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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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from 13th to 19th August 1859.*

No. 40. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine ;
to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated
Madras, 29th July 1859, No. 2999.

I have the honor to submit the accompanying original letter from the Master Attendant
praying for an increase to his Establishment as well as for an augmentation of salary to some of
those who are employed, and to recommend it strongly to the favorable consideration of Govern-
ment.

2. It has for some years been apparent to me that the Master Attendant's Establishment
has been under handed: the more particularly since this Officer became Registrar of Shipping
under the Merchant Seaman's Act of 1854, which imposed on it a heavy amount of additional
labor. The vast and steady increase in the mercantile transactions of the Port; the continual
embarking and disembarking of Troops, as well as the discharge and Shipment of Stores; all of
which operations have been so considerably increased since the Office was placed on its present
footing, have not only rendered it impossible that the duties can be carried on efficiently without
additional means, but have given the Department an importance which entitles
60 Rupees. its Manager to expect a higher rate of remuneration than that which he now re-
ceives. His duties are not only onerous, but call for a degree of intelligence
which would command a more liberal salary elsewhere.

3. The Master Attendant's is the Office to which all Commanders of Merchant Ships on
arrival first proceed with their papers for examination. They are there scrutinized; abstract of
the Register is made and kept on Record, and on all being found in order, a Certificate is grant-
ed which enables the Vessel to enter at the Custom House. Commanders similarly have to
obtain a Certificate from the same Office before they are allowed to clear out, that all charges
demandable have been paid, and that all Port Rules have been attended to. It is the Master
Attendant's duty to see that no men belonging to the Ship's Crew are left behind without due
cause; that Hospital or other expenses incurred by the State on their account are paid; and that
means are provided for their return to England, if unable to support themselves. A list of a
Ship's Crew is furnished to the Master Attendant on arrival, another on departure, and all
changes have to be satisfactorily accounted for. It is his duty in communication with the depart-
ments concerned to clear all Government consignments, obtaining receipts from each for the
stores delivered to them. He supplies boats to all departments, paying their hire daily and fur-
nishing to my Office monthly bills duly vouched for in support of such payments, and has to
land, store and re-issue from 5 to 10,000 Tons of Coals annually. As Registrar of Shipping he
has to keep books of Record of all Registries and alterations in Registry within the Presidency,
and to communicate on the subject to the Chief Registrar of Shipping in England. All these
important duties, with others of a minor character, entail a deal of work on the Office, and I
know from personal experience that the establishment is insufficient for their satisfactory dis-
charge.

4. I am aware that in 1856, the late Captain Biden applied for an increase which, although
supported by this Government, met with but partial success when submitted to the Supreme
Government. Since this, however, Act XXII of 1855 has come into operation, whereby a Fund
was expressly formed from which to keep up the Port Establishment; and as the increase now
asked for is for the benefit of the Port, I entertain the hope, that there will be no longer any ob-
jection to the application.

5. The balance to the credit of the Port was on the 30th April last, Rupees 35,285, which
shews that there are ample Funds to meet the additional charges.

To it consists of a
Deputy

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From H. D. E. DALRYMPLE, Esq., Master Attendant; to J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, dated Madras, 21st July 1859, No. 365.

I had the honor to address you on the 14th instant acknowledging receipt of Minutes of Consultation, under date 1st April 1859, No. 120, and reporting that I had carried out the Orders of Government by appointing N. J. Veerasawmy Naick, Boat Overseer, to the Office of Supervisor of Boats. I now wish in following up this move in the right direction to bring to the notice of Government through you the total inadequacy of my Establishment to meet the requirements of the Shipping interests, of the Mercantile Community, and exigencies of the State; and earnestly to request the sanction of Government to an additional grant from the Port Fund of Rupees 160 per month which will enable me to take this opportunity of increasing the number of working Clerks and altogether to remodel the Establishment of my Office.

2. I now beg to bring to your notice that though the number of European Ships and Vessels of every description and the aggregate of their yearly tonnage has in this Port of Madras within the last 30 years increased nearly seven fold and consequently the duties of the Master Attendant and his Subordinates have increased in proportion, yet the Office Establishment is still weak in number, and poorly paid.

3. From the immense increase of business it is with great difficulty that the Current emergent work of the Office can be carried on from day to day while the Records of every description are inevitably neglected.

4. I annex comparative Statement of amount of European Tonnage between the Official years of 1830/31 and 1857/58, which shew a difference in favor of the last year to the amount of 241,284 Tons,* which proves beyond a doubt the inevitable increase of labour imposed on the Master Attendant and his Establishment. I have not thrown in the increase on Native Tonnage, which during the same period has increased nearly one fourth, and it is a small item compared to the amount of English and foreign European Tonnage and does not entail on my Department a tithe of the labour imposed on it by the latter. The Tonnage dues alone for the Official year 1857/58 amount to Rupees 43,442, and out of that sum to render my Office an efficient one I only ask for Rupees 160 per mensem.

5. I have not alluded to the immense stores of Coals now placed under the Master Attendant, since a Steam flotilla has been established, and the additional labour and responsibility attached to the charge. I leave the cause in your hands knowing your intimate acquaintance with the varied duties of my Office which are carried on from day to day, to the best of our abilities, with an utterly inadequate Establishment.

6. I subjoin a list of my present Office Establishment and a revised one with the increase I propose.

MEMORANDUM.

I submitting a list of my present Office Establishment, and a revised one with the proposed increase, I beg to explain with reference to the pay of my Signalmen that at the Fort Flag Staff there is a Signal Master with six Lascars to work the common routine of Signals, whereas at the Master Attendant's where signals must be made, on the accuracy of which at times depend the lives of those afloat, there are only two under-paid East Indians who are on duty night and day. I have also been compelled to propose an increase to pay to the Crew of the Master Attendant's Boat so as to raise it to the same scale as that established, without my knowledge, for the Police Boat's Crews, who have now, besides clothing, within 8 Annas per month the same pay as that of the Signalmen, who must be able to read and write and be respectably dressed at their own expense.

(Signed) H. D. E. DALRYMPLE,
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Master Attendant's present Establishment.	Amount of Salaries.	Increase of Pay and Establishment proposed.	Amount of Salaries.
Head Writer.....	60 0 0	Manager.....	100 0 0
Assistant Master Attendant's Writer	25 0 0	Deputy.....	35 0 0
2nd Writer Master Attendant's Office	21 0 0	Assistant Master Attendant's Clerk.	30 0 0
3rd Do. do.	10 0 0	Master Attendant's Office Writer...	25 0 0
Moochy.....	12 4 0	Do. do.	20 0 0
Conicopoly.....	10 0 0	Do. do.	15 0 0
Signalman.....	10 8 0	Moochy.....	12 8 0
Do. do.	10 8 0	Conicopoly.....	10 8 0
BOAT DEPARTMENT.		Signalman.....	21 0 0
Boat Overseer.....	70 0 0	Do.	15 0 0
Deputy.....	21 0 0	Boat Overseer.....	70 0 0
Writer.....	16 8 0	Deputy.....	21 0 0
Master Attendant's Boat Tindal...	8 12 0	Writer.....	17 0 0
Crew of 10 Men at Rupees 7 each...	70 0 0	Master Attendant's Boat Tindal.....	12 0 0
Water Boy.....	3 8 0	Crew of 10 men at Rupees 10.....	100 0 0
		Water Boy.....	5 0 0
Total Rupees...	349 0 0	Total Rupees...	509 0 0

(Signed) H. D. E. DALRYMPLE,
Master Attendant.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1859, No. 408.

The Superintendent of Marine represents that the duties of the Master Attendant's department have become very onerous, and supports the recommendation of that Officer, that the salaries as well as the strength of his establishment should be increased.

Establishments.	Present Scale.	Increase to Salaries	Increase to Establishment.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Manager.....	60 0 0	40 0 0	0 0 0
Deputy.....	0 0 0	0 0 0	35 0 0
Assistant Master Attendant's Clerk.....	25 0 0	5 0 0	0 0 0
Master Attendant's Writer...	21 0 0	4 0 0	0 0 0
Do.	10 0 0	10 0 0	0 0 0
Do.	0 0 0	0 0 0	15 0 0
Moochee.....	12 4 0	0 4 0	0 0 0
Conicopoly.....	10 0 0	0 8 0	0 0 0
Signal Man.....	10 8 0	10 8 0	0 0 0
Do.	10 8 0	4 8 0	0 0 0
Boat Overseer.....	70 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Deputy.....	21 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Writer.....	16 8 0	0 8 0	0 0 0
Tindal.....	8 12 0	3 4 0	0 0 0
Crew of 10 men from 7 to 10 Rupees.....	70 0 0	30 0 0	0 0 0
Water Boy.....	3 8 0	1 8 0	0 0 0
Present Establishment.....	349 0 0	110 0 0	50 0 0
Increase to Salaries.....	110 0 0		
Do to Establishment.....	50 0 0		
Rupees...	509 0 0		

2. The increase to the salaries of the present establishment—to be distributed as shown in the margin—amounts to Rupees 110, and the addition to it consists of a Deputy Manager on Rupees 35 and a third Writer on Rupees 15 a month. The total cost, viz., one hundred and sixty Rupees a month, is proposed to be charged to the Port Fund, which Mr. Franklin states is ample enough to bear it.

3. In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Marine, the Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the proposed increase to the establishment of the Master Attendant, the increase Rupees (160) one hundred and sixty per mensem, being charged to the Port Fund.

The Civil Auditor will pass the salaries of the Master Attendant's establishment at the increased amount now sanctioned, Rupees 509 a month, leaving it to the Accountant General, in communication with the Superintendent of Marine, to apportion the charge annually between the State and the Port Fund.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Manager	60	40	"
Deputy	"	"	35
Assistant Master Attendants Clerk	25	5	"
Master Attendants Officer	21	4	"
Do	10	10	"
Do	"	"	15
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Writer	16	8	"	"	8	"	"	"
Grindale	8	12	"	"	3	4	"	"
Crew of 10 men from 7 to 10 puffs	70	"	"	30	"	"	"	"
Water Boy	3	8	"	1	8	"	"	"
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The Superintendent of Marine.
" Civil Auditor.
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