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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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J. I. Franklin Esq^r
Secretary Marine Board.

Sir

I beg most respectfully to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's letter of the 5th September last, forwarding copy of Extract from Minutes of Consultation containing the decision of Government on my application for a pension and for payment to me in the shape of remuneration of the sum of Rupees 1215 1/2 for the higher duties of Manager performed by me in addition to my own duties during a period of 11 months when the former Manager Ramaswamy Bramanay was under suspension by order of Government.

2 I beg you will be pleased to tender the Board my respectful acknowledgements of the very handsome manner in which they have been pleased to record their opinion of my worth and usefulness in the letter addressed by them to Government on my behalf, and I feel thankful to Government for authorizing the grant to me of a monthly Pension

Pension of Rupees 63. being one half of my average salary for the last 5 years.

3. In the Minutes of Consultation now acknowledged the Government state it as their opinion that I might fairly have received the acting allowances of Manager for performing the duties of my Predecessor while the latter was under suspension, but they remark that no claim was brought forward at the time and the applicant appears to have been considered sufficiently rewarded by being promoted to the head of the office. I beg however the permission to be allowed to submit for the further consideration of Government one or two points in furtherance of my claim for remuneration for acting as Manager.

4. On the first point I beg to state that immediately on the receipt of the order of Government dismissing Ramaswamy Brahmam, I applied to the Board to remunerate me for the discharge of the additional duties undertaken by a Deputy and at great personal sacrifice. The Board appointed me to the vacant situation.

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situation leaving my claim for remuneration to be taken into consideration at some future opportunity.

Thus it was not from any fault on my part that my claim was not submitted at the time for the consideration of Government, and I trust that its not having been submitted then will not under those circumstances be permitted to operate to my prejudice now.

5. As regards the second point namely that the applicant appears to have been considered sufficiently rewarded by being promoted to the head of the office. I beg respectfully to state that I was selected to fill the post of Manager when the vacancy occurred as the officer next to the Manager and my promotion to the head of the Department ought not. I respectfully submit to be permitted to invalidate my claim for remuneration which is a separate and distinct claim for separate duties additional to my own performed by me during a period of 11 months. The only ground of opposition to my claim for remuneration is the delay which has been suffered to take place in submitting it for the consideration of Government, but I urged my claims upon the Board immediately

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on the receipt of the order of Government
dismissing my predecessor and that the delay
in submitting the same at the time for the
consideration of Government is not chargeable
against me. The Board when the situation
was conferred on me having intimated to me
that they left my claim to remuneration to
be taken into consideration at some future
opportunity my further agitation of my claim
after such intimation I considered it unnecessary
until the time of my retirement from the
service in the hope of advancing it at that
period in order to obtain a higher rate of
pension but as the Government have declared their
inability to grant any higher rate of pension
than that sanctioned by the rules, I beg you
will do me the favor to convey to the Board
my earnest request that they will resubmit
with their kind support the question of
remuneration claimed by me for the further
consideration of Government, who has invariably
recognized the principle of remunerating their
servants who in cases like mine have been
called upon to perform the higher duties of
their superiors.

6 The constant application to business
during an uninterrupted service of more than 33
years has greatly impaired my constitution and
health. The total loss of sight of both eyes
is the best evidence to which I could refer in
support of the fact that for many years
commencing from the period I acted for the
late Manager the duties which fell to be
performed by me rendered it impossible for me
to conduct them with efficiency without sitting
up at nights. The nature of these duties, is
fully explained in my last letter to the Board.

7 I served in the Marine Board
office for about 31 years during that period
I discharged the most responsible duties
devolved on me in the Department with a
degree of labor care and anxiety not usually
falling to the lot of public servants with
the view of being properly benefitted by
Government when incapacitated by old age
and infirmity but the Government only
allowed me a pension of one half of the
average rate of salary of 5 years, instead of
at the present rate of increased salary
while