

(1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 309

His Excellency the Governor
in Council is not prepared
to modify G.O. 192 Marine,
of 2^d March 1899. We
therefore must accordingly
be retired in accordance
with the wish of the Harbour
Trust Board.

From

The Chairman

Wien to our Trust. Board.

No. 4601

Dated 27. 2. 77

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SUBJECT.

Mr. S. Hutchence, Waffer

Manager, Harbor Trust Board.

Submitting, with remarks,
petition from — praying
for an extension of Service.

FOR ORDERS.

Mr. S. Hutchence, Traffic Manager Harbor Trust Board, makes, appeals against the Board's proposal to retire him under the 55 years rule. He avers that he is strong, active and fit for work and that, if now retired, he will only be eligible for a monthly pension of Rs. 83/6/4, his present salary being Rs. 500. He accordingly prays that his service may be extended. The Chairman of the Board does not however recommend such extension, but states that if the break in his service be condoned, Mr. Hutchence's pension would be proportionately increased.

2. So far as can be ascertained from the papers in the file, and no others are available in this office, Mr Hutchence was thrown out of Govt employ in 1874 and re-employment in the

London 27th June 1864

I have the pleasure to certify that Mr. Stephen Hitchens has served with me nearly 4 years in the Army Clothing Department, and in view of his long and faithful service, I have the pleasure to recommend him to the consideration of the Government.

(Signed) G. Pickers. Major.

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II.

Madras, June 6th 1865.

This is to certify that the former Stephen Hitchens served in the Army Clothing Department for the space of 6 months, from London to Madras, during which time I found him sober and attentive to his duty, and that I have discharged him to the best of my power. I can give confidence to the Government that he is a man requiring no further recommendation.

(Signed) Genl. Bruce. Major-General.

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III.

Madras 27th February 1874.

I have the pleasure to certify that during the sixteen months I was acting Superintendent of Army Clothing Mr. Hitchens the Machinist gave me every satisfaction. He was very attentive to his work and kept the sewing machines in good order doing all the minor repairs himself. I shall be glad to hear of his obtaining employment elsewhere, his present situation through no fault of his own but merely from the introduction of the contract system into the Army Clothing Department.

(Signed) T. Fort Church Lt. Col.

*Vide Statement

service on 9. Oct. 1878. The break in his service thus amounts to 4 years. Under article 465 (1) C.S. Regs the Local Govt may condone interruptions in service, whatever their duration, if the proposed pension does not exceed Rs. 50 a month and if it is a Provincial Charge. The limit of Rs. 50 will be exceeded in Mr. Hitchens's case and the Local Govt has thus no power to condone the 4 years interruption. The Govt of India has also no power, vide article 465 (1) C.S. Regs.

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IV.

March, 27th February 1874.

Mr. A. H. Smith is employed as machinist in the Clothing Department during the month of February and I was in charge of the office. He is well known to his work and has many qualifications for the position. I have had the honor to receive from him a letter of recommendation from the Chief of the Department, dated the 1st of February, in which he states that he is a very capable and steady man and that he is well qualified for the position of machinist in the Clothing Department. He is a very capable and steady man and that he is well qualified for the position of machinist in the Clothing Department.

(Signed) W. A. Walters, Major.

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V.

October, 2nd May 1874.

I have been informed in writing that so long as Mr. Hutchings served in the Clothing Department in charge of the machines in the Clothing Department I always found him most attentive to his duties and very zealous in the discharge of his duties.

He is a very capable and steady man and has been employed in the Clothing Department for a long time. Having lost his employment through a reduction of staff I hope it will not be long before he finds occupation again.

(Signed) A. C. Smith, Col.

Chief of the Department of Army Clothing.

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VI.

Army Clothing Department.

March, 21st April 1874

No. 118.

This is to certify that Mr. A. H. Smith was employed in this Department as a machinist in charge of the sewing machines and had a general charge of the Mechanical Department. His services in this Department were rendered over a period of 8 years and 28 days and were terminated on the 31st March 1874 on the abolition of the Mechanical Department in this establishment. He is a very capable and steady man and is well qualified for the position of machinist in the Clothing Department.

regular in his attendance.

(Signed) A. T. Searle, Major.

Superintendent Army Clothing.

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VII.

Madras, June 1878.

This is to certify that during the time Mr. S. Hutchence was employed by the Army Clothing Contractor viz from the end of May 1874 to the end of May 1878 he gave me entire satisfaction in the conduct of his work.

Although Mr. Hutchence was paid by the Contractor during the above period he was to a very great extent under my orders and he carried out my instructions in the same manner as when he was actually employed by me and his work was all done in the Army Clothing Agency and for Government and was under the personal supervision of the Army Master Tailor and the other Government Officials in the Army Clothing Agency.

(Signed) A. T. Searle.

Superintendent & Agent Army Clothing
Department.

VIII.

Extract from Service Register.

List of Appointments.

Traffic Overseer.

Acting Port Master.

Acting Port Officer.

Acting Assistant Harbour
Master.

By: Supt. of Harbour
Dues.

As: Supt. of Harbour
Dues.

Mr. Hutchence's services being now made over to the Port Trust I have pleasure to put on record my very high sense of the value of his services in the Marine Department. He is a man of very comprehensive ability able and willing to run his ship to any thing and one whose honesty and truth may be confidently relied on. I know no one I have a higher respect for or whose interests

I would more willingly advance.

(Signed) J. H. Taylor.

4th June 1886.

Master Attendant

Administrative Department.

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XIX. It is with genuine regret that I find myself compelled to sever my official connection with Mr. S. Hutchence after a period of nearly 8 years. The worth of his character and qualifications have already been certified to by the Master Attendant Officially in his Service Book, and I can only re-echo his sentiments by adding my testimony to Mr. Hutchence's varied qualifications, to his probity, truthfulness, zeal and sobriety as displayed throughout the whole length of his service. His transfer to another Department is and will be a loss to the Marine Department, to which Department I for one, should be glad to welcome him, if an opportunity offered of giving him suitable employment.

(Signed). T.E. Marshall

Master Attendant's Office

Deputy Master Attendant.

Executive Department.

Madras, 7th June 1886.

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26th November 1889.

List of Appointments.

Deputy Superintendent of Harbour ~~works~~ Dues.

Deputy Traffic Manager

Chief Accountant.

Sir.

You ask me by wire, to send you a certificate as to how you performed your duties, in view to your applying for the Deputy Collectorate of Sea Customs, now vacant. I have al-

already as repeated wired my opinion that you did "very
efficient service" during the years I was Chairman. *You were*
always to the front and pulled well with the general business
public. I was under the impression that the vacant post
would be filled from the regular ranks of Deputy Collectors,
but, if an outsider is to be put in I know no one better fit-
ted than yourself. You possess energy, tact and decision
three essentials to the position besides experience.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) R.W. Harlow.

Late Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

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XI.

Extract from service Register.

List of Appointments.

Deputy Traffic Manager

Traffic Manager

Acting Secretary.

Mr. Hutchence has been
Traffic Manager during my tenure
of Office as Chairman. I have never
met a more thoroughly efficient

trustworthy and indefatigable Officer. His management of
the Traffic reflects the greatest credit on himself and his
staff.

(Signed) W. Austin.

Chairman.

20th April 1897.

CHAIRMAN

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HARBOUR TRUST

Harbour Trust Board,

Madras, 21st February 1899.

To

His Excellency Sir Arthur Milbank Havelock, G.C.M.G., G.C.I.F.,

Governor of Madras.

Through

The Chairman of the

Harbour Trust Board,

Madras.

The Hon. Mr. Stephen
Hutchence, Traffic Manager, Harbour
Trust Board Madras.

Respectfully sheweth:-

That your Petitioner is a Government servant of many years standing having been employed under Government in the Army Clothing Department from 1866 to 1874, when he was thrown out of employment through a reduction of establishment; and again succeeded in obtaining employment in the Marine Department, on the 9th October 1876. That in June 1886 he was by G.O. No. 51 Marine dated 3rd February 1887, transferred to the service of the Harbour Trust Board.

That your Petitioner attains the age of 55 years on the 14th of May next ensuing, and that he received the following communication on the 24th of January last:-

"Extract of Proceedings of the Trustees of the
"Harbour of Madras at a meeting held at the Offices of the
"Board on Friday 20th day of January 1899:-
"5. Read memo by the Chairman bringing to the notice
"of the Board that the Traffic Manager Mr. Hutchence will
"attain the age of 55 years during the next Official year;
"and being a Government servant lent to the Board that

Submitted. I regret that I cannot recommend
extension of service for Mr. Hutchence.
If the break in his service be condoned, his pension
will be proportionately increased.

J. H. Atkinson
25.2.99.

Dear Sir
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"it is necessary, if his services are to be continued,
"to get the sanction of Government."

"Resolved, that the Board does not recommend extension of service - one Trustee dissenting."

"No. 3948:-

"True extract forwarded to the Board's
"Traffic Manager for information."

(By order)

(Signed) C. Piment.

Secretary

Harbour Trust Board."

That your Petitioner is strong and active, and has not had a days illness for many years past, and is prepared to appear before a Medical Board if necessary.

That your Petitioner from the age of 16 years and upwards, has been happy in the receipt of expressions of approbation from each gentleman under whom he has served in the many and varied occupations in which he had been engaged, as certified by the many testimonials he holds: copies of which are attached.

That the resolution above referred to came as a great shock to your Petitioner, considering the conditions of service laid down in Article 503, Chapter XVIII. part iv of the Civil Service Regulations.

That your Petitioner will if compelled to retire at 55 years of age, be eligible for a monthly pension of Rs. 85/5/4 only, for the 20 years he has served in the Marine Department, and Harbour Trust Board, although he is now in receipt of a salary of Rs. 500/- per mensem, as he has been transferred to foreign service, where his pensionable pay remained at the rate of pay in which he was transferred, viz, Rs. 250/- per mensem.

That your Petitioner having had a very large family

to provide for and educate - 3 of whom are still unprovided for - has not been able to make any provision for retirement, beyond keeping up a Life Assurance Policy; and your Petitioner humbly begs your Excellency, to consider the great hardship which will be entailed on your Petitioner, after so long and faithful service, if compelled to retire while still able to do good and hard work for Government.

That Your Petitioner fears, that to be sent from the service of the Board while still strong and active after so many years service, will be considered as a reflection on his character, and preclude him from obtaining employment after he is retired.

That your Petitioner feels he can, in addition to the testimonials submitted, refer with confidence to the Honorable Mr. James Thompson, a recent Chairman of the Board; also to the Honorable Mr. S. R. Turnbull, and Mr. J. A. Boyson, as these two last named Gentlemen have known your Petitioner and his work for the past 20 years.

That your Petitioner in conclusion would humbly beg Your Excellency to favourably consider your Petitioner's circumstances; also his long and faithful service, and, if it please Your Excellency, to graciously extend his service, so that your Petitioner may not, while little past the prime of life, be thrown out of active useful employment into a state of compulsory idleness.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

J. Mitchell

Traffic Manager,
Harbour Trust Board.