

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
11th September 1867.*

No. 120. Read the following letter from the Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 30th August 1867, No. 51.

I am permitted by the Chief Justice to submit, for the favorable re-consideration of Government, the propriety of increasing, from Rupees 220 to Rupees 300 per mensem, the pay of the Manager of the High Court on the Appellate Side.

2. So long ago as the year 1843 it was recommended by the Judges of the late Sudder Court, that the pay of the Manager should be raised to Rupees 250 per month, and since that time there has been a considerable amount of correspondence touching the necessity of raising that officer's salary.

3. In the year 1848 it was raised from Rupees 140 to Rupees 210, and in 1851 to Rupees 220, but since then no increase has been made to it, although there has been a very considerable increase in the cost of all the necessaries of life, which has necessitated large additions to the salaries of the Uncovenanted Assistants and Managers of almost all Government Offices, as will appear clearly from the accompanying statement, the correctness of which is vouched for by the Manager.

4. It appears, looking to the nature of his duties, to be very essential that the Manager of the High Court on the Appellate Side should be an experienced and trustworthy officer and one of some education, and it will certainly be difficult hereafter to find a man properly qualified to fill the post, if the salary attached to it falls considerably short of those offered by other large public offices: and it should not be forgotten that much of the work formerly done by the Assistant Registrar has necessarily devolved on the Manager.

5. It also appears not to have been the intention of the Government that there should be this difference between the salaries of the Manager of the office of the High Court and the Managers of other large public offices; for in 1851 the Manager's salary was raised from Rupees 210 to Rupees 220, which was then the exact amount of the salary of the Manager of the Government Office, Public Department; and it is fair to assume that the sanctioning of this small increase was attributable to a desire on the part of Government to equalize the salaries of the two posts. Now, however, the Manager of the Government Office draws Rupees 400 per mensem.

6. In the next place it is to be observed, that whilst the salary of the Manager has remained stationary that of the Interpreters of the High Court has been raised from Rupees 150 to Rupees 250, and consequently the position of the former, as the Chief Ministerial servant of the office theretofore in receipt of the largest salary, has been most seriously affected.

7. In conclusion, I am permitted to observe that the present Manager, Mr. Begbie, is an officer well spoken of by his immediate superiors as being energetic and efficient, and the Chief Justice would be glad to see his services rewarded with the increase of pay which he not unreasonably seeks, and for which he was strongly recommended in 1864.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
11th September 1867.*

STATEMENT shewing the present and former salaries of the Managers and other principal
Uncovenanted Officers in the various public offices at the Presidency.

Name of Office.	Salary in the				Remarks.
	Year.	Rupees.	Year.	Rupees.	
Registrar or Manager, Government Office, Public Department	1851	220	1855	250	
			1858	300	
1st Assistant, do.	1855	350	1866	400	
2nd do. do.	1855	250	1867	600	
Registrar or Manager, Government Office, Revenue Department			1867	400	
1st Assistant, do.	1855	250	1867	300	
2nd do. do.	1855	350	1867	600	
Registrar or Manager, Government Office, Military Department	1855	250	1867	300	
2nd Assistant, do.	1855	250	1867	350	
Assistant and Manager, Consulting Engineer's Office	1858-59	225	1867	300	
Registrar or Manager, Board of Revenue				300	
Assistant to the Director of Public Instruction				300	
Assistant Stamp Office	1858-59	200		300	This Officer has been recently recommended for Rupees 500.
Manager of the Office of Collector of Sea Customs		150		250	
Manager of the Office of Director of Revenue Settlement	1858-59	200		225	
Manager of Revenue Survey				250	
Head Accountant and Manager at the Mint				250	
				300	

(Signed) J. H. NELSON,
*Acting Registrar,
Appellate Side.*

No. 121. ORDER THEREON, 11th September 1867, No. 1468.
The Governor in Council considers that the salary of the Manager of the office of the Registrar to the High Court, Appellate Side, may fitly be raised to Rupees (250) two hundred and fifty per mensem, and sanctions an increase to that extent, to take effect from the 1st instant.

2. The Government are not prepared to recommend an increase to the extent proposed in the Registrar's letter.

3. The increase now sanctioned will be entered in the monthly Statement of fresh charges submitted to the Government of India.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Honorable the Judges of the High Court.

„ Accountant General.

„ Examiner of Claims.

Ed. J. Tulloch.

MR. BEGBIE'S
TESTIMONIALS.

NAME.....Mr. A. P. W. BEGBIE....AGE, WHEN FIRST ENTERTAINED, 21 YEARS AND 6 DAYS.

Establishment.	Date.	Appointment.	Period of Service in each appointment.			Remarks.
			Years.	Months.	Days.	
Public Department, Government Office.....	20th January 1855	Examiner.....	18			
Department of Public Works, Mysore.....	26th July 1856	Probationary Surveyor, 3rd Class	80			
Public Department, Government Office ..	15th October 1856	Examiner ..	105			
Do.	4th January 1858	Confidential Clerk.....	80			
Do.	1st December 1858	Preparer of Table of Contents (Confidential Clerk.....)	25			
	31st March 1859	Resigned his situation in the Government Office on his ap- pointment under date the 23th March 1859, to be Deputy Collector of the 4th Class in the District of Coimbatore...	100			
	12th April 1859	Permitted to decline the appoint- ment of Deputy Collector, and re-admitted into the Go- vernment Office on the same footings as before.....	25			
Public Department, Government Office...	1st March 1860.	Indexer.....	100			
		Confidential Clerk.....	25			

NAME MR. A. P. W. BEGBIE...AGE, WHEN FIRST ENTERTAINED, 21 YEARS AND 6 DAYS.

Establishment.	Date.	Appointment.	Period of Service in each appointment.			Remarks.
			Years.	Months.	Days.	
High Court, Appellate Side.....	9th April 1863.	Acting Manager	Rs. 160			
Do.	10th do.	do. Manager	220			
Office of the Director of Public Instruction. 28th July	1865.	Acting Assistant to the Director of Public Instruction	280			
High Court, Appellate Side.....	26th July 1866.	Manager	220			

PLYMOUTH, 25th September 1865.

I hereby certify that A. P. W. BEGBIE attended the Plymouth New Grammar School from April 1849 to April 1850. Although so many years have passed away, I still recollect his face—he was in the Head Class in a School of (80) eighty boys, and before leaving us was our Head boy. As a proof of his proficiency in Classics, I will mention the books he read and in which he was examined:—

- { Thucydides—Book II.
- { Euripides (Heraclidæ.)
- { Horace—Epistles Book II, and Ars Poetica.
- { Cicero—Oratio pro Milone.

I considered him a lad of very good abilities and of much promise, far above the average run of boys of his age.

W. BENNETT, M. A.,
Trinity College, Cantab,
Head Master of the Plymouth
New Grammar School.

SINGAPORE, 5th October 1854.

DEAR SIR,

As you are now about to proceed to the Mauritius in search of employment, we have much pleasure in stating that during the few months you were in our Office you were punctual in your attendance, steady and zealous in the discharge of the duties you had to perform, and that the only reason we had for dispensing with your services was, that we had other young

men sent to us from Europe who had prior claims and we had not sufficient work for you in our office.

2. It will give us great satisfaction to learn that you are fortunate in your future career, and we feel confidence in asserting that you will exert yourself to the utmost of your ability to please your employers whoever they may be.

We are, &c.,

MARTIN DYCE and Co.

MR. A. P. W. BEGBIE,
Singapore.

MR. A. P. W. BEGBIE was entertained as an Examiner in the Departments under the Chief Secretary to Government on the 20th January 1855, and was occasionally employed in drafting Despatches to the Home Government, writing *precis*, and other duties. He was afterwards appointed to supervise the work of the establishment employed for bringing up the arrears of the Proceedings of Government; at the same time, he was employed as confidential Clerk on an extra salary of Rupees 25 a month—and his pay was subsequently raised by twenty Rupees on his being appointed to prepare the Tables of Contents of the Proceedings of the several Departments.

MR. BEGBIE was afterwards appointed by the Governor in Council to be a Deputy Collector; but, having been necessitated to resign that appointment, he was re-admitted into the office as an Examiner in

April 1859, and from October last, he has been employed as an Indexer—his present salary is Rupees 125 per mensem.

During the whole of the above period, MR. BEGBIE has performed the work assigned him to the entire satisfaction of the Chief Secretary—he is a young man of intelligence and assiduous in his attention to any duty which may be confided to him.

T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OFFICE,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
12th May 1860.

MR. A. P. W. BEGBIE came to me with a very high testimonial from the Chief Secretary to Government, and has fully sustained the character given him for uprightness, industry, and efficiency. His duties in this office have been quite different from those to which he had been accustomed, but by perseverance and attention he has mastered the intricate and difficult details of the business now devolving upon the Manager, and has introduced a regular and methodical system by which the duties of his department are conducted with accuracy and dispatch.

C. F. CHAMIER,
Registrar, Appellate Side.

HIGH COURT,
MADRAS, 12th April 1861.

Recommendation made by the CHIEF JUSTICE in letter from the Registrar of the High Court, Appellate Side, (MR. C. F. CHAMIER) dated 11th April 1864, to the Chief Secretary to Government, that the salary of the Manager of the office (MR. A. P. W. BEGBIE) should be raised to Rupees 300.

SIR,

I am directed by the Chief Justice to suggest for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the propriety of slightly increasing the salaries of certain Ministerial Officers on the Appellate Side of the High Court, with the view of rendering the remuneration paid to them in some degree commensurate with the duties which they have to perform.

2. The Officers referred to are the Manager and the Interpreters.

3. The duties devolving upon the Manager have entirely changed in their character since the establishment of the High Court, and now require the exercise of great intelligence and watchfulness to ensure the business of the office being performed with regularity, accuracy and despatch.

4. The duties are such as can only be efficiently performed by a well educated person, and the Chief Justice proposes that the salary be raised from Rupees 220 to Rupees 300, which he understands is the remuneration generally allowed to officers of this class in public offices at the Presidency.

Reply from the Chief Secretary to Government; to the CHIEF JUSTICE, dated 9th May 1864, No. 667.

HONORABLE SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of MR. CHAMIER's letter of the 11th ultimo, submitting a recommendation to the effect that the salary of the Manager of the Registrar's Office should be raised to Rupees 300 per mensem, and that the salaries of the Interpreters should be raised to Rupees 250, and a fourth Interpreter appointed.

2. In support of the proposed increase to the salary of the Manager it is observed, that the duties devolving upon that officer have entirely changed since the establishment of the High Court, and now require the "exercise of great intelligence and watchfulness to ensure the business of the office being performed with regularity, accuracy and despatch." It is not stated in what respects the business of the office has increased since the amalgamation of the Supreme and Sudder Courts, and from the correspondence which has come before Government of late years, the Governor in Council is under the impression that the work of the Registrar's Office on the Appellate Side of the High Court is by no means heavy. Before therefore according his sanction to the proposed increase, His Excellency in Council would wish to be furnished with more detailed information as to the grounds of the application.

From P. P. HUTCHINS, Esq., Acting Registrar, High Court, Appellate Side, to the Chief Secretary, dated 16th May 1864.

With reference to the proposal to increase the salary of the Manager, I am directed by the Chief Justice to point out that Mr. Chamier's letter of the 11th ultimo contained no statement to the effect that the business of the Registrar's Office had increased since the amalgamation of the Courts, but simply that the duties devolving on the Manager had changed and required greater care and accuracy than heretofore. The allusion was principally to the recent changes in the mode of recording Judgments and Decrees which were brought to the notice of Government in the letter recorded in their Proceedings of the 19th December last, No. 1977. The correspondence between Government and the High Court can hardly be regarded as a correct measure of the work performed in the Court.

2. It is not however the change or increase in the Manager's duties which has induced the Chief Justice to recommend an addition to his pay, so much as the fact brought to his notice that officers in the same grade in most of the offices of the Presidency are already drawing the increased salary of Rupees 300. If the length of time which has elapsed since the pay of the Manager was fixed at its present figure, and the high value now set upon intelligence and education be borne in mind, it appears to the Chief Justice that the proposed increase cannot be considered unreasonable.

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PARA. 4 of the Chief Secretary's reply, No. 780, dated 30th May 1864, shortly negatived the request in these words:—

"The Governor in Council is not prepared to sanction any increase to the salary of the Manager."

MADRAS, 8th August 1865.

Mr. A. P. W. BEGGIE, the Manager of my Office, having lately been appointed to act as Assistant to the Director of Public Instruction, I have much pleasure in adding a word to the favorable testimonials already possessed by him. His superintendence of the office has been thoroughly efficient, and his education and ability fit him for a higher post. I say no more now, as it is possible that he may return to this Office.

P. P. HUTCHINS,
Registrar, High Court,
Appellate Side.

I still entertain the same high opinion of Mr. BEGGIE'S usefulness and intelligence.
P. P. HUTCHINS.

HIGH COURT,
13th March 1867.

From the Director of Public Instruction,
17th July 1865.

SIR,

Considering the high opinion entertained of you in several quarters, I have determined to offer you the

Acting Assistantship in my Office, without calling for applications through the medium of the Fort Saint George Gazette. I request therefore that you will be good enough to let me know if you can arrange to take up the post immediately on Mr. White's departure by the second Steamer of this month.

It would be well also if you could arrange to sit with Mr. White for an hour or so on two or three days before he leaves, in order that you might learn from him the general character of the work.

I presume you understand that the salary available for the Acting Appointment is Rupees 150 per mensem.

Your's truly,

E. B. POWELL

To

A. P. W. BEGBIE, Esq.

A few days after joining, Mr. Begbie was left in charge of the Office and so continued for about two months during the Director's absence at Bangalore, and the following remark was recorded by the latter on his return.

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"I think it only right to say that I am very well satisfied with the way in which the Office was worked in my absence."

E. B. POWELL.

29th September 1865.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
MADRAS, 8th January 1866.

MR. BEGBIE, Acting Assistant in this Office, proposing to offer himself as a Candidate for a vacant Assistantship in the Government Office, I have much pleasure in stating that, during the comparatively short period he has been connected with me, he has discharged his duties to my satisfaction, and has shewn a great desire to meet my wishes in every way.

2. MR. BEGBIE's previous Testimonials are very much in his favor; and the good opinion expressed in them is, I consider, fully borne out by the character of his services in this Office.

E. B. POWELL,

Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
MADRAS, 2nd August 1866.

MR. A. P. W. BEGBIE having now quitted the Office of the Director of Public Instruction, after having acted as my Assistant for a year during the absence of the permanent incumbent of the post, I am happy to bear testimony to the care and promptness with which he discharged his duties.

I consider MR. BEGBIE to be a conscientious and intelligent officer, and I shall be glad to hear of his success in life.

E. B. POWELL,

Director of Public Instruction.

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I think that the request of the
Chief Justice may be complied
with having in view the state
of remuneration awarded to
corresponding officers in other
departments of the
Public Service and the
period during which the
Manager has served.

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Judicial Department.

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To

The Secretary to the Government
of India,
Home Department.

Sir,

Dated 30th August 1867. P. 51.

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I am directed by the
Governor in Council to forward
the annexed copy of a letter
from the Registrar of the
High Court of Judicature,
Appellate Side, submitting
for the favorable consid-
eration of this Government the
expediency of increasing the
salary of the Manager of
the Office which is at
present Rs. 220, for Rs. 300
per annum.

I hope this in reference to
the views of my colleagues.
Personally I am sensible
that the duties falling on
the H. Court Manager may
be performed without any
difficulty by a person of very
ordinary acquirements - that no
unusual comparison can be made
between the duties of that
office & those of the Manager
of sessions or that
of the officers entered
in the

2 A similar recommen-
dation was made in 1864,
but the Governor in Council
was not then prepared
to sanction any increase for
the salary of the Manager.
3 The peculiar nature
of the duties of the High
Court

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from
the Acting Registrar of the High Court.

Recd letter 30 Aug 1867 No 51.

Order thereon 11 Sept 1867 No 1468.

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considers that the salary
of the Manager of the
office of the Registrar
to the High Court, Appellate
Side, may fitly be raised
to Rs(250) ^{two hundred and fifty} per mensem,
and sanctions an increase
to that extent to take
effect from the 1st instant.

2. The Government
are not prepared to re-
commend an increase
to the extent proposed

four tenders, it is essential that
the Manager should be an
experienced and trustworthy
Officer. Moreover much of
the work which was formerly
performed by the Assistant
Registrar is now done by
the Manager while no
addition to his salary has
been made.

4. Having in view the
higher scale of remuneration
accorded to corresponding
offices in other Departments
of the Public Service, I
am to request that the
Governor General in Council
will be pleased to sanction
the proposed increase of
the salary of the Manager
of the Office of High
Court, Appellate Side, from
Rs 220 to Rs 300 per mensem.

I beg to accompany the
of Registrar to the of
Chief - I do not conse-
der that the Manager
and assistants - properly affect
the position W.D.N.

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W.D.N.

W.D.N.

Report letter
by the Chief Justice.

3. The increase now
sanctioned will be entered
in the monthly statement
of fresh charges submitted
to the Government of India.

to the Honble the Judges of the
High Court.
— Accountant General }
— Examiner of Claims }

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

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Dated 11th February 1867.