

Marine (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 916 Marine

DATED 2nd Mar '98

[Despatch Abstract.]

W. P. M. Joseph, Asst Conservator of the
Forest, Bangalore

Declining to accede to the
request of _____ to have the date
of his birth altered in the Service Register
from 17 Dec 1843 to 17 March 1847.

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BACK PAPERS.

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Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1287

The Hon Sir Henry Duns
H. Duns

From

The Presidency Post office
Madras

For Orders

Whether the petitioner's
Statement may now be accepted,
and the entry in his Service
Register as to date of birth
altered from 17 December
1843 to 17 March 1847.

No. $\frac{437}{349}$ G.

Dated 11 October 1898.

Received 18. 10. 98

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No: 916ellar of 2.11.98.

The Government
declines to accede to the
request of the petitioner
to have the date of his
birth altered

the P.P.O. CS.

H. M. 21-10-98 R26-10-98

SUBJECT.

Requesting the orders of
Government on letter no. $\frac{1837}{214}$ G.
of 21st June 1898 regarding
the Petition of P. M. Joseph,
Assistant Port Conservator
of Beypore.

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In the matter of the age of Patrick
Mathew Joseph Assistant Conser-
-vator Bangalore Port Officer
I Ruth Mary Joseph widow residing
at No 6 Kather Sadayappan Street Perambat-
-tu of Madras make oath and say as follows:-
That he is a Hindu religion when

I originally professed the Hindu religion, when my name was Kuppammal; about 55 years ago my late husband and myself became converts to Christianity, and we were baptised in a Protestant church by the names of John Joseph and Ruth Joseph respectively; and that 5 years ago I embraced the Catholic religion when I took the additional name of Mary.

2. My son Patrick Mathew Joseph above named was born at Bangalore on the 17th March 1844; this I know for a fact, as my husband, who was a seafaring man, made an entry of it, in a Common place book which he always kept with him; and this Common place book I regret to say is lost; and notwithstanding all the search my son and I made for it, we would not find it.

3. My son was christened, in infancy, in a Protestant church, in a Professed Station, which I cannot now recollect, and received in baptism the name of Matthew.

14. It was on my son becoming a Catholic, that he was baptised with the additional name of Patrick at the suggestion of the priest, who on learning that my son was born on the 17th March advised him to take the name of Patrick; the name of the Saint of that day in the Calendar.

5. From another circumstance I am able to say that the year of my son's birth was 1844 - when my son was an infant of 5 or 6 months old, I came down to Madras

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Prayer One only
A. A. Arumugam
St. Mary's Under College
Bazaar

Madras to my relations; at that time the Chin-
tadripetta Bridge and the Perambore Barracks were
in course of construction; both the old Chintadri-
petta Bridge and the Sepoy Lines at Perambore, hav-
ing as most old residents of Madras remember
been washed away by the destructive floods of
November 1846.

Declared on oath this 3^d day
of October 1898 at the Black
Township Magistrate's Court

The ^{mark} of John Mary Joseph



Before me
Black Town
Residence Magistrate

M. S. L.
Sohollay W. O. K. B.
Rayapetkal

Registered 7/10

Nov. 21
1297/98



In the matter of the age of
Patrick Mathew assistant
Conservator Bypore Port
Office.

I Mutheralu Pandithar residing
at No 6 Ponnau Street in Pursevakam
of Madras solemnly affirm and say as
follows:-

I am a Native Doctor and Ruth
Mary Joseph the mother of Patrick Mathew
Joseph above named is a near relation
of mine. I remember that in the year
1847 the said Ruth Mary Joseph came
down to Madras from Bypore with
the said Patrick Mathew Joseph then an
infant of 5 or 6 months. I remember
the year well, for it was that following
the heavy floods which destroyed the old
Chintadripetta Bridge and the Sepoy Lines
at Perambore.

Declared on Solemn Affir
this 3^d day of Oct 1898 at the
Black Township Magistrate's Court
Madras.

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M. S. L.
Sohollay W. O. K. B.
Rayapetkal

Before me
Black Town
Residence Magistrate



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Commander, H. A Street, R. I. M.,
Presidency Port Officer,
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Through,

The Port Officer.

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With due deference and humble submission I beg to submit the following facts for your benevolent consideration. On the 1st November 1865 when I joined the Madras Railway as an under guard my actual age was 18 years 7 months and 13 days my birth day being on the 17th March 1847.

A few months after my joining the Railway and while on one occasion I was in charge of a mixed train working between Podanore and Beypore, I was told that there was an order received from the Head Office, Madras, to ascertain and report my age for registration. I was about starting my train when my Divisional Officer's Head Clerk D'Mello called me in the office and asked me what my age was I replied that I could not tell my exact age without reference to my age certificate kept in my father's note book but that I knew I was born on a 17th March, but did not remember the year. I was at the time looking big and robust. Before the conversation ended the Stationmaster rang the bell I stepped out of the office started my train and went away

The return of my age being urgently wanted in Madras, the office filled up the statement and sent it away immediately without again consulting me. When I subsequently produced my age certificate which shewed I was born on the 17th March 1847 at 5- 40 A. M. the Head clerk was very sorry and told me it was too late to alter the return as it had already been despatched wrongly entering the date of birth as 17th December 1843. I immediately went and represented the fact producing the certificate to my then superior R. Dixon Carter Esq. the Assistant Traffic Manager. The Head writer then took the certificate from me and said that the error would be rectified.

A short time afterwards I was asked to sign and return certain articles of agreement binds myself to the rules and regulations of the Railway Company. In it I observed my age had been entered wrongly as before, I asked the writer and he said that, it was too late to alter it and that I needn't be so particular about it as a few year difference would not cause any loss. Not knowing better at the time and through ignorance I did not care to insist upon correction of the error committed by the Head Writer. The certificate which I entrusted to him was he said mislaid.

I served in the Madras Railway Company 12 years in different capacities. I resigned the service of my own accord in the month of August 1877 with a good character certificate. I joined the Marine Department in the month of November in

the same year and I simply gave my age as registered in the Railway to be inserted in the service book of the Marine Office at Calcut when required to do so.

Mr. R. Dixon Carter, the Assistant Traffic Manager referred to is now in the Southern Mahratta Railway. I would beg that he may be referred to if necessary as to the correctness of my statements. It is a long time ago that matters occurred as represented but it is just possible that Mr. Carter, may be able to recall them to his mind.

Kind Sir, I trust these representations will sufficiently convince you what my actual age is. I may be permitted to add that before taking service under Mr. Carter, in the Railway, he also knew me *i. e.* from my very boyhood when I was protected and brought up by a European gentleman (Mr. Allon) after the death of my father who was a sailor.

Under these circumstances I crave your kind and best consideration on my behalf and humbly beg you will be graciously pleased to take such steps as may be necessary to alter the entry in the service register of my age to the 17th March 1847. For which act of kindness I shall in duty bound offer my fervent prayer to heaven.

I beg to remain,

Respected Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Patricius Joseph
Assistant Conservator.

BEYPORE PORT OFFICE,

23rd August 1897.

No. 437 G
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Heading

Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 11th October 1898.

From

Commander W. Aves, R.S.M.,
By Presidency Port Officer,
Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
CHEPAK.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. Marine,
No. 406, dated 22nd August 1898 I have
the honour to submit 3 Affidavits
on stamped paper together with
the petition of P.M. Joseph, Assistant
Port Conservator of Beypore, and to
request that the orders of Govern-
ment may be obtained on the
Office letter No. 1837/214, G. dated
21st June 1898.

I have the honour to
Sir,
Your obedt. servant

A. D. Bannu
for Asst. Port Officer

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