

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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Madras Marine Board Office

11th February 1857.

From

J. I. Franklin Esq^{re}

Secretary Marine Board

To

G. Pycroft Esq^{re}

Chief Secretary to Government,

Fort Saint George.

Sir, dated 11 February 1857.

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to state that they have had under consideration the remarks contained in the 3rd para of the Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 7th November last, N^o 339, regarding the measures to be adopted for the change of the ports of Baypoor, Calicut and Tellicherry.

2 In their letter of the 20th October last N^o 2720, they objected to confide the three ports to one Master Attendant, but recommended that a superior officer of this grade should have general charge of all the ports in a district; and that subordinates termed Harbours

Harbours & Masters or Conservators, should be placed in immediate control over them. They still consider that this general measure will eventually be required, but as the Government appear to think the Ports on the Western Coast as yet of insufficient importance to justify this efficient system, and as the Board consider it unwise to retard the development of Traffic, which it is believed likely to be drawn to one or more Ports by low charges on vessels, and by facilities being opened for bringing merchandize to the Coast, they will refrain from pressing their views until the necessity is more apparent.

3 If but one Master Attendant or officer of that class is to be appointed to the three ports named, the Board recommend that the Port deemed by Col: A. Cotton as the most important be selected as his station. They admit that Tellicherry has at present but little Trade, but in former years it was of considerable importance, & as it must have enjoyed some advantages to draw to it the many wealthy Merchants residing there, the Board are hopeful that with the improvements in the Country now in

in progress by the opening of roads and canals, it will hereafter resume its former consequence. They think, however, that at present the services of a Master Attendant may in compliance with the wishes of Government be dispensed with there, and even that the light there might be discontinued after the establishment of one of the first class at Calicut, but before any alteration can take place in the arrangements of the Lights along a Coast timely notice of intended changes must be given, and on this last point they will again address Government.

4 In communication with this subject the Board solicit reference to their letter of the 2^d July last at No 79 submitting Mr. Brennan's resignation of his appointment as a Master Attendant at Tellicherry. They now recommend that he be relieved from his duties, that in lieu a Master Attendant be appointed to the most important Port on that part of the Malabar Coast on a salary of 300 Rupees a month, and that the Superintendent of Sea Customs at Tellicherry be directed to assume charge

charge of the Marine Department at that port, as is the case at Calicut and Cannanore. The Master Attendant should then be instructed to exercise a general supervision over the other Ports and occasionally visit them. On all matters of doubt and difficulty he should be the officer to be referred to, and on occasions of embarking or disembarking troops in number, he should himself be present, his travelling expenses being passed by the Board under whose authority the visit should be made.

5 It will not be out of place here to advert to the decision of Government and the Honorable Court of Directors on the claim of Mr. Brennen for pension after a service of upwards of 30 years. It is recorded that the office of Master Attendant does not come within the scope of the existing pension Rules. It is true that the Rules of the 15th May 1851 do not include in the list of those entitled to pension, officers of the grade of Master Attendant, but the Board believe that they are

are at the other Presidencies understood to apply to all uncovenanted servants in Government employ, and are acted upon accordingly. When the late Secretary to the Superintendent of Marine at Calcutta resigned his appointment and applied for pension, the Government under which he was serving decided that his claim was inadmissible as he had not served the prescribed period. He was however granted a gratuity under the Section III of the Rules of the 15th May 1851 showing that they were considered applicable to him; and the Board believe that they are so considered to all uncovenanted officers.

6 In the above remarks the Board waive all consideration of the peculiar circumstance of Mr. Brennen receiving a pension from the Bombay Government.

7 In conclusion I am directed to bring to the favorable notice of Government the unfortunate position in which Captain Grouther has been placed by losing command of the "HMS Lindsay," and failing to

to obtain that of the "Coronandel".
After ten years service under this
Government, during which time
he has always conducted himself most
creditably, there can be, and the Board
believe there is, no question that he
is entitled to consideration. An
opportunity now offers itself of providing
for him as Master & Attendant
at Beypoor or wherever it is finally
decided that an officer of that grade
shall be stationed in the Northern
portion of the district of Malabar
and the Board would suggest that
it should be taken advantage of.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Madras
Hannie Board Office }
11th Feb. 1857. }
E. J. M.

Yours most obedt. servt.

Wm. H. M. M.
Secretary

Apartment -

Shew. that there
are three lights on the
Malabar coast. so that
there is no other as to
pylons - has in being
unnecessary -

Then as before mentioned
by me the light house
at Coimbatore has been
found on a faulty site -
the finished for 3 years
is still without a lamp.

At Mangalore the
lamp looks as if it
had pitched accidentally
on the chimney. & as if
a good gust of wind
blow it off.

on any question of
this nature. I shall
endeavour to get the
opinion of Capt. Taylor
of the Poronah. as he knows
the coast better than any

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might be discontinued
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Master Attendant

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undoubtedly better than
some measures for fixing
the same one of the
ports - for the hardware
of the Master Attendant
a harbour master - as
that of the Govt. or Mr. A.
like my right - I think
recommended. that all
the instructions of the
Department should be
sent to the Master Attendant.

+ what other
ports - does this in
Calicut & Beypoor
J. H. H. H.

is to be transferred
from Tellicherry - that
the Superintendent of
Sea Customs at Tellicherry
be directed to
assume charge of the
Marine Dept. at that
port, as is ^{now} the case
at Calicut and Coimbatore.
The Master Attendant
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sionally visit them.
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his travelling expenses
being.

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4 The Board ad-
vert to the decision
of the Court & Court
of Directors on Mr. Brew-
ster's claim to Pension.
The Office of Master
Attendant, the Court ob-
served, ^{did} not come within
the scope of the
existing Pension Rules,
and the Court saw
"no sufficient reason

for treating Mr. Brew-
-nans case specially."

5 The fact that
the late Secretary to
the Superintendent
of Marine at Calcutta
was admitted
to a gratuity proves
your
nothing - inasmuch
as gratuities are
not

or these orders of course
preclude further
agitation of the subject

2 B. Mr. Brunner has
for the last 30 years
a pension of

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buy girl - H

is now 70 years
artificially

and 2 officers
also to have
for service

to the representation
made to the salary of
the Dr. at Vöges.

not restricted to parties of a class with-
in the Division rules.

5 The Salary of
the Master Attendant
at Tellicherry is Ru.
pees 105 a month -
There are no hopes
of raising it. See ac.
comprising Extract
from a letter despatched
from the Court relative

6 With regard to
Captain Crowther, (who
is no doubt a deserv-
ing man) ^{I may remark that} he was dis-
tinctly told by me
that, if he staid at
Madras, it would be
at his own risk - His
appointment to Bey-
poor or elsewhere is
now ^{down} altogether a matter
for the pleasure

of the Vt.
President.

of the Vt.
President.

W. H. Wells

Marine Dept

No 97

Extract from the Mins. of Cons.

Dated 11th March 1857. No 97

Read the following letter
from the Secy. Marine Board.

(Here enter 11th Feb 1857. No 638)

The Marine Board
were asked in Cons. Mins Cons.
4th November last. para 4.
what arrangements they
would suggest for the
change of the ports of Galilee
and Beyport. why they
Master ^{Attendant ship} ~~Assistant ship~~ at
Tellicherry should be main-
tained there at all and
why he should not be trans-
ferred thence for the change
of the Galilee and Beyport
Ports.

2. The Board now report
that

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M. H.

that there is but little trade
at Tellicherry and that
the services of a Master
Attendant there might be
dispensed with, and even
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first class at Calicut, but
before any alteration can
take place in the arrange-
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a Coast, timely notice of
intended changes must
be given, and on this last
point they will again advise Govt.

3. They recom-
mend that the Port
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to which the Master
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barking or disembarking

troops in number, he
should himself be present,
his travelling expenses,
being passed by the
Board under whose au-
thority the visit should
be made.

4. The Right Honorable
the Governor in Council
resolves that the Master
Attendant and his esta-
blishment be withdrawn
from Tellicherry and that
for the present he be
stationed

stationed at Calicut. The
Master Attendant will at
the same time have charge
of Beypoor. The Marine
Dept^t at Tellicherry will
be under charge of the Su-
perintendent of Sea Customs
at that place. On any occa-
sions when the presence of
a nautical man may seem
necessary at Tellicherry
or Cannanore - as for superin-
tending the embarkation
or disembarkation of troops -
the Master Attendant at
Calicut will proceed thither
on duty and at such time
the usual travelling al-
lowance will be passed
to him by the Marine
Board. But these occasions
will not often happen -
Beypoor being so near
Calicut, the Master Attan-
dant will draw no tra-
velling allowance for
visiting that port. -

With

+ which in his retirement he
will continue to enjoy

5. With regard to Mr.
Brennen the Honorable
the Court of Directors have,
it is observed, refused to
admit his claim to pension
and this Gov^t would not
be justified in re-agitating
the question. Mr Brennen
is now 70 years old - he
was certified by the Medical
Officer of Tellicherry two
years ago to be unfit for
service - and in the month
of June last he applied
on those grounds, for per-
mission to resign his ap-
pointment. He is also, and
has, for the last 30
years, been in receipt of a
pension of Rupees 100 from
the Bombay Gov^t. The
Governor in Council would
not, under these circum-
stances, be justified in
continuing him longer in
the service. Arrangements
will therefore be at once
made.

made for relieving him
and for appointing his
Successor to be transferred
colleagues.

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Copy to the Civil Auditor with
reference to his Memo of the
17 April 1857 N^o 3446

} Sept 22nd

Dr. L. C. J. of Philadelphia
1857

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Further letter from the Marine Board, of 25th March 1857
No. 112
Direct the with-
drawal of the Master
Attendants and his
Establishment from
Bellevue to the Station
=ed for the present
at Calcutta with a view
of Bayport and the
Marine Department
at Bellevue placed
under the charge of
the Customs there.
around not under the
circumstances stated
be

Dr. L. C. J. of Philadelphia

211th March 1857

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be justified in continu-
ing Mr. Greenman
the service as he ap-
=tating the question of
granting him a pension
and order the necessary
arrangements for
receiving him from
his Office and for ap-
=proving his successor
to be transferred to
Calcutta.