in the Judicial line, would have given him a claim to such advancement, but in this he has been disappointed. Most of the higher Civil and Judicial appointments are reserved by Law to the Covenanted Service. To any of these Memorialist could have no claim, but there are certain other appointments in the Service open to Uncovenanted Officers, to which he might fairly aspire. Several of these became vacant since his return, but were all conferred on Officers belonging either to the Covenanted or Military Service. His Excellency the Governor was of course unfettered in his patronage as respects these appointments, and had a right to confer them on whomsoever he thought fit, but it is necessary to advert to these circumstances in order that Memorialist's case may be fully understood.

11. Having failed to procure advancement in the service, your Memorialist next endeavoured to have his salary placed on a proper footing. With this view he applied to Government to raise his pay as Magistrate of Police from 800 to 1,000 Rupees a month. The reply was unfavorable.* He renewed his application in the following year and begged that it might be forwarded to the Government of India for consideration, but the local Government declined to comply with his request.† As a last resource, your Memorialist has resolved on submitting this appeal, in the hope that your Excellency in Council will calmly weigh his statements, and give his case that favorable consideration which he humbly trusts it merits.

12. In submitting his application to the local Government for an increase of salary, Memorialist did not claim it on personal grounds, but on the broad principle that a man should be fairly remunerated for his labors and responsibility; and he hopes that the following narrative will establish the fact, that Memorialist does not receive an adequate salary for the office he holds as Magistrate of Police.

13. The Town and Suburbs of Madras are divided into three Magisterial divisions, in which there are three Police Courts. The Senior Magistrate has charge of the Royapettah Court and receives a salary of 1,200 Rupees a month. The Second Magistrate presides at the Town Court, and his salary is 1000 Rupees a month. Memorialist, as Third Magistrate, has charge of the Vepery Court, and his pay is 800 Rupees a month. There is also a fourth Magistrate on 800 Rupees, who has no separate charge, but assists the Second Magistrate at the Town Police Court.

14. The Magistrates, though unequally remunerated, are independent of each other, and possess similar and equal powers.

15. Memorialist has no desire to make any observations regarding the salaries or duties of the other Magistrates, but will strictly confine himself to his own charge, merely remarking in this place, that the two Magistrates who are senior to him have no present intention of retiring from the service.

16. The Court over which Memorialist presides has exclusive jurisdiction over more than one third of the Presidency Town, and the extent and increasing nature of the work performed in it may be gathered from the following Table.

Year.	Cases entered for trial.	Compromised or withdrawn.	Cases actually tried.
1861	4,936	983	3,953
1862	6,376	1,028	5,348
1863	8,206	1,042	7,164
1864	8,475	1,321	7,154

17. Memorialist respectfully submits that the salary of 800 Rupees a month is not a proper remuneration for so important an office as that of Magistrate of an independent Court at the Presidency. The tendency of recent legislation has been to increase the powers and duties of Magistrates, in proof of which he need only refer to the Contract Act, the Nuisance Act, the Act for abolishing Grand Juries, and the new Municipal Act of Madras; and it is only consistent with justice that their pay should be commensurate with their position and duties.

18. The lowest salary of a Presidency Magistrate at Calcutta is 1,250, and at Bombay 1,000 Rupees per mensem. In Calcutta the salary of the Junior Magistrate was 800 Rupees, but it was raised to 1,250 Rupees a month in 1861, and very recently, the Government of India have sanctioned the appointment of a Magistrate at the Provincial Town of Bangalore, on a salary of 1,000 Rupees per mensem. At Madras, Clerks and Assistants in Mercantile and other Offices, and Subordinate Officials of the Railway, receive as much and even more pay than your Memorialist as a Magistrate of Police; and he himself drew 600 Rupees a month as an Assistant at the Board of Revenue before he was appointed to the Magistracy.

19. Memorialist submits that, if he cannot obtain promotion in the public service, it is not unreasonable for him to expect, at least, to be fairly remunerated in the appointment he at present holds. Memorialist has performed his duty as a Magistrate to the best of his ability and apparently with success. Not one of his decisions has as yet been appealed against—there have never been any arrears on the file of his Court—nor have any complaints ever been preferred against him in his capacity of Magistrate of Police. In fact he does not remember that he was ever called upon to answer any complaint made against him during the long period he has been in the public service.

20. There are one or two points which your Memorialist deems it necessary to advert to in this place. First, it may be asked why, under the discouragements he has experienced, he did not relinquish the public service and follow the lucrative profession of the law. Judging from the success of his contemporaries,* and of his fellow students who became

employ for Pleaderships,* and of his fellow students who became Solicitors, Memorialist is convinced that, had he applied himself as earnestly and devotedly to the practice of the law, as he has to the performance of his public duties, he would not now be in his present reduced circumstances; but he was unwilling to throw away upwards of a quarter of a century's approved service and commence a new career late in life, and he had always a lingering hope, which has

not however been realized, that he would some day succeed in obtaining a good Government appointment. In pursuing his law studies it was never Memorialist's intention to relinquish the public service, but his object was solely to qualify himself for promotion in it;—he believes he has erred in the course he has pursued, but it is now too late to alter it.

21. Secondly, Memorialist has adverted above to his straitened circumstances, he deems it right therefore to explain that they are not the result of any extravagance or want of economy on his part, but arise solely from the large family of children he has had to rear and educate on his limited means. Memorialist has now eleven children depending upon him, two of whom are in England, one at Trinity College Cambridge, and the other at King's College London, and a third is on the point of starting to join the latter institution. The ordinary expenses on account of the two youths now in England amount to nearly one half Memorialist's present salary, and for the three they will be considerably more than one half, when the third reaches England. Memorialist therefore feels that he is bound by every legitimate means to obtain additional emolument, to enable him to bear the heavy expenses which devolve upon him.

22. Your Memorialist would, in conclusion, submit the following as the specific prayer of his Petition, viz. that as he has held his present appointment, which is manifestly underpaid, upwards of five years, the Secretary of State in Council will be pleased to raise the salary of Memorialist, as Magistrate of Police, from 800 to 1,000 Rupees per mensem, being the lowest rate of salary paid to a Magistrate at the other Presidency Towns, to have effect from 1st June 1865, the date on which he completed five years service as Magistrate.

And your Memorialist, as in duty bound,

Will ever pray.

MADRAS,
12th December 1865.

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APPENDIX I.

TESTIMONIALS.

Although I shall regret exceedingly to part with Mr. Maskell, on account of his steady conduct and good services, yet I feel it a pleasing and satisfactory duty on my part to recommend him in the strongest terms of approbation to the favorable notice of the Directors of the Madras Bank, with a view to his obtaining a situation of greater emolument than any he can attain under my patronage, and also with improved prospects of future gain and reward. As Head Clerk in the Master Attendant's Office, Mr. Maskell has served for more than five years to my entire satisfaction, he has also kept the accounts of the Afghan Contribution, and other Charitable Funds, under my Superintendence, in a manner highly creditable to himself, and most satisfactory to the Gentlemen associated with me in the management thereof.

But it is with the utmost pleasure and satisfaction that I bear testimony to Mr. Maskell's conspicuous merit and exemplary conduct in the able, zealous, and indefatigable assistance which he has afforded me in the comprehensive management of Steam Navigation Affairs; these were so well conducted up to the period of the union of the Shareholders with the P. and O. S. N. Company, that when the Committee resigned the Steam affairs into my hands, Mr. Maskell's services were acknowledged and rewarded. From that period to the present, Mr. Maskell has kept the various and important accounts of all transactions relating to Steam affairs, viz., copies of all correspondence, the receipt of instalments on shares, and the payment of dividends thereon, freight accounts, and those regarding passengers to and fro, the transmission of valuable parcels, &c. &c. The Remittances to the P. and O. S. N. Company, since I assumed the management of their affairs, comprise about ten lacs of Rupees, and considerable sums have been disbursed at this Presidency, and the whole system has been so well and so ably conducted in detail by Mr. Maskell, that he has deservedly gained my utmost confidence, and I do most earnestly consider that in all matters of book-keeping and confidential charge and responsibility, he is fully capable and worthy of every trust. I entertain so high an opinion of Mr. Maskell's principles and integrity, that in the receipt of large sums, and the payment thereof, I have invariably reposed every confidence in him, and while his promotion to a higher office will be a serious loss and inconvenience to me, yet in the accomplishment of his preferment I shall feel both pleasure and satisfaction.

(Signed) CHRIS. BIDEN,

Master Attendant and

Agent P. and O. S. N. Company.

MADRAS, 22d March, 1845.

If not presumption, it seems almost superfluous in my complying with Mr. Maskell's request to give him a Certificate of his services and character, knowing the high estimation in which he is held by the head of the office in the person of Captain Biden; however, I am able to say, that I have known Mr. Maskell 10 years, during which time he has served in the Master Attendant's Office, and rose step by step until he became Manager—which office he at present holds, and I can safely state, conducts all the various and arduous duties to the entire satisfaction of his superior. I could add more in Mr. Maskell's favour, but when I mention that I am ready to become his Security for any situation better than he at present fills, I think I may conclude by offering him my best wishes for higher promotion and advancement.

(Signed) J. McKENNIE,

Asst. Master Attendant.

MADRAS, 22d March, 1845.

MY DEAR BIDEN,—One Mr. Maskell, Manager I think in your Office, has been recommended to me as a fit person for the place of Deputy Manager now vacant in the Revenue Board. I have seen him, and from his Testimonials, and the evidence he has given of his qualifications, he appears to be just the sort of man we want. I am afraid however that it may put you to some inconvenience to part with him, but I perceive, from the character which you have given him, that you anticipate his leaving you soon to better himself and I hope you will not object to our securing him, rather than allow him to go to any other Office. He will not get more in the Board at first starting than he does with you, but he has the prospect of rising to better things. He need not join the Board immediately, a week or two hence will be soon enough, and will give him time to bring up any little matters which there may be in your Office. In justice to Mr. Maskell, I should perhaps add, that although the place has been vacant for some time, and these things generally get wind, he made no application to me himself. A friend knowing that I was in want of such a person, recommended and sent him to me the day before yesterday, which is the only time that I have seen him.

Believe me, Very truly yours,

(Signed) T. PYCROFT.

30th August, 1845.

MY DEAR PYCROFT,—It is impossible to say too much in Maskell's favor, and however reluctant I shall be to part with him, I cannot throw any obstacle in the way of his preferment, and therefore give my consent to his appointment as Deputy Manager of the Revenue Board. Maskell himself wishes to have permission to remain here until about the 16th, and I shall feel obliged if you will grant him that indulgence.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) C. BIDEN.

30th August 1845.

MY DEAR BIDEN,—I feel much obliged to you for your so kindly meeting my wishes about Maskell. You are quite welcome to him until the 16th. Will you please tell him so, and save my writing to him.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) T. PYCROFT.

30th August, 1845.

With reference to the Certificate I had the satisfaction of giving Mr. Maskell on the 22d of March last, wherein I stated that his conduct merited my full and entire approbation, I hereby certify that, in consequence of Mr. Pycroft (Secretary to the Revenue Board) having applied to me for the services of Mr. Maskell, as Deputy Manager in the Revenue Board (an office far superior to that which he has so long held under my superintendence) I gave him, Mr. Maskell, my consent to resign the one, and accept the other, and up to the date of his resignation, Mr. Maskell was unremitting in the discharge of every duty entrusted to him, and delivered over the books, accounts, &c., in a full and complete manner, as testified by the Certificate referred to. Mr. Maskell's services have been most valuable to me, I regret to lose them, but cannot obstruct his advancement, and I am fully persuaded that his ability and integrity will tend to insure the same favorable opinion from those Gentlemen in whose service he has from this date entered.

MASTER ATTENDANT'S OFFICE, 15th September, 1845.

(Signed) CHRIS. BIDEN,
Master Attendant.

I have known Mr. Maskell for the last two years, and have great pleasure in stating that I consider him a clever, well educated, and highly respectable young man. He writes with great ease and fluency, and from the specimens I had of his proficiency in that line, I was induced to recommend him to Mr. Pycroft, the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, for the situation of Deputy Manager in that Office, in which post I am truly happy to learn from that gentleman that he has acquitted himself entirely to his satisfaction. I take the greatest interest in Mr. Maskell, and it will afford me sincere pleasure to find that he gets on in life in the manner I fully anticipate. I commend him to the kind notice of any of my late brother servants who may retain a remembrance of

(Signed) J. C. MORRIS.

During the time (one year) I have acted as Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Mr. Maskell has conducted the chief details of the correspondence of the Office, and he has performed his duty to my entire satisfaction. His assiduity and his superior habits of business render him a most valuable servant of Government.

MADRAS, 13th January, 1848.

(Signed) D. WHITE.

In quitting the Board of Revenue, I think it but due to the Manager, Mr. John Maskell, to express the sense which I entertain of his character and services. Mr. Maskell first became known to me in 1845, when, on the recommendation of Mr. John Morris of the Civil Service, I took him into the Board as Deputy Manager. He soon rose to be Uncovenanted Assistant, and on the retirement of the late Manager, Mr. Rencontre, although I could but ill spare Mr. Maskell's services in the Department to which he was then attached, I felt it but just to him to appoint him to the vacant post. After his promotion to the Managership, as before it, he afforded me the most complete satisfaction. He has been indefatigable in making himself acquainted with the records, and in gaining every kind of information likely to be useful to the Board. He has also exerted himself to the utmost and with success in controlling the various departments under his charge, and promoting their efficiency. I consider him a very valuable public servant.

MADRAS, 20th February, 1850.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Late Secy., Board of Revenue.

Extract from letter from Secretary Board of Revenue, to Govt., dated 12th May 1853.

14. The Board would add that as four more years have been added, since those sentiments were expressed, to Mr. Maskell's experience, they are enabled to state that the expectations formed of his zeal and ability have been fully realized. They think they may assert that their Office is in a state of efficiency never before surpassed. There are no arrears in any Department—the entire Proceedings of each month (the Broken Set) prepared for the Honorable Court, are regularly despatched within 3 weeks after its close, and duplicates of the same (the Office Set) are all transcribed before the Broken Set is allowed to leave the Office; and I am permitted by the Board to state that, in my capacity of Secretary, I can give the highest praise to Mr. Maskell for his manner of conducting all the details of the office.

15. Government will also not be unmindful of the service Mr. Maskell has rendered to the Revenue branch of the service in his compilation of the Board's Circular Orders,* and though 2 years have elapsed, not a single error or omission has, to the Board's knowledge, been discovered.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Secretary.

MALVERN, September 20th, 1855.

Before leaving India in June, it was my intention to leave with Mr. John Maskell, a certificate as to my opinion of his character and capabilities, in the event of there being a vacancy, or new appointment, for which he might offer his services. Ill health and pressure of other matters prevented me from carrying out my intention, but I trust it is not too late now.

I entered the Board of Revenue as Secretary in February 1850, and having held that office five years, and that of Member of the Board for the subsequent half-year, I had the most complete means of ascertaining Mr. Maskell's capabilities. As head of the Office Establishment, and responsible for all its details, as well as assisting me in preparing data for Statements and Reports, I always considered him, though designated "Manager," as an Uncovenanted Assistant; and the appellation was changed by order of Government, so that he may be considered as having served as Senior Uncovenanted Assistant from the time he was appointed Manager, which was before I joined the Office.

Mr. Maskell's services have been incessant and arduous, but I have never found him at fault, or the least slack, whatever might have been the pressure of business. The regularity with which copies of all Correspondence have been transmitted to the Court of Directors, and the absence of all arrears in the Office, have been due to his management; and in whatever branch of duty I have required his aid, I have found him completely efficient, ready and willing. He is thoroughly acquainted with the Revenue Regulations, Orders, Precedents, and System, and on quitting my office as Secretary, I recorded

a Minute in which I recommended that, in consideration of the value of his services, his salary should be raised from 300 to 400 Rs. I have a high opinion of Mr. Maskell's intelligence and moral character, and have had opportunities of judging in this respect, independent of his duties in the Board's Office, I feel sure that he would do credit to an appointment of a more responsible nature than that he now holds, should such be ever opened to Uncovenanted Servants, and I have much pleasure in being able conscientiously to give this opinion of his abilities and character.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Member of the Board of Revenue at Madras.

Mr John Maskell has been First Uncovenanted Assistant in the Revenue Board Office during the two years I have been attached to it as Subordinate and Acting Secretary.

The high testimonials he possesses from Messrs. Pycroft and Bayley, under whom he served for a considerable period, and in particular, the circumstances under which a special personal allowance* was granted to him by Government and the Honorable Court, render it unnecessary for me to say more than that my experience—brief as it has been—fully bears out the character my predecessors have given him for zeal, ability and general efficiency.

I am also permitted to state, that the Members of the Board have been satisfied with his conduct during the period it has come under their observation.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary, Board of Revenue.

12th March 1857.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st January 1861, No. 354.

3. The above appointments being consequent on the confirmation of Mr. Maskell, late 1st Assistant to the Board, in the post of Stipendiary Magistrate, the Board avail themselves of the opportunity to place on record their sense of the zealous and efficient service he rendered in their Office during the fifteen years he was connected with it, and to congratulate him on the highly respectable position he has won for himself by the persevering industry that has always distinguished him.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Sub-Secretary.

APPENDIX II.

Correspondence respecting the publication of the Circular Orders of the Board of Revenue.

TO SIR H. C. MONTGOMERY, BART.,
Chief Secretary to Government.

SIR,—I am directed by the Board of Revenue to bring to the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that Mr. Maskell, the Manager in their Office, has been employed during the last 2 years, at such times as his regular duties would permit, in collecting, arranging and transcribing the Circular Orders of this Board, and the work being brought to a close, it seems most desirable that it should be printed, together with the Index, which is a valuable portion of the work.

2. Under directions from the Board, the Manuscript has been examined in their Secretary's Office, and the arrangement of it is considered very satisfactory. It contains about 1,600 pages, which, in print (8vo. Small Pica and Bourgeois) will occupy from 450 to 500 pages.

3. The collection consists of Circular Orders from 1820 to the end of 1849. It is hardly necessary to go back to an earlier date than 1820, as most of the orders previous thereto have been modified or rescinded. However, such old orders as are referred to in those now collected are entered as foot notes.

4. The Board need hardly enter into an explanation to show how useful a work of this kind would be to the Civil Servants of this Presidency, both Revenue and Judicial; and it is the first of the kind that has appeared in Madras. In consideration of this public utility, and the great labor that has been incurred in preparing it, the Board trust that it will meet with encouragement from the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

5. They would propose that it be printed at a private press, at Mr. Maskell's risk; and he is willing to undertake this should Government consent to purchase 150 copies, the cost of each copy will be about Eight Rupees, but previous to the sanction of Government no detailed arrangements have been made.

6. The advantage of a private press will be, that it will be more easy to see to the efficiency of the workmanship, the quality of paper, type, &c. To ensure a further degree of care as to the getting up, the Board have requested me to give it a general superintendence whilst in progress, so that it may be published under authority.

7. Supplements may be printed from time to time, similar to those issued by the Sudder Board of Revenue in Bengal.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort Saint George, 10th June, 1850.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Secretary.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 9th July 1850, No. 654.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has much pleasure in encouraging the publication of so useful a work. He approves the arrangement proposed by the Board of Revenue, and will be prepared to take the required number of copies at the price of Eight Rupees each. When the

work is ready for delivery, the Board will be pleased to cause 150 copies to be forwarded to this Office, accompanied by a Bill for the sanction of Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Secretary to Government.

To SIR H. C. MONTGOMERY, BART.,

Chief Secretary to Government.

SIR,—With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, 9th July 1850, No. 654, Revenue Department, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you, that the 150 copies of their Circular Orders since 1820, are now ready for delivery, and will be despatched with this letter.

2. It is necessary to explain for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that as the work has extended to a size far beyond what was originally intended (i. e. 734 pages instead of 450 or 500 as estimated in my letter of 10th June 1850) Mr. Maskell has been obliged to raise the price, though not in the same proportion, i. e. 8 Rs. to 10 Rupees.

3. The additional matter consists of the Circular Orders for the year 1850, of Appendix and Glossary, and of Notes and Extracts of Public Correspondence, which, in the opinion of the Board, add most materially to the value of the book as a manual for Revenue and even Judicial Officers. Its preparation has been a matter of more difficulty than even the compiling of the Circular Orders themselves; and the selection of Government Orders, &c., has been made under the immediate supervision of their Secretary. They trust, therefore, that, under these circumstances, the extra 2 Rs. will not be considered more than an adequate charge, especially when the manner in which the work has been got up at Press is compared with that of the generality of books published at Madras; and the Board are assured that no expense has been spared to bring it out in a creditable form.

4. The Board deem it but just to the Manager in their Office, Mr. J. Maskell, to express their sense of the value of his exertions, carried on at hours of cessation from office business for nearly three years: their Circular Orders could not have been published in a form more in accordance with their wishes.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort Saint George, 17th March, 1851.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Secretary.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 17th April 1851, No. 384.

2. Considering the additional matter contained in the work, and the favorable testimony borne to it by the Board of Revenue, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council consents to the increased charge, and accordingly sanctions the payment, at the above rate, of the value of 150 Copies, viz. Rupees (1,500) One thousand and five hundred.

3. The testimony borne by the Board of Revenue to the exertions of their Manager seems to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to be well deserved. The edition appears to have been well got up, and to reflect much credit upon Mr. Maskell's industry and ability.

(A True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Secretary to Government.

OPINIONS OF THE WORK

From the Chief Secretary to Government.—The work seems to be very neatly got up, and it will prove of very great use to the Revenue Officers in the Provinces. You deserve great credit for projecting the compilation, and for the manner in which you have arranged and compiled the matter.

Fort, 8th March, 1851.

(Signed) H. C. MONTGOMERY.

From the Revenue Secretary to Government.—The work seems very well got up, and does you great credit.

8th March, 1851.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT.

From the President of the Board of Revenue.—The value of your work has been so universally acknowledged that I need not add my testimony to it.

13th April, 1854.

(Signed) D. ELIOTT.

From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.—I am glad to find that the Printer has got up the work in a manner worthy of the time and labor expended on it. It is a cheap work at 10 Rupees.

7th March, 1851.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY.

From the Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue.—In the style of getting up, the book is the handsomest publication which I have known to issue from the Madras Press, it supplies a great desideratum in the despatch of public business, and its production is, I think, highly creditable to you.

8th March, 1851.

(Signed) B. CUNLIFFE.

From the Master Attendant.—It is a work so highly creditable to your talent and exertions, that I do most heartily congratulate you on such an arduous accomplishment, and with every friendly recollection of your past services in my department, and all good wishes for your future welfare and prosperity, believe me to be your sincere friend.

8th March, 1855.

(Signed) C. BIDEN.

APPENDIX III.

LAW CERTIFICATES, &c.

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PRESIDENCY COLLEGE.

LEGAL BRANCH.

We hereby certify that JOHN MASKELL attended Courses of Lectures on the Law of Evidence, the Law of Contracts and of Torts, on Criminal Law, Hindu Law and Equity: and that he was examined in those subjects at the annual examinations held in the years 1856, 57 and 58, on which occasions his answering was highly distinguished in the Law of Evidence, the Law of Contracts and of Torts and in Criminal and Hindu Law, and was creditable in Equity.

We also certify that in the Examination upon Criminal and Hindu Law and Equity he was awarded a Prize.

(Signed) JOHN D. MAYNE,
Professor of Law.

(Signed) E. B. POWELL,
Principal.

MADRAS, 29th April 1859.

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UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS.

FACULTY OF LAW.

We the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Fellows of the University of Madras do hereby make known that JOHN MASKELL has been by us admitted to the Degree of Bachelor of Law, he having been first certified by duly appointed Examiners to be qualified to receive the same, and having been by them placed in the Second Class at the Examination held in the month of February 1860-61.

Given under the seal of the University,

(Signed) W. DENISON,
Chancellor.

(") P. PERCIVAL,
Registrar.

28th March, 1862.

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CERTIFICATE

OF ATTENDANCE AT TWO COURSES OF LECTURES.

The Council of Legal Education certify that JOHN MASKELL, a Student of the Honorable Society of the Middle Temple, has duly attended the Lectures of two of the Readers during one whole year, conformably to the 12th rule of the Inns of Court, viz.

ON EQUITY.

Trinity Term 1862, Michaelmas Term 1862, Hilary Term 1863.

ON REAL PROPERTY LAW, &c.

Trinity Term 1862, Michaelmas Term 1862, Hilary Term 1863.

Dated the Tenth day of April 1863.

(Signed) EDWARD RYAN, for the Chairman.
(") JOHN GREENWOOD,
(") C. S. WHITMORE, } Members of the Council.
(") A. J. STEPHENS.

N^o 4.

SUDDER UDALUT.

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In conformity with the provisions of Regulation XIV of 1816, you JOHN MASKELL, are hereby appointed to the office of Pleader in the Sudder Udulut. You will not be liable to be removed from your situation so long as you may conduct yourself with propriety and discharge your duty with zeal and integrity, under the rules contained in the Regulation which now are or may hereafter be in force.

By Order of the Court of Sudder Udulut.

(Signed) C. F. CHAMBER,
Acting Registrar.

2nd March 1859.

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N^o 5. EXTRACT FROM MR. NORTON'S PREFACE TO HIS WORK ON EVIDENCE, PUBLISHED IN APRIL 1858,
564 PAGES, ROYAL OCTAVO.

"I cannot conclude without expressing my deep sense of obligation to Mr. John Maskell of the Revenue Board, who was one of my Students, and without whose kind aid I could not have got this book through the Press; his full and accurate notes of my Lectures have lightened my labours; his methodical care and accuracy have saved the pages from being full of typographical errors; and to him are owing those copious Indices, without which, even the most valuable Law book is but as a costly tool without a handle."

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(MR. NORTON TO MR. MASKELL.)

SUPREME COURT, May 25th, 1858.

MY DEAR SIR,—My reason for not replying to your last note* before, was from my wishing to let my note be accompanied by the first presentation copy of the work, to the getting out of which you have so materially contributed.

* Forwarding the final proof sheet of the work.

Believe me, tho' I am not much given to mere expressions of gratitude, you have conferred on me an obligation which I shall not forget as long as I live.

Wishing you every health and strength for the completion of other useful labors which may benefit India, I remain, yours sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN BRUCE NORTON.

N^o 7.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 13th February 1860.

12. The course in Law commenced in 1855, was completed during the year under report. The subjects lectured on during 1858, were, Criminal Law, Hindu Law, and Equity. The examination was conducted by the Professor, and on its results, some Students who had attended the entire course received Certificates of Proficiency. Of two of these Students, Messrs. Maskell and Scharlieb, the Professor* states in his report that "their answering would have gained them credit at any University or Inn of Court." When it is considered that both these gentlemen hold laborious offices in the public service as Senior Uncovenanted Assistant in the Board of Revenue, and Third Uncovenanted Assistant in the Government Office, respectively, and have to prosecute their legal studies in such leisure as may be left them after the discharge of their official duties, their proficiency must be regarded as particularly honorable to them.

* J. D. Mayne, Esq., Successor to J. B. Norton, Esq.

(True Copies and Extracts.)

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