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DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 10th August 1858.

No. 15. Read the following Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, forwarded by the Government of India.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

No. 35 of 1858.

OUR GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

Para: 1. We have considered the proposition contained in your letter under reply with *Financial letter from, No. 116, dated 31st August 1857.* much attention. The Government of Madras in their Secretary's letter to your address, of the 7th May 1857, bring to your particular notice the anomalous position of the Marine Board at that Presidency, and use cogent reasons for recommending its abolition, and for appointing in the place of that Agency, a Superintendent of Marine with an Assistant under him. The Marine Board consists of four Members and a President, all ex-officio, of whom the latter takes no part in the Board's proceedings. All the Members have important Offices to attend to and are said to be so fully engaged in their several departments as to be prevented from devoting any time to the investigation of questions connected with Maritime affairs. The real work has fallen almost entirely on the Secretary, Mr. Franklin, who for many years has conducted the multifarious business of his Office with commendable zeal and assiduity. The salary submitted by the Madras Government for the Superintendent is Rupees 1,000 a month, and for that of his Assistant Rupees 500 a month, and with the modification that the salary of the latter person should be Rupees 400 a month only, you solicit for the proposal our favorable consideration.

Forward papers relating to a proposition made by the Government of Madras, for the abolition of the Marine Board at the Presidency, and the appointment of a Superintendent of Marine with an Assistant. Remark that the Board consists of a President (one of the Members of the Council) who takes no part in the Board's proceedings, and four Members, all ex-officio, the latter having important Military or other official duties of their own, and exercising but a very general kind of Superintendence over Maritime affairs, that such Agency (as observed by the Madras Government) sufficed when the business was light, but as the work of the Marine Department had of late considerably augmented, and was expected to become heavier, still it was expedient that its affairs should be committed to the individual care of a responsible Officer with the title of Superintendent of Marine, drawing a salary of not less than Rupees 1,000 a month, and having an Assistant under him with Rupees 500 a month. The Financial result of the proposal as submitted, after allowing for the pay of the present Secretary, who receives Rupees 450 a month, would involve an increase of charge of Rupees 1,050 a month. Government in answer to their reference to the Madras Government, were informed that the Master Attendant was too fully employed to allow of his acting as an ex-officio Assistant to the Superintendent, and thereby save the necessity and cost of that appointment; but they are of opinion that the salary of the Assistant should be fixed at Rupees 400 instead of Rupees 500 a month, and with this modification they recommend the propositions of the Madras Government, to the favorable consideration of Court.

2. There can be no question that the Marine business at the Port of Madras has latterly in many ways become more onerous, and it is confidently expected that it will continue to augment rather than diminish. It appears to us that the arrangements proposed for the future conduct of that business are fully warranted by the circumstances, and that the qualifications and approved long service of Mr. Franklin in the Department, point him out as a fit person to superintend it, subject to the orders of the local Government.

3. We accordingly sanction the abolition of the Marine Board, and we direct you to communicate to the Government of Madras, our authority for the appointment of Mr. Franklin to the Office of Superintendent of Marine there, on the proposed salary of Rupees 1,000 a month, and for the appointment by the local Government of a competent individual as Assistant to the Superintendent. With respect to the salary of the Assistant, you consider that Rupees 400 a month is sufficient, and we therefore fix the salary at that amount, but the Assistant must be distinctly informed that he will have no claim to succeed to the superior Office.

*under the authority
of the Council of the*

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 10th August 1858.

4. It has occurred to us, however, that the Assistant to the Master Attendant might afford the assistance required by the Superintendent of Marine in addition to his own duties, receiving a moderate increase to his present allowance of Rupees 6,000 per annum. If on communicating with the Government of Madras, you find such an arrangement practicable, we wish that it be carried into effect instead of appointing a separate Assistant to the Superintendent of Marine.

LONDON, }
9th June 1858. }

We are, &c.,
(Signed) F. CURRIE,
(") Wm. J. EASTWICK,
(") C. MILLS,
AND OTHER DIRECTORS.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George.
Copy forwarded to the Financial Department, with an intimation that a copy has also been sent to the Government of Fort Saint George.

HOME DEPARTMENT, }
The 22nd July 1858. }

By order,
(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 15 A.

ORDER THEREON, No. 308; dated 10th August 1858.

Resolved that copy of paras: 3 and 4 of the above Despatch be furnished to the Marine Board for their information.

Resolved also that, under the authority therein conveyed, the Marine Board be abolished and that Mr. Franklin be appointed Superintendent of Marine for the Madras Presidency on a salary of Rupees 1,000 per mensem with the same powers and functions as have hitherto been exercised by the Marine Board.

Resolved also that, Mr. Franklin in communication with the Master Attendant for the Port of Madras, be requested to report upon the suggestion contained in the concluding para: of the Honorable Court's Despatch, and that Mr. Crowther act as Assistant to the Superintendent of the Marine until further orders on the salary hitherto drawn by him as Acting Assistant Secretary to the Marine Board.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Marine Dept
No 308
E. Minis Cons.
Dated 10th August 1858

Read copy of a Despatch
from the Hon. H. C. of India
to the Government of
India in Council
dated 9 June 1858
Marine Dept No 35 -
forwarded to the Marine
Dept by the Supreme Govt
by endorsement dated
22 July 1858. Home Dept

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Copy to

Marine Bd

Mr Franklin Esq

Marine Attendant

Office of Audit

and Auditor

with copy of P 3 & 4 of
Court's Des^p } Sd^d
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Marine Letter to Capt?
5th November 1858

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Relates to 24th March
5th 10 of 1859

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Oct 10th August 1858

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Oct 9 June 1857/1858
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