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Ootacamund 14th May 1859.

In November 1857, when leaving Madras for the Nilgiris, Capt Jacob, then E. I. Comp^y Astronomer requested me to visit the Meteorological Observatory at Dodabatta, in order to encourage the observer there Mr. De Cruz, and particularly to look into his manner of determining the time.

I accordingly paid frequent visits to the Dodabatta Observatory & was very well satisfied with the manner in which Mr. De Cruz performed his duties. He was always alert and the instruments of the Observatory were in an efficient state.

On many occasions I made Mr. De Cruz take sextant altitude of the Sun for time, which I tested by my own observations. The ball drop at Dodabatta, being visible from my residence at Ootacamund, I constantly, for some months, compared the time given by it with that determined by myself. On no occasion did I ever notice a discrepancy between Mr. De Cruz's time & my own of more than (38) thirty eight seconds. I therefore reported to Capt Jacob favorably of Mr. De Cruz & stated that considering his long services & the lonely and exposed life he had, for many years, led on a mountain peak remote from any human habitation, I thought him a fit subject for the favor of Govt & hoped he might receive some increase of salary.

Mr. De Cruz now informs me that the Dodabatta Observatory is to be discontinued & requests from me some expression of my opinion of him, which I accordingly give with much pleasure, trusting it may be.

be of service to him

(Signed) A. Strange Major J. M. L. C.
Asst. Secy. of India.

Mr. John De la Cruz has been employed at
the Dodabetta Observatory during the period I
have been here in command. I have found him
to be very attentive to his duties, & very civil &
obliging to parties who have visited Dodabetta
Observatory. (Signed) M. Ditcher.
6th June 1859

Lieut. Colonel
Canning. Secy. to the Govt.

At the J. De la Cruz's request I have
no hesitation in testifying that so far as I had
any intercourse with him, I always found him
(in his own work) assiduous & attentive & private-
ly obliging and of good character.

(Signed) E. B. Thomas.
Col. of Bangalore

4th June
1859

Establishment on Dodabetta.

The Establishment at Dodabetta consists of a writer
(John De la Cruz) and a Lascar. The former owes his name
to the fact of his having been brought up in a Portuguese
family, but is nevertheless an Asiatic by birth; he was
employed by me and gave every satisfaction during 1845
in the Civil Office at Penang and on the abolition of
that Office was entertained at Madras in a subordinate
capacity until the opportunity of employment occurred at
Ootacamund; from the nature of his previous occupations
at Penang — on his arrival at Ootacamund he should have
been qualified at once to enter upon his duties, but I took
the

the precautions during the two months which elapsed before
quitting the Hills (during the erection of the Bungalow) to
keep him continuously at work with the Aescant Barometers
and Thermometers, whereby I feel a considerable degree of
Confidence in his ability to perform his duties, as well as an
assurance - that the observations made by him are faithfully
and honestly recorded. With a view to render the duties as
little irksome as possible, I have only required that the
observations should be made twice during the day, namely
at 9th 40 m. A. M. and at 3th 40 m. P. M. or the times at
which the Barometer arrives at his Superior Maximum
and Minimum - save that on 21-22 of each
month the observations are made hourly

(Signed) J. G. Taylor Esq^r
Madras Observatory
15th February 1848
H. C. Astronomer

This is to certify that John De Cruz
has employed as an Assistant in the Penang
Meteorological Observatory for 2½ years during
which time he behaved himself to my Satisfac-
tion -

(Signed) G. F. Gollib.
Late in Charge of the
Observatory
Penang
10th January
1846

To.

Major W. B. Norster
Respected Sir. Anga Astronomer

With due deference and humble submission. I beg permission to bring the following few lines to your benign notice, fully confiding that my present grievances may be redressed through the mediation of your kind recommendation.

In 1842 I was entertained in Tidal Observatory at Punaag, as a Writer, which situation I held up to the year 1846 when I was transferred there to Doshabatta Observatory situated on the loftiest peak of the Neilgherrie Hills. As you are well aware of the nature and climate thereof & also of the wild & ferocious animals of which they are abodes, I need not say anything more than that I have been frequently encountered by Tigers & Leopards & exposed to the danger of losing my life. In such a horrible place as this I led for 13 years an unfriended & melancholy life. Respected Sir you may imagine in what a disturbed condition I should have been in those days.

Here I beg leave very respectfully to state that as the services of a Sutar for the Doshabatta Observatory were indispensably required I was under the necessity of employing one & paid him out of my small salary. Rs. 35. per a period of 5 years. viz: from 1847. to 1852. In the year 1852 Government were pleased to increase the Establishment. I have thus served the Govt. for a long period of 16 years with every care & diligence & unremitting attention without the least complaint against me - but unfortunately I have been removed lately.

late from the office under the orders of the Govt
abolishing the Dodabatta Observatory. Ever since
I am suffering very much for want of livelihood

Looking on you alone Sir as the only gentleman to
whom I can have recourse for my relief I have pro-
-duced very respectfully to solicit your goodness would
be pleased to have sympathy on me & my large
helpless family & recommend me either for an
employment in any of the public works Dept. or
to submit my case to the favorable consideration
of Govt supported by your strong recommenda-
-tion as to grant me Pension (as special case) to
which I am entitled under the existing Regulations
& thus relieve me from the great embarrassment from
which I am laboring since the removal from the
Observatory

In conclusion I beg leave to enclose herewith
Copies of my testimonials for your kind perusal.

Which act of Charity & benevolence
will be esteemed with my utmost heartfelt gra-
-titude accompanied by my sincere prayers for
your long life happiness & prosperity.

I beg to remain

Madras 2^d Aug 1859

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Respectfully
Your Most Obedient Servant

J. George
Late in charge Dodabatta
Observatory Melgherry

From

Brevet Major W. K. Warster

Acting Astronomer

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

In submitting the accompanying petition
from John Desmize the late Assistant in charge of the
Dodabatta Meteorological Observatory, I have the honor to
state that he appears to have conducted the observations
very systematically and correctly, and as by the abolition of
the Observatory he is without employment, I trust I may
be permitted to support his application for some small
Pension, or gratuity, in consideration of his services for a
period of 15 years.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most obedient Servant

W. K. Warster

Acting Astronomer

Madras Observatory
3^d August 1859

General Department.

N^o 550.

Report of the Civil Auditor

The Civil Auditor has the honor to report, that the service of Mr. John D'Eruize, the late Assistant in Charge of the Godabetta Meteorological Observatory at Ootacamund, extends over a period of 12 Years and 18 days: and that his Salary is Rupees 2 -- -- per mensem; He is therefore entitled to a gratuity under the new rules. -

2. The service rendered by Mr. John D'Eruize, as a Writer in the Tidal Observatory at Penang, from 1843 to 1846, is excluded from the above calculation in consequence of the Civil Auditor being unable to verify that portion of his service, the charges of the Tidal Observatory not coming under the audit of this Presidency. -

Fort Saint George,
Civil Audit Office,
8th August 1859 -

J. S. S. S.
Civil Auditor.

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Civil Pension Department. -

Ex. P. S.

Referred to the Civil Auditor for the usual verification.

Fort Saint George, 1859. } Depy. Secy. to Government.

To The Civil Auditor, dated 3/10/59. 8/59. 6/59/25/22.

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The Chief Secretary to Government
The Civil Pension Department
Ootacamund 1859.
John D'Eruize the
late Assistant in charge
of the Godabetta Observatory

With an Envelope

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Public Dept
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Acting Astro.
date 3rd

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Order thereon Dated 22nd August 1859 No. 278

The Acting Astronomer
in view of the
enough to submit
Mr. D'Cruike's appli-
-cation in proper
form, and to
state whether he
from the records
of his office, verify
the portion of
service between
1843 & 1846 said to
have been kept
in the Tidal Observa-
-tory

vide. In Order dated 30th
May 1858, No. 143. Sec. Pub. Dept.
also notification in Page 652 of
the Gazette of 1855.

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from
The Civil Auditor

Order 8th August 1859
No. 143

Reporting on the
service of Mr. D'Cruike
Assistant in charge of the
Doddabettu & Mithalpur
Observatory at Coimbatore.

at Penang - we
Govt. would also
observe that the
Application should
be for gratuity
Mr. D'Ennis's service
not being sufficient
to entitle him to
pension -

J.P. L.R.
By Secy to Govt

To The Acting Astronomer
Sep 22/8/59.

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From

Brevet Major W. H. Worster

Acting Astronomer

To

The Deputy Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of Govern-
ment dated the 22nd August 1859 No. 278, I have the
honor to submit a form of application for gratuity in
behalf of John Decruize late assistant at the
Dodabetta Observatory.

In computing the time of service
the former (John Decruize) I have been guided by the records of this Office, and
owes his name to the fact of his having been brought up in a Portuguese family,
but is nevertheless an Asiatic by birth; he was employed by me and gave every
satisfaction during 1843, 1844, and 1845 in the Tidal Office at Penang, and on the
abolition of that office, was entertained at Madras, in a
subordinate capacity until the opportunity of employment
occurred at Octacamund. 7

of the introduction to the Meteorological Observations
made at Dodabetta, (under date the 15th February
1848) which I conceive may be viewed in the
light of an official testimony to the period John
Decruize was in the service of the Government.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Madras Observatory }
29th August 1859 }

W. H. Worster Maj.
Acting Astronomer

Register of an application for a gratuity from the Establishment of the Madras Observatory preferred under the rules proposed by Government under date 15th May 1857

Mr. John DeFrige son of Joseph DeFrige	1	Dark	5 4 39 2 0	0	Christian	Coimbatore	Colacammal	Colacammal	11	11	37-5-2	12-0-0	2 nd August 1859	One year on the abolition of the Club Officer at Penang	Not continuous	One year on the abolition of the Club Officer at Penang	2 nd August 1859	On the abolition of the present system of the present Government	Logical observations on the abolition of the present system of the present Government	Remarks by the Head of Office	Proposed amount of gratuity	From the Club Treasurer for the Club Treasurer from the Club Treasurer	Six months	Orders of Government
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Madras Observatory
29th August 1859

William the 1st of
Acting Astronomer

SEPARATE.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

No. 300

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation,

dated 10th September 1859.

(Read the following paper.)

From the Acting Astronomer - Res. Enter 3rd August 1859

From the Civil Auditor - " - 8 August 1859.

Proceedings of Government - " - 22 August 1859

From the Acting Astronomer - " - 31 August 1859

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to recommend for the sanction of the Government of India a Gratuity of Rupees (160) one hundred & sixty-eight

to Mr. John Hennige late Assistant in charge of the Sollabetta Observatory

in conformity with the rules contained in the Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors to the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 24th June No. 43 of 1857, and directs that the following grounds of recommendation be inserted in the Tabular application to be submitted to that authority.

" GROUNDS OF RECOMMENDATION "

L. F.

By: Secy. to Govt.

J. P.

To the Secy. to the Govt.
of India - 10/9/59

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From the M. J. : Returnance

No. 427 Observatory 1859

To the M. J. : Secy. to Govt.

Dated 29th August 1859

Received 31 August 1859

Submits an application

for gratuity in behalf of John

DeGruise late Assistant at

the Goddard Observatory.

Madras Observatory

29th August 1859

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APPLICATION for the grant of a Gratuity to the undermentioned Individual.

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District in which claimant is occupied.	Department of the service.	Name.	Nature of occupation.	Age.		Years of service.		Grounds of recommendation.	Remarks by the Head of applicants office.	Remarks by the Local Government.	Orders of the Government of India.
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Cotacamund	Public	John Asis.	Assis.	39	2	12	18	Mr. John Spriggs late assistant in charge of the Rockbottom Meteorological Observatory has served Government for a period of 12 years & 18 days; during which time he has conducted the observations very systematically & correctly, and has borne a good character. He is now thrown out of employ by the abolition of the Observatory and is recommended for the gratuity set opposite his name.	Favorable	Recommended	
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		John Asis.	Assis.	39	2	12	18				

SEPARATE.

Public Department.

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Forwarded for sanction to the Government of India.

Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Fort St. George.

L. F.
By: Secy. to Govt.

Fort St. George,
10 September 1859.

Application for the grant of a

District in which claimant is occupied
 Department of the Service
 Name
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 Age
 Years of service
 Amount of salary last drawn by applicant
 Amount of gratuity for years served

Portacammund Public John D'Brize Apist 39 2 12 2 112 - 158 -
 Thirty nine Two Twelve One hundred and sixty Eight Rupees.

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Fort St George
 10th September 1859

Gratuity to the Undermentioned Individual

Remarks by the Head of applicants Office
 Remarks by the Local Govt.
 Orders of the Govt of India

Mr John D'Brize late officer in charge of the Portacammund Meteorological Observatory has served Govt for a period of 12 years and 18 days during which time he has conducted the observations very systematically and correctly and has borne a good character. He is now thrown out of employ by the abolition of the Observatory and is recommended for the Gratuity set opposite his name.

Favorable

Recommended

Sanctioned. Copy forwarded to the Govt and the Local Auditor Madras.

By order of the Governor General in Council

Fort William
 Financial Department
 The 30th September 1859
 Secretary to the Government of India

Public Department

Rs 300.
 Forwarded for sanction to the Govt of India
 J. T. Pycroft.
 Chief Secy to the Govt of Fort St George

