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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 186-7 Press ~~Mis.~~

Dated 7th May. 1857.

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No 1040.

Madras Marine Board Office
9th March 1857.

From
J. J. Franklin Esqre
Secretary Marine Board.

To
T. Pycroft Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

dated 9 March 1857 No 1040

Sir

I am doubtful as to the propriety of submitting an application such as this so soon after the promulgation of the Honorable Court's dispatch on the imperative necessity of retrenchment in all departments, but am in hopes that its reasonableness will be so apparent, and will be so readily acknowledged, that it will at once plead my excuse.

2 Formerly, when the Honorable Court exercised their vocation as a trading Community, the office of Secretary to the Marine Board was filled by a member of the Civil Service on a salary of Seven hundred Rupees a month. Subsequently when the Company ceased

their trading, the salary was reduced to Three hundred and fifty Rupees on the grounds that the duties were light and could be entrusted to some one holding another office, as in fact had previously been the practice. The appointment was, however, given out of the Covenanted Service, and subsequently the emolument was raised to Four hundred and fifty Rupees. The Honorable Court, when authorizing the last named salary, stated that they should be displeased if any further augmentation was applied for, and they had reasonable cause for so expressing themselves for the Masters Attendant at the different out ports, who in 1837 numbered (14) fourteen, were reduced; the duties performed by them were made over to the Sea Custom Authorities; and the Marine Board composed of ex officio members, had little more to perform than to arrange for the embarkation and disembarkation of the few troops stationed from the Presidency, and for the receipt and transmission by sea of Government Stores, principally consignments from England.

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Cochin
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3 The business of the office was therefore of a nature requiring but a very moderate share of labor and personal attention; and the salary was as liberal as the duties require.

4 A There were in 1837 four regiments stationed across Seas: the outports, whic were fast being relieved of their Maste Attendant as death or retirement carried them off, were principally managed by the Collectors of the Districts in the Revenue Department under orders of Government marginally noted, and even the remaining six were to be reduced as occasion offered. The lights on the Coast were only three, including Madras. It was in fact then the policy of Governme to circumscribe as much as possible the powers of the Marine Board.

No 838 dated 28th Novr 1837 on a letter from the Secy Marine Board of the 17th idem No 1077.

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4 Since this however circumsta have occurred to enlarge very considera the sphere of the Board's duties. The annexation of Burmah has augmented the force beyond Seas from four, to two regiments of European and fourteen of Native Infantry, besides Horse and Foot

Artillery &ca &ca and when the whole of the troops about to be sent permanently to occupy that portion of the Honorable Company's dominions have been forwarded, there will be no less than Twenty five thousand souls, troops and followers, to be relieved triennially by Sea. And moreover besides the regular reliefs, a force like this requires a constant supply of recruits and stores, and frequent opportunities for the return of its sick.

5 During the present season the requisition for the transport of troops and others, irrespective of those to be sent to China and Persia, amount to fourteen thousand men, two thousand Cattle, One thousand Sheep, and a vast quantity of gun powder and stores of a miscellaneous description, and over and above these, the pressing demand for troops renders it frequently advisable to transport them in vessels from one part of the Coast to another with the view to their speedier arrival at their destination.

6 This alone I submit, would

entitle

entitle my appeal to serious consideration. But beyond the mere movement of troops — of itself a duty of much responsibility and labor — the entire policy of Government has undergone a change with regard to the improvement of the Country and the development of its resources. Strenuous endeavours are being made to facilitate the navigation along the Coasts new +lights have been established where most required — harbours are undergoing improvement — beacons and flagstaves are being erected where needed — the ports under Act XXII of 1855 are about to be preserved and placed under a more regular system of Conservancy — vessels engaged in carrying emigrants across the bay to Ceylon, or to the Straits, are about to be regulated under the provision of an Act just passed — and in fine all means for promoting and facilitating trade and navigation have latterly occupied the earnest attention of Government, in common with the measures adopted for the improvement of the internal communications of the Country.

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7 It will thus be seen that the Marine Board is in a very different position from that it was contemplated it should occupy when the salary of the Secretary was fixed at four hundred and fifty Rupees. The Board is the referee on all and every particular connected with Maritime affairs, and is the department responsible to Government on such matters. That I have labored hard to prove that that responsibility has not been misplaced, the Members of my Board will I think testify. They have already on more than one occasion been pleased to signify their satisfaction at the results of my endeavours. On these grounds and those of the increased permanent business consequent on the number of troops now stationed across seas, I venture to ask that Government will be pleased to recommend to the Honorable Court, through the Supreme Government, that I should be placed as regards salary on a similar footing with the Secretary to the Superintendent of Marine

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Vide letter from the
Marine Board to Govt.
7th July 185. No 1077.
Ex. Mus. Cons. 26 July
1852 No 226.
To Govt 3rd Sept 1855
No 289.
From Govt. to Marine
Cons. 7th July 1855
No 28.

at Calcutta, the registrar in whose office draws pay equal to mine. And I am led to hope that my appeal will meet with favor from the fact that the Government were convinced, on the Board's application in 1855 for the increase of pay and strength to its establishment, that the duties had so increased as to render that measure absolutely necessary.

E 8 Annexed is the record of the correspondence in 1846 1856, and part of 1857 together with the number of bills and indents examined and passed during these periods.E The comparison will I trust shew that I am not pleading without reasonable cause.

In 1846.

Letters and recorded memoranda dispatched	2063.
Do received	1562.
Bills and indents passed	571.

In 1856.

Letters and recorded Memoranda dispatched	3185.
Do received	3099.
Bills and indents passed	1075.

In 1857 Jany and Feby.

Letters and recorded memoranda dispatched	929.
Do received	960.
Bills and indents passed.	240.

	Rupees.	
Assistant Master Attendant	500	with private surveying fees
Post Master	700	with residence.
Magistrate	1000	
Dy Superintendent Police	500	
Appraiser at the Custom House	500	
Coroner	350	with palankeen allowance.
Clerk of Small Cause Court	600	

Calcutta.

Office of Superintendent of Marine
Registrar — 450 Rupees.
Freight office.
Clerk in charge — 500 Rupees.

9 A Comparison with other uncovenanted servants will also tend to prove that I am with one exception less paid than any one of the number and that exception is for an office requiring but occasional attention.

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10 I beg now to conclude and entreating a favorable view of my case.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant

Madras
Marine Board Office.
9th March 1857.
Exd FD

Wm Franklin

Secretary.

Marine Lr. to Engd. 24th.
Octr. No. 26 of 1857
Para 12

In a letter from the
Members of the Marine
Board to the Chief Secy.
to Government Fort Saint
George dated 24th March
1857 No. 1263.

From
J. J. Franklin Esqre.
Secy. Marine Board

Applying to an addition
to the allowance of Rs. 450 his
present Salary.

Copy of Extracts – A. to B.
C to D. & E. to F. – to Govt.
of India – 7 May/57 No. 186

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No. 12

No. 1263

From
The Members of the
Marine Board.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George.

dated 24 March 1857. No. 1263

Sir,

In requesting you to lay before Government the enclosed application from J. J. Franklin Esquire, Secretary to the Marine Board, for an addition to the allowance of Rupees 450 at present sanctioned for the Office of Secretary, we cannot permit this appeal to be brought under the consideration of Government without offering our warmest recommendation in support thereof, and our testimony to the merits of Mr. Franklin who faithfully, honestly and zealously performs duties of peculiar difficulty with a tact and discretion most conducive to the Public Interests.

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2o. Government being well acquainted with this Gentleman's Character and qualifications, it may be considered superfluous for us to advocate the claim, which we believe Government will readily recognize Mr. Franklin to have fully established to an addition to his present Salary; but we deem it to be a simple act of duty to support the request of a deserving Officer of Eighteen Years Service who has had of late very laborious duties to perform owing to the heavy demands made for Madras Troops for Service beyond Seas; whose qualifications if devoted to any other Branch of the Public Service of more general interest than that of the Marine Department, would have ensured to him a far higher Salary than he has hitherto enjoyed: and we therefore trust Government will mark their sense of Mr. Franklin's merits and appreciation of his services, by bestowing a liberal addition to his present Salary, which is far below the rate at which other Servants of the State are remunerated although holding less important situations.

We have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed. humble Servants

Madras:
Marine Board Office
24th March 1857.

Sd

J. W. Keene Col.
1st Member

A. McCally Lt. Col.
2d Member

G. Watson Lt. Col.

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Marine Lr. to Engd. 24th Octr. No. 26 of 1857
Para. 12

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In Dy. ~~to~~ Cons: 12 May
Marine 1857 Departt.
From
The Members of the
Marine Board
To
The Chief Secretary to
Government
Fort Saint George

S. L. No. 186.
Fab. St. 187.

dated 24th } March 1857
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No. 109 1 Enclosure

Forwarding an application from Mr. Franklin Secy. Marine Board for an addition to the allowance of Rs. 450 his present Salary with their recommendation in support thereof.

Ordd.

The R. H. the Governor in Council resolves to forward the foregoing letter and its enclosure to the Govt. of India with his strong recommendation that the salary of the Secretary to the Marine Board may be raised to its former standard of 700 Rupees per mensem, when the appointment was held by a Civil Servant.

Copy to Marine Board.

Cancelled

27th April 57

My dear Sir

I send you a short memorandum about the Marine Board. Without going into particulars it will, I think, shew the advantage of the change proposed, and offend no one.

I received a telegraph message yesterday to the effect that the suspension of the emigration to the Mauritions had been withdrawn. Probably you have likewise received a message on the same subject from Calcutta. If so it would be as well to publish it in the Gazette as soon as possible. There are many men at Madras now waiting to embark; and I should like to get the Mauritius contingent completed before the recommencement of our next Indian emigration on the 1st September next.

Yours very truly and
obliged
Jno Hamilton

C 28 March
R 31 "
C 16 April
R 20 "

Memorandum on the question of placing the authority vested in the Marine Board under one individual.

1. In effecting the change contemplated in the controlling authority of the Marine Department there would be little else necessary beyond vesting the power, now exercised by the Marine Board, in one officer, who should be responsible to Government for the due efficiency of the whole department.

2. It is not for me to dwell on the advantages of individual responsibility. The governing powers have already recognized the soundness of the principle by transferring the authority exercised by the Military and Marine Boards at Calcutta, and by the Military Board at Madras to one Officer for each of those departments, and there seems no reason why the same course should not be pursued in respect to this Marine Board

3. When the Board was established on its present footing, the ex-officio members were nominated under the impression that the duties in connexion with their departments would be simplified. The heads of those offices, therefore, with which the Marine Department had most transactions, were constituted members of the Board: the Quarter Master General of the Army with reference to the embarkation and debarkation of troops: the Commissary General and Military Board member with reference to the shipment and discharge of stores: and the Master Attendant, because it was absolutely necessary that a Board having to decide on Maritime matters, should have at least one member possessing professional experience on such subjects.

4 - These officers having their own more legitimate duties to attend to, and for which they draw their salaries, could not be expected to devote that time to Marine Board matters requisite to the dispatch of public business. Great latitude must consequently be allowed to the Secretary. Moreover ex-officio members must naturally feel most interested in what concerns their own proper departments, which makes the Secretary's duty one of difficulty and delicacy, for he may frequently have to guide the opinions of those whose orders he is bound to obey; and when perfect confidence is not established between each member of the Board and himself, the most grievous hindrance to the public service is likely to ensue, as was the case not long after I took office. Fortunately for the working of the Board, the present

members have shewn so much consideration and so much reliance on my management that none of the evils which might occur have taken place. It will however be easily understood that under such a system each member might use his seat for the mere convenience of his own proper department, and the Marine Board, as an independent authority, might become a nonentity.

5. The principal advantage attained under the present order of things is that, when celerity in the engagement and movement of transports is an object, the Quarter Master General in his seat at the Board can give viva voce information without the formality and delay of an official reference: and arrangements can then be mutually made which otherwise might be less readily settled. This advantage, however, would not be so apparent if one officer alone had to conduct the Marine duties. In fact it happens more frequently than otherwise that this course really has to be adopted, and the general sanction of all the members obtained afterwards.

6. Regarding establishment; as the change would not increase the powers of the Board, nor extend the duties of the department, what is sufficient for their performance now, would be adequate under the contemplated system. The principal point to be attended to, would be the placing the head of the department in such a position as to command weight and obedience to his instructions. All officers of Government should be

directed to report and communicate with him exactly in the mode now practised in respect to the Board.

7. At Calcutta these measures have been in force some years and, I believe, have been found to work well and far better than the old system. The establishment there was in 1854 as follows.

1	Superintendent of Marine		2500 Rs.
1	Secretary		1000
1	Registrar		450
1	Deputy		250
1	Indexer		150
1	Deputy		110
1	Record Keeper		105
1	Endorser		100
1	Examiner		85
1	ditto		80
1	ditto		70
1	ditto		55
1	ditto		32
2	ditto	25/ -	50
1	ditto		20
1	Clerk		98
1	Clerk		89 Rupe
1	ditto		74
1	ditto		60
2	ditto	20	40

and four native writers

27th April 1857.

Wm Franklin
Lt. Mar Bo

Detailed Statement of the Salaries of the Marine Board Office as they stood on the 1 May 1857.

1000
450
550
500
1050

Department and date of Govt order Constituting each Office and Establishment existing 1 May/57	Date of Appointment of the individual holding Office	Name of the individual	Description of Appointment	₱ Month	Total
			Secy to the Marine Board	450	
	2nd January 1857	Mr F J Dawes	Managt Examiner	175 ..	
	11th March 1844	Mr Benjn Lafond	Asst Do Record Keeper	120 ..	
8th May 1855	10th May 1843	P Vadachellum Moodr	Accountant	100 ..	
Date of re organization of the Office	12th Feby 1857	P Lingarum Moodr	Asst Do	35 ..	
	8th May 1855	Mr Joseph Davis	Writer	35 ..	
	1st May 1817	M Ramiah Brahmin	Do	30 ..	
	22 Feby 1844	A Auroomoogum Moodr	Do	25 ..	
	8th May 1855	T Moonesawmy Pellay	Do	21 ..	
	22 Feby 1856	A Soobroy Naick	Do	17 8	
	24 Feby 1857	M Appasawmy Chitty	Do	17 8	
			1 Moochee	10 8	
			1 Record Lascar	7 ..	
			1 Hd Peon	10 8	
			7 Peons at 7 Rs each	49 ..	
			1 Waterwoman	3 8	
			1 Toty	3 8	
			Grand Total Rupees	660 ..	

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450
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Signed/ J. J. Franklyn
Secretary

Madras
Marine Bd Office
1st May 1857

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Official Memorandum, dated 20th April 1857 No 1529 -

The Secretary to the Marine Board has the honor to forward the application for the increase to his salary in the prescribed form as called for in Official Memorandum from the Chief Secretary of the 16th instant.

Madras - - -
Marine Board Office
20th April 1857

By Order
Wm Hardie
Secretary

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

Marine Lr. to Engd. 24th Octr. No. 26 of 1857

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Marine Dept. to cons 12 May 1857 (Despatch

Fr. The Secretary Marine Board
To the Chief Secy to Government

Dated 20th April 1857
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No 1529

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Feb 28 — 1857

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Submits an application in the prescribed Form for an increase to his Salary

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Tabular Statement for an increase to the Establishment of the Marine Board Office-

	Year	Revenue		Charges		Total		Net	
		Ordinary	Extraordinary	Ordinary	Extraordinary	Revenue	Charges	Surplus	Deficit
Actual as per Disbursements	1854	„	„	9936	40	„	9976		
	1855	„	„	12,128	51	„	12,179		
	1856	„	„	12,192	88	„	12,280		
Estimated Expenditure-		„	„	„		„	19920		

Extract from Home Department- Government of India	Office to which the proposition refers-	Nature of Charge		Proposition						Casual or Extraordinary
		Present Scale	Proposed Scale	Permanent		Temporary-				
				Increase per month-	Decrease per month-	Increase per month-	Period	Decrease per month-	Period	
				Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.		Rs. As. P.		
	Marine Board Office-	Secretary ——— 450 „ „	Secretary ——— * 1000 „ „	550 „ „						
		1 Manager & Examiner 175 „ „	1 Manager and Examiner 175 „ „							
		1 Assistant & Record Keeper 120 „ „	1 Assistant & Record Keeper 120 „ „							
		1 Accountant— 100 „ „	1 Accountant ——— 100 „ „							
		1 Assistant D°— 35 „ „	1 Assistant D° ——— 35 „ „							
		1 Writer to D°— 17 8 „	1 Writer to D° ——— 17 8 „							
		1 Writer ——— 35 „ „	1 Writer ——— 35 „ „							
		1 — D° ——— 30 „ „	1 — D° ——— 30 „ „							
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		1 Moochee— 10 8 „	1 Moochee ——— 10 8 „							
		1 Head Peon— 10 8 „	1 Head Peon ——— 10 8 „							
		7 Peons at 7 Rs. each 49 „ „	7 Peons at 7 Rs. each— 49 „ „							
		1 Record lascar— 7 „ „	1 Record lascar— 7 „ „							
		1 Toty ——— 3 8 „	1 Toty ——— 3 8 „							
		1 Waterwoman— 3 8 „	1 Water woman ——— 3 8 „							
		1110 „ „	1660 „ „	1050						

* believed to be the salary of the Secretary to the Superintendent of Marine at Calcutta-

Grounds of Proposition	Local Government Recommendation	Orders of the Government of India- Home Deptt. Remarks	Orders of the Government of India- Financial Department- Remarks	Orders-
The great increase in the business of the office consequent on the augmentation of the Madras Forces beyond seas and the attention now paid to the improvement of ports, the lighting of the Coasts and generally facilitating navigation and trade.				

Record of annual business transacted in the Marine Board Office on an average of 3 years 1854/55/56, and for the year 1846, being ten years previous.

	Bills and indents	Amount	Letters and recorded memoranda dispatched	Ditto received	Entries from Govt.
Average of 3 years-	1010	7,29,700	2,996	2,964	302.
in 1846	571	4,37,936	2063	1562	416.

In 1833 the troops stationed across seas were about 3500.

In 1857 they were ——— upwards of 25,000.

exclusive of troops ordered to China and Persia-

In 1833 the lights on the Madras sea boards were ——— 3

In 1857 they are ——— 15.

After 1833- the Marine duties were as far as practicable made over to the Revenue Department-

In 1857- The Marine Board is the general referee on all maritime matters.

Secretary

Before passing this letter I would suggest (without giving a decided opinion) for the consideration of the Commissioner of Govt. whether it would not be better to propose the abolition of the Marine Board & the appointment of an Inspector or Supt of Marine on a Good Salary – this w

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of course obtain the Surveying Ship

Hitherto the working of the Marine wh. is at present constituted is far from satisfactory – officers inexperienced in marine subjects are nominated to it – & the surveyings are hampered & delayed frequently when rapidity & professional knowledge is required –

The Supt of Marine would have the control over all the Establishments constituted for marine purposes on the Coast – & would also perform all the duties necessary for the transport service –

I believe the work would be greatly simplified – & infinitely better performed under the

lots direction of such a
man as Mr Franklyn
[illegible]

[illegible]

I shd anticipate great advantage
from the appt. of a Supt. in
lieu of the present Marine
Board, as suggested by the
Board the President

The suggestion is an excellent one
the Marine Bd. is now reduced to the
Qr. Mr. Genl & Master attendt.
for I presume the Inspector of Artillery
cannot properly be added to it &
the time is a good one for proposing
the change &c.

Marine Departt.
No. 109
From the Members of the
Marine Board
Dated 24th March 1857.

For Orders

I think Mr Franklyn's is a
strong case but I see that the
Department of Marine has by his
own showing only a trifling
balance

Mr Franklyn is very up

=adequately paid for
the important duties he
has to perform — The Secre=
=tary to a Board of Ex=
officio members must have
the main part of the real
work to execute and have
frequently to incur responsi=
=bility, which under a regularly
constituted Bd. meeting daily
~~the~~ would not [illegible] attach
to the Executive Office —
The arrangements for the
engaging of Transports and
freight are greatly dependent
upon the discretion & judge=
=ment of the Secretary and

Mr. [illegible] I am in=
=formed is highly useful
to the Marine Bd. in this
department which of late
has been very heavy — The
Salary of 450 Rs. a month
is hardly sufficient to com=
=mand the services of a man
qualified for the Office &
there can be no doubt
that Mr. Franklin from his
ability and excellent busi=
=ness habits would do better
in some other line — At
present he receives less than
the Registrar of the Marine
at Calcutta who is merely
the chief clerk under the

The Officer in Calcutta
performing duties similar
& in some respects appertaining
to Mr. Franklin's office - &
see there several of the un=
=covenanted Managers or
Inspectors at the Offices of
this Presidency - I think the
Govt. may authorise recommending
the Hon. Court to increase the sa=
=lary to its former standard
of 700 Rs. for the duties are
now ~~[illegible]~~ more laborious & more
responsible than they were & more
that was not considering when
a salary for this appointment
30/3/57 -

Fully concur in supporting such a recommendation

I quite concur

In the draft letter to
the Supreme Govt.
about Marine Bd.
is the Asst. to the Supt.
styled an Uncov-
-nanted Asst.? If
so the word had

Board

letter be struck out
or it may be
supposed that
the Sup himself
is the Commandant
which is only
the case
J H

Disp^d 7^th

Marine Dep^t

N^o. 186.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
India

[illegible] 7 Aug 1837 N^o 186

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Sir.

The Marine Board at Madras consists of four Members and a President, all ex officio.

2. The Members are the Quarter Master General the ~~and~~ Commissary General of the Army - the Master Attendant of the Port of Madras - and ~~a~~ the Member of the Military Board. This last Board has just ceased to exist - having merged in a single Office as Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, with sufficient occupation in that capacity to prevent him from now giving any attention to Marine affairs

The

3 The Board is presided over by one of the Members of Council, but, as might be supposed, the Presidency is merely titular, and the President takes no part in the Board's Proceedings. The Members, all of whom have important offices of their own to attend to, exercise but a very general kind of superintendence over the business of the Office confined, for the most part, to so much of it as is connected with their own respective departments. The real work of the Office falls upon the Secretary, whose salary Rs450 per mensem, fixed 20 years ago, is wholly incommensurate with his labors and duties.-

4 How wanting such an Agency is in all the elements of efficiency need not be stated when the business of the Boar was light, it was perhap sufficient for its despatc and the inconvenience incident to such an arrangement were not sensibly felt.- Of late year however, as will be se from the subjoined extracts from a recent let from the Board, the work of the Marine Department has very great increased, and it may confidently be expected tha for the future it will continue to augment rather than diminish

5. It appears, therefo to this Government that the time has now arrived when the principle applied to othe departments, as recently to the Military Board at Calcutta and Madra may advantageously b extended to the Maritim

branch of the service at this Presidency and its Marine affairs be committed to a single Officer who, under the designation of Superintendent of Marine, should be the channel of communication with Government and directly responsible to them for all connected with his department.-

6. The powers and duties of the Superintendent would be much the same as those of the present Board, nor, with one exception, would any addition to the establishment ~~[illegible]~~ be necessary. It would, however, be essential that the Superintendent himself should be placed in such a position as to ensure his carrying the due degree of weight, and his meeting with ready attention from all with whom he is brought into official communication.-

Under

7 Under these circumstances, I am directed to solicit that, with the approval of the Supreme Government application may be made to the Hon'ble the Court of Directors for the abolition of the present Marine Board at Madras and for its supersession by a Superintendent of Marine.-

8. Looking to the nature and extent of the duties which would devolve upon him and the position which he should occupy in the Public Service and general regard, the salary of the Madras Superintendent should, in the judgment of Government, not be less than 1,000 Rs per mensem or 2/5th of that drawn by the Superintendent at Calcutta.-

9 The Government are, also, of opinion that the Superintt should have an ~~[illegible]~~ assistant on, say, Rs 500 per

mensem - not only will this aid be necessary to meet the additional work thrown on the Department by the occupation of Pegu by Madras Troops, and other causes, but it is desirable that the Superintendent should, from time to time, visit the outposts to inform himself by personal inspection of their condition and the improvements of which they are susceptible - and that there should be some one of a certain station and degree of intelligence to carry on the current duties at Madras in his absence.

10. I am desired to forward a statement in the prescribed form showing the financial result of the proposal which, it will be observed, allowing for the pay of the present Secretary, will be an increase of Rupees 1050 per mensem.-

I have &ca

JP

Fort St George
7th May 1857

Thos Done and

Marine Department.

No.

To

Secy to the Govt of India

Sir,

I am directed by the Rt. Hon. the Governor in Council to forward for submission to the Govt of India copy of a letter from the Marine Board transmitting an application from their Secretary Mr. J. J. Franklin for an increase to his allowance.

Dated 24th March 1857 No. 1263.

2. The present salary of the Secretary to the Marine Board is Rs: 450 per mensem, and was fixed at that amount by the Hon'ble the Court of Directors so far back as 1837 or nearly 20 years ago. In that year there were only four Regiments stationed across Seas –

the

Despatch. Public Dept. dated 25th Oct: No. 32 of 1837.

Bg'l Cons 12 May/57

Marine 1857 Dep.

No: 186

To the Secy to the Govt of India.

Dd 1 May 1857

F. No. 291/58.

Cons 10th Aug/58.

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the out-ports of this Presidency, which were being relieved of their Master Attendants under a general reduction ordered by the Govt, were chiefly managed by the Collectors of the Maritime Districts and the Lights on the Coast were few, there being only three including Madras. At that period the powers and duties of the Marine Board were greatly circumscribed. They had little more to do than to arrange for the embarkation and disembarkation of the few troops proceeding from and returning to the Presidency, and for the receipt and transmission by Sea of Government Stores. There was rarely any question of importance that came under

under their consideration, and the business of the Office was generally of a nature that required but a very moderate share of labor and personal attention on the part of the Secretary.

3. Circumstances have however greatly altered since 1837 and have tended to enlarge very considerably the sphere of the Marine Board's duties. These are fully ~~and strongly~~ set forth but we omit the first in paras 4, 5 and 6 of Mr Franklin's letter of the 9th ultimo, and I am desired to solicit the especial attention of the Govt of India to the grounds therein submitted in support of his application for an increase to his salary. It will be sufficient here to notice that the annexation of

Burmah has augmented the Force beyond Seas from 4, to 2 Regiments of European & 14 of Native Infantry, ~~besides~~ also Horse and Foot Artillery &c.,— and that there will be no less than 25,000 Souls, Troops and followers, to be relieved triennially by Sea, besides a constant supply of Recruits and Stores required for such a Force, and frequent opportunities for the return of ~~the~~ its Sick.

4. But independently of the movement of Troops, which of itself is a duty of much responsibility & labor, a vast increase of work has been thrown upon the Marine Board by the various measures that have recently been adopted for the improvement of the Ports of this Presidency. As stated by Mr. Franklin, "strenuous endeavours are being made to facilitate the navigation along the Coasts— New Lights have been established where most required— Harbours are undergoing improvement— Beacons and Flag-staves are being erected where needed— the Ports under Act XXII of 1855 are about to be preserved & placed under a more regular system of conservancy— Vessels engaged in carrying emigrants across the Bay to Ceylon or to the Straits, are about to be regulated under the provisions of an Act just passed— and in fine all means for promoting and facilitating trade and navigation have latterly occupied the earnest attention of Govt,

"in common with the mea-
"sures adopted for the im-
"provement of the internal
"Communications of the
"Country."

5. The Marine Board moreover, is the referee on all questions connected with maritime affairs and is the Department responsible to Govt on such matters; and it should be observed that the Secretary to a Board of Ex Officio Members, constituted as the Marine Board at this Presidency is, must have the main part of the real work to execute and have frequently to incur responsibility, which under a regularly constituted Board meeting daily would not attach to the executive office. The arrangements for the engaging of Transports and Freight are greatly dependent upon the discretion and judgment of the Secretary, and the Board bear highly favorable testimony to the value of Mr Franklin's services in this Department which of late has been very heavy, as well as to his able and zealous performance of the duties of the Office generally.

6. Looking therefore to the onerous and important duties which Mr Franklin has to perform as Secretary to the Marine Board, this Govt is of opinion that he is very inadequately remunerated, and that the salary of 450 Rupees a month is ~~hardly~~ greatly insufficient to command the services of a person qualified

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qualified for the Office. + Mr Franklin has now held the Secretary-ship for above 18 years, and has during that period frequently received the Commendations of the Board, as well as of the Govt and the Hon'ble Court, for the highly efficient and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of that Office. It should be stated that Mr Franklin is a professional Officer, and that he has by his labors and valuable suggestions × rendered essential & important service to the Shipping & Commercial interests of British India. The results of his labors are fully described in the Marine Board's letter of the 7 July 1852, a copy of which is forwarded. and

+ not only promoted the interests of Government but

and on that occasion this Govt had much pleasure in bringing Mr Franklin's merits and qualifications to the notice of the Home Authorities.

7. There can be no doubt that Mr Franklin from his well-known ability and excellent business habits would have done better in some other line - and it is to be regretted that while toiling so diligently and zealously for the good of the public service, he should be deprived of the advantages which it offered in other than the Marine Department. At present Mr Franklin receives a salary equal to that of the Registrar in the Office of the Superintendent of Marine at Calcutta, who is merely the

Post Master with residence	Rs: 700 —
Clerk of the Small Cause Court	" 600 —
Assd Master Attendant with private Surveying fees	500 —
Sy Court of Police	500 —
Appraiser at the Custom House	500 —
Accountant Mil. Audit Office	500 —
Head Uncov. Assistant Acct. General's Office	500

the Chief Clerk under that Officer — while he occupies nearly the same position as the Secretary to the Superintendent & performs duties similar in some respects to those appertaining to his office. Mr Franklin also receives less than the several Uncovenanted Servants at the Offices of this Presidency, ~~whose~~ duties noted in the margin ~~are apparently not quite so important and responsible as those of the Secretary to the Marine Board~~

8. Upon the foregoing grounds, and adverting also to the increase of business shown in para 8 of Mr Franklin's letter, on a comparison of the work performed in the Marine Board Office in the past year 1856 with that of 1846 on

× and believing that the office on its present footing is not sufficiently well paid . to ensure its being efficiently filled,

or ten years preceding, ^ × this Govt would strongly support ~~that Officer's~~ the present application, and recommend to the favorable consideration of the Govt of India that the Salary of the Office may be raised to ~~700 Rupees per mensem~~ its former standard of 700 Rupees per mensem when held by a Civil Servant the duties being now far more laborious and more responsible than they were when that amount was not considered too large a salary for the appointment.

9. An application in the prescribed tabular form is herewith submitted.

Marine Lr. to Engd. 24th Octr
No. 26 of 1857 Para 12

In Dt. to Cons: 12th May

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No. 180

To the Secy. to the Govt
of India.

D/7. May 1857

Replied to dated 19th June/57
No. 249.

F Con 6th October/57 No. 3 & 4

F Con 10th August/58 No. 15-15A

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Marine Department.

	Year	Revenue Ordinary	Revenue Extraordinary	Charges Ordinary	Charges Extraordinary	Total Revenues	Total Charges	Net Surplus	Net Deficit
s per disbursements	1854	"	"	9936	40	"	9976		
	1855	"	"	12,128	51	"	12,179		
	1856	"	"	12,192	88	"	12,280		
ted Expenditure		"	"	"	"	"	19,920		

Office to which the proposition refers	Nature of Charge: Present Scale	Rs	A	P	Nature of Charge: Proposed Scale	Rs	A	P	Proposition: Permanent: Increase per Month Rs	A	P	Proposition: Permanent: Decrease per Month	Proposition: Temporary: Increase per Month	Proposition: Temporary: Decrease per Month	Casual or Extraordinary	Grounds of Proposition	Local Governments recommendation	Orders of the Government of India: Home Dept. Remarks	Financial Remarks	Department Orders
Marine Board Office	1 Secretary to the Marine Board	450	-	-	1 Superintendent of Marine	1000	-	-	550	"	"					Vide Letter to the Govt of India 7 May 1857 No. 180	Favorable			
					1 Assistt do	500	-	-	500	"	"									
	1 Manager & Examiner	175	-	-	1 Manager and Examiner	175	-	-												
	1 Assistant do Record keeper	120	-	-	1 Assistant & Record Keeper	120	-	-												
	1 Accountant	100	-	-	1 Accountant	100	-	-												
	1 Assistt do	35	-	-	1 Assistt do	35	-	-												
	1 Writer	35	-	-	1 Writer	35	-	-												
	1 do	30	-	-	1 do	30	-	-												
	1 do	25	-	-	1 do	25	-	-												
	1 do	21	-	-	1 do	21	-	-												
	1 do	17	8	-	1 do	17	8	-												
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	1 Moochee	10	8	-	1 Moochee	10	8	-												
	1 Record Lascar	7	-	-	1 Record Lascar	7	-	-												
	1 Head Peon	10	8	-	1 Head Peon	10	8	-												
	7 Peons at 7 Rs each	49	-	-	7 Peons at 7 Rs each	49	-	-												
	1 Water Woman	3	8	-	1 Water woman	3	8	-												
	1 Toty	3	8	-	1 Toty	3	8	-												
	Total Rups	1110	-	-	Total Rups	2160	-	-	1050	-										

Marine Department.

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No 10 of 1858.

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