

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 24th November 1857.

No. 9. From J. McKENNIE, Esq., Deputy Master Attendant; to T. PYCROFT, Esq.,
Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th November 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit original of a Memorial to the Honorable Court of Directors,
which I beg you will have the goodness to forward by the next Mail to England.

(Signed) J. McKENNIE,
Deputy Master Attendant.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, No. 496; dated 21st November 1857.

Ordered that the Memorial received with the foregoing letter be transmitted to the Honorable the Court of Directors.

As Memorials to the Honorable Court are required to be submitted in triplicate, Mr. McKennie is requested to furnish two additional copies of his present Memorial.

J. Mc Kennie, Esq. Deputy Master 2
To

The Honorable

The Chairman of the
Court of Directors.

10 Nov 1857

The Memorial of
John McKennie
Deputy Master Attendant
Madras.

Respectfully Sheweth,

The Your Memorialist having
been given to understand that it is the intention
of Captain Christopher Biden, the present
incumbent of the Situation, to place his resignation
of the appointment of Master Attendant at Madras
in the hands of Your Honorable Court, Your
Memorialist is emboldened, from his long experi-
ence of the practical duties of the Situation, and
his confidence in the generosity of Your Honorable
Court, which is ever graciously consideration of
the humblest claims of public officers, and
accustomed to encourage them to the full performance
of their duty, by according the promotion to which
Your Honorable Court deems them to have
become

become entitled - most respectfully to prefer his suit to be nominated as Captain Biden's Successor on the occasion of the vacancy.

That Your Memorialist was first admitted to the employment of Your Honorable Court as Chief Officer on board one of the Honorable Company's Armed vessels then on duty in the Straits of Malacca, during which employ he was wounded in the execution of his duty.

That Your Memorialist was subsequently recommended to the Madras Government, by which he was appointed to a place in the Marine Department at this Presidency, from which time Your Memorialist has continuously served in this Department, a period of nearly Twenty Six years from the commencement.

That Your Memorialist has very frequently been appointed to act in the place of the Master Attendant of the port, during the absence of Captain Biden, as well as that officers' predecessors, and often alone without any remuneration for the performance of the extra duty entailed by the appointment.

That Your Memorialist has on very many and various occasions received the thanks of the Government of Madras, for Satisfactory conduct,

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conduct and arduous services, promptly and cheerfully rendered; the exercise of which are at times of extreme peril, and not unfrequently at the palpable hazard of life.

That Your Memorialist at the present moment is performing the duties of Master Attendant in addition to his own, during the absence of Captain Biden on leave.

That direct precedent for the succession of the Deputy Master Attendant to the office vacated by his Superior is not wanting. Your Honorable Court having all along appointed the Deputy Master Attendant in Calcutta to fill the situation of Master Attendant whenever the occasion offered.

That Your Memorialist's present appointment of Deputy not only involves the frequent risk of life, but likewise a pecuniary outlay contingent upon it; the Insurance Office charging him with extra premium on the policy, which he is necessarily obliged to keep up for the benefit of his family in the event of his death.

That while Captain Biden has been in the enjoyment of four other appointments, besides that of Master Attendant; namely,
Protector

Protector of Emigrants, Registrar of Shipping,
and Registrar of Merchant Seamen; all three
permanent offices; and also Agent for the Peninsular
and Oriental Company's Steamers, at one period;
Your Memorialist during the whole time of his
service has never held more than one permanent.

That Your Memorialist forbears encroaching
on the attention of Your Honorable Court, by a
more minute explanation of the several particulars
of his case; trusting, that his service in the
Marine Department for upwards of a quarter of
a century will induce Your Honorable Court
to consider his memorial with favour and sanction
his provisional appointment as Successor to Captain
Biden in the post of Master Attendant at Madras.

And Your Honorable Court's Memorialist
shall ever pray.

Madras -
Master Attendants Office } J. McNeill
10th November 1857. } Deputy Master Attendant

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Fort St George
21 November 1857

J. L. McNeill Esq. } Disp. 24th
Depy Master Attendant }