

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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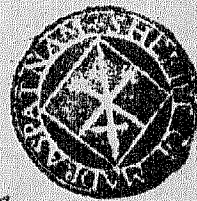
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To All whom it may Concern,

I hereby constitute make and  
appoint Henry Gibbs one of my sworn  
Bailiffs to Summon, take, arrest, and  
Attach, Seize and Sequester and so forth  
and to do all such duties as may  
appertain and belong to such appointment,  
and further, more to execute and obey  
any legal Warrant or orders from  
time to time made by me.

Given under my hand and Seal  
of Office this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March,  
1826.

David Gordon  
Sheriff.



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misplaced and if unfortunately should  
ever afford in which you may think  
that I am full of assistance to you  
I have no doubt but that I will not  
hesitate.

Madam Police Office  
31st January 1835. 3  
Your obedient servant  
C. J. P. P. P.  
Chief Constable

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To The Chief Secretary to  
Government  
Sir,

Upon the Discharge of Mr. J. Spencer  
as Keeper of His Majesty's Jail the Situation was  
conferred upon Mr. T. Gibbs the Market Sergeant  
or Chief Constable in the Town of Madras and the  
greatest difficulty had occurred to find a person  
fitting to fill the vacancy which is one of the utmost  
importance to the Peace of the Town requiring  
constant attention activity judgment and spirit upon  
all occasion of squabbles, affrays, assaults, and  
Breaches of the Peace occasioned by Drunken  
Soldiers, Sailors, or other Europeans, the Market  
Constable is invariably called upon, at all Hours of the  
Night, to quell the disturbance and in Justice to  
Mr. Gibbs I beg leave to say that I consider the quiet  
and peaceable State of the Town of late has been  
much owing to his admirable conduct in the  
Execution of the arduous duty.

After much inquiring I heard of a man  
in the Horse Artillery who from Character, Conduct,  
and Strength well suited to fill the Office of  
Market

Market Constable applied to the Officer Commanding  
the Corps for information, by which it appears that  
Sergeant Macflaren the ~~Trumper~~ Major has still  
12 months to serve before he is entitled to his discharge.  
The Commanding Officer at the same time states  
that in consequence of Sergeant Macflaren's great  
weight it is difficult to find a Horse to carry him  
for the performance of his duty in the Corps. He  
gives him the Highest Character for Sobriety, and  
Steadiness, and adds, that he speaks both Hindoostanee  
and Tamil and that Sergeant Macflaren himself  
is anxious to obtain the situation vacant in the Police  
if it could be possibly done without his losing the  
benefit of his former service as a Soldier under their  
Circumstances, I am induced to request the favourable  
Consideration of the Honorable Governor or Council and  
that he will be pleased to permit, if possible Sergeant  
Macflaren to serve the remainder of his time in  
performing the duties of Market Constable which  
is one of so much importance to the whole population  
of the Town of Madras.

This application is made with the  
knowledge of the Commanding Officer of the Corps and  
after communicating with the Advocate General of the  
Army from whom I learnt that Government alone  
could sanction such an augment.

Madras  
2<sup>nd</sup> February  
1838

Shane J.  
Signed C. L. C.  
C. M. H. J.

Mr W. H. M. (Mr. H. M.) has not been Madras, without giving  
testimony to the abilities which were displayed by Mr. H. M.  
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Madras 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 1837

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Make in Libb's pension  
Commence from the 15<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>  
Jp

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, For Saint George, dated 28th July 1860, No. 84.

With reference to the Order of Government of date 23rd April last, No. 502, Judicial Department, wherein certain alteration to the Ward at the North West angle of the Premises was ordered to adapt it for the reception of Prisoners committed by Magistrates for trial; I have the honor to report that the alterations then contemplated are now so far advanced towards completion, that I think the work may probably be finished in less than one month.

ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1860, No. 982.

In the above letter the Commissioner of Police reports that the alterations, which are required to adapt the Ward at the North West angle of the Penitentiary for the reception of Prisoners committed by the Magistrates for trial, and which were sanctioned by Order of Government, Judicial Department, 23rd April last, No. 502, are so far advanced towards completion, that the work may probably be finished in less than one month.

2. Under these circumstances the Government resolve to address the Judges of Her Majesty's Supreme Court, and to inform them that on the alterations in question being fully completed—which the Commissioner of Police will duly report—the Prisoners now in the Grand Jail awaiting trial will be transferred to the Penitentiary and the Magistrates will be instructed to commit all such Prisoners to the same Prison. The Grand Jail will thenceforward be wholly a Civil Prison.

3. The transfer will afford the fitting opportunity for carrying out the arrangement suggested by Colonel Boulderson in his letter of the 6th February last, paras. 3-6, for placing the salary of the Keeper of the Penitentiary on a better footing. To do this it will be necessary that the Senior Keeper of the Grand Jail, Mr. Gibbs—now about 75 years old—should be transferred to the Pension Establishment. The Commissioner will cause an application to be submitted to Government accordingly in the usual form.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Police.

„ Sheriff of Madras.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

*For Boulderson*

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From

Mr Henry Little  
Keeper of H. M. Gaol

To

Cyrus Burton Powell Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Sheriff of Madras.

Sir

With reference to Para 3. Extract  
from the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial  
Department dated 6<sup>th</sup> August 1860 N<sup>o</sup> 982. I have the  
honour to submit this my application for a pension,  
and respectfully to request that you will have the  
goodness to lay the same before Government for their  
Consideration and Orders accompanied by your re-  
commendation.

I beg to forward herewith a statement of  
my services from the year 1826, together with the un-  
dermentioned papers in connexion therewith.

As to my general character and  
conduct in the Official situations which I have held  
I beg to draw your attention to the letter from Mr  
Elliott dated 31<sup>st</sup> January 1835, to the Certificate  
from

from Mr. McKinnin dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1835,  
and to the fact of the presentation of a gold medal  
to me in the year 1857 by Messrs. Bickel, Norton,  
Morphett, Franklin, Salomons, Ritchie, Salmon,  
Erne, and McKinnin, who were respectively Sheriffs  
of Madras, as you will find on reference to the Records  
of your Office.

I also beg to draw your attention to  
the event of my transfer from the Post of Sworn Bailiff  
to that of Market Constable. It was not my intention  
to quit the employment of Sworn Bailiff for that of  
Market Constable, in consequence of the Post of Keeper of  
H. M. Gaol, being withheld from me, and given to Mr.  
Spencer junior to me in services, after I had been promised  
the situation by the Sheriff, and after having acted for  
Mr. Moff during intervals in the year 1824. Mr. R. Eden  
who was Sheriff of Madras in 1830, insisted upon my under-  
taking the duties of Market Constable, and stated that  
disturbances being rife in and about the town of  
Madras, and Mr. Spencer being an inexperienced  
rider, he was selected for the Gaol and I for the  
Market. Mr. Eden also stated that if I did not  
consent to accept of the Post of Market Constable,  
I would forfeit both employments. Fearing lest  
the Order of Government should be enforced, I  
assumed the office of Market Constable and conducted

the several duties of the station, till the mutiny broke out  
among the European Criminal Prisoners of H. M. Gaol, in which  
Mr. Spencer the Gaoler was severely wounded, when I  
was appointed Keeper of H. M. Gaol.

While in charge of the Gaol, I had on several occasions  
run the risk of losing my life in endeavoring to quell disturbances  
which took place among the European prisoners and in the year 44  
J. Brown belonging to the 6<sup>th</sup> Buffs Horse Brigade of Artillery, having struck  
3 Peons, attempted to disable me for life, by making a running kick at me,  
and struck me under the abdomen. I have the honor to be

H. M. Gaol  
Madras  
15<sup>th</sup> August 1863

Sir  
Your most obedient servant  
H. Gibbs  
Keeper of H. M. Gaol

### Memo.

Letter from Mr. E. F. Elliott to Mr. H.  
Gibbs, dated 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1835.

Copy Letter from Mr. E. F. Elliott to the  
Chief Secretary to Government dated 12<sup>th</sup> February 1835.

Certificate from Mr. McKinnin  
dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1835.

Warrant of appointment dated 21<sup>st</sup>  
March 1826 by Mr. E. Gordon Sheriff of  
Madras, to H. Gibbs, as a Sworn Bailiff.

A Statement of the services of Mr. Henry Edin in the various Capacities of Bailiff,  
Market Sergeant, or Chief Constable, and Keeper of the Prison, Gaol.

| Period of service, as a Bailiff of the Sheriff of Scotland.                                                                                            | Period of service as a Market Sergeant or Chief Constable, Keeper of the Gaol.                                                                                   | Remarks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mr. Henry Edin was engaged as a Sheriff's Bailiff by Mr. Edmond Gordon on the 21 <sup>st</sup> day of March 1826 and held that post till January 1830. | Mr. H. Edin was transferred to the Prison Establishment in the month of January 1830 and continued in that situation till the 12 <sup>th</sup> of February 1833. | He was not the intention of Mr. Edin to quit the employment of either Mr. Bailiff or that of Market Constable, in consequence of the death of Mr. Edin, who was then his superior in services after his having acted for Mr. Edin during his absence in the year 1829. Mr. Edin, who was then a Sheriff in 1830 assisted at his installation the duties of Market Constable and stated that after having been sworn in as an assistant the Town of Glasgow and Mr. Edin, who was then a Sheriff, was selected for the Gaol. Mr. Edin also said that if Mr. H. Edin did not consent to accept of the post of Mr. C. he would forfeit both his employment & the office of Mr. C. and conduct the duties till the next election in the Gaol and the Gaol Mr. C. was sworn, provided when he was appointed Keeper of the Gaol. |

H. M. Gaol  
Madras.  
The 15<sup>th</sup> August  
1833

*H. M. Gaol*  
Keeper of the Gaol

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No 7.

From, Egre Burton Powell Esquire  
Sheriff of Madras  
To, Thomas Pycroft Esquire  
Chief Secretary to Government  
Sir, Fort Saint George

\* dated 15<sup>th</sup> August  
1860.

1. I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government, the accompanying application for the grant of a Superannuation Pension, from Mr H. Gibbs, Keeper of Her Majesty's Gaol.

2. Mr Gibbs appears to have been in the Public Service for upwards of 34 years.

3. The Records of this Department shew that he was employed in the capacity of Sheriff's Bailiff from March 1826 to December 1829 and that he has held his present office of Keeper of H.M. Gaol since 1<sup>st</sup> February 1835.

4. As to Mr Gibbs' general character and conduct, my personal knowledge regards only the time during which I have held office, but from the intercourse I have had with him during my Shrievalty, I have no hesitation in saying that I believe him to possess — remarkable honesty, zeal, energy, diligence and activity and I have to state that he has invariably given me entire satisfaction in the

faithful

faithful and efficient discharge of his responsible duties.

5. From what I am able to learn, Mr Gibbs' previous general character and conduct during the time he has been in this Establishment appear to have been excellent.

6. The undermentioned papers accompany this.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Sheriff's Office  
Madras - }  
22<sup>nd</sup> August 1860. }  
V B Smith  
Sheriff

W. J. F.

Memo

Statement of Mr H. Gibbs' Services.

Letter from Mr C. F. Elliot to Mr H. Gibbs dated 31<sup>st</sup> January 1835.

Copy Letter from Mr C. F. Elliot to the Chief Secretary to Government dated 12<sup>th</sup> February 1835.

Certificate from Mr McKennie dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1835.

Warrant of appointment dated 21<sup>st</sup> March 1826 by Mr C. Gordon, Sheriff of Madras, to Mr H. Gibbs, as a Sworn Bailiff and Register of application for pension.

Personal Despatches

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To the Chief of the 2 to 1000

Dated 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1866,  
Rec<sup>d</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>

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submitting for the  
consideration of Gov<sup>t</sup>  
an application for the  
grant of dispensation  
from all & H. & H.  
Major of H. Co. Cal.

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With an Order

Referred to the Civil Auditor for the usual  
verification.

Fort Saint George,  
25<sup>th</sup> August 1866.

Depy. Secy. to Government.

To

The Civil Auditor. Dec/25/8/60.

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Henry Gibbs  
son of  
William Gibbs

Sheriff's office  
Madras

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B. Powell  
sheriff

General Department-

N<sup>o</sup> 271.

Report of the Officiating Civil Auditor.

The Officiating Civil Auditor has the honor to report, that the authorized official allowance drawn by Mr. H. Gibbs, the Keeper of Her Majesty's Goal on the Establishment of the Sheriff of Madras, for the last five years of his service, has been Rs. 150 per mensem; and that his continuous service under the Government extends over a period of 34 Years 4 Months and 11 Days; viz: from 21<sup>st</sup> March 1826 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 1860.

He is eligible to a pension of half his salary.

Fort Saint George }  
Civil Audit Office }  
1<sup>st</sup> September 1860 }

C. F. M.

W. A. L. S.  
Offg. Civil Auditor

To

The Chief Secretary to Government  
Civil Pension Department.

N<sup>o</sup> 77

I do hereby certify that the Senior Keeper of the Gaol Jail Mr. H. Gibbs appears to me to be permanently disqualified for the further performance of his duties, and that no relaxation from duty or judicious treatment is likely to improve his incapacity which being the result of old age.

Samuel Montgomery  
M.D.

Acting Surgeon 1<sup>st</sup> District

Madras.  
17<sup>th</sup> September 1860

Certified  
between 1860 & 1861  
From Mr. 156

The Civil Auditor

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Civil Division

Dated 21<sup>st</sup> Sept

Recd 25<sup>th</sup> 1860

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Verifying the services  
of Mr. H. Gibbs & re:  
proving that he is  
eligible to 1/2 pension

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No. 17 Sept. 1860

N<sup>o</sup> 85.

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From

The Acting Surgeon 1<sup>st</sup> District  
in charge of H. M. Jail.

To

E. B. Powell Esq.  
Sheriff of Madras.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N<sup>o</sup> 8, dated the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst. and in reply thereto beg to inform you that to the best of my belief Mr Gibbs is as fully competent to perform his duties, as most men usually are at the age of 55 years, and that there is nothing in his state of health which prevents his continuing his present duties.

2. At the same time I should mention that his very advanced age renders it but too probable that his continued efficiency could not be looked for beyond a very few years and that perhaps under these circumstances it would not be desirable that he should enter upon a new appointment.

3. As I infer from the order of Government that it is their wish that Mr Gibbs should be Pensioned I enclose the formal Certificate required under such circumstances, but, in granting it I consider it due to Mr Gibbs and to myself to place on record for the information of Government the more detailed opinion which I have herein afforded.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

James Brown Esq.  
Acting Surgeon 1<sup>st</sup> District.

Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 1860.  
Madras.

N<sup>o</sup> 9

From, E. B. Lowell Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Sheriff of Madras  
 To, J. Pycroft Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Chief Secretary to Government  
 Fort Saint George

Sir,  
 In compliance with the request conveyed in Mr. Forbes's Memo. of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, I have the honor to forward a certificate from Dr. Montgomery in the form required to accompany an application for a pension; and I also transmit a letter which I received from Dr. Montgomery along with the certificate, and which he wishes to be submitted to Government. I beg to call special attention to the letter, as I am unable to reconcile its purport with that of the Certificate.

I have the honor to be,  
 Sir,  
 Your Most Obedt<sup>l</sup> Servt.  
 W. Hall  
 Sheriff

Sheriff's Office  
 Madras  
 20<sup>th</sup> September 1860  
 E. B. L.

requested to  
 be returned when  
 done with.

1<sup>st</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1860  
 20<sup>th</sup> September 1860  
 From Mr. Forbes  
 Mr. Forbes Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Mr. Forbes Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Mr. Forbes Esq<sup>r</sup>

Proceedings of the Madras Government  
from the Sheriff of Madras  
dated 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1860

from the Civil Auditor dated  
4<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>

from the Sheriff. Dated 20<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1860

Order thereon dated 29 October 1860 No. 401

W. H.  
J. H.

Mr Gibbs, Senior Keeper  
of the Grand Gaol, has  
served the State for  
a continuous period  
of 34 years, and being  
now upwards of  
70 years old, and  
inflicted by his age  
for further duty - is  
recommended for  
pension.

Resolved accord-  
ingly that a pension  
of Rs 75 p.m. being a  
moiety of his salary  
during the last 5

Med. Certificate  
of 17<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>

W. H. Copland  
Judge 1860  
from the Sheriff of Madras  
to the Chief Secy to Govt

Dated 20<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>  
No. 29<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1860

W. H.  
J. H.

Enclosed 2.  
1<sup>st</sup>

Enclosed a Certificate  
from Mr. H. H. H. H. H. H.  
together with his letter,  
with reference to the  
enclosed application for  
pension.

years of his service,  
he paid to him from  
the <sup>15th</sup> ~~date from~~ <sup>proce</sup> ~~which~~  
~~he seems to be con-~~  
~~ferred~~, and that a  
certificate he issued  
making it payable  
through the office of  
the Commissioners of  
Police -

x  
N<sup>o</sup> 2480.

W. H.  
W. H.  
W. H.

To  
The Sheriff of Macduff Dec 30/18/60 with original  
The Commissioner of Police Dec 30/18/60 with copy certificate  
The Civil Auditor Dec 30/18/60 with copy - do.

W. H. 6/11/60

C. B. A.

*Separate*

*Public Works*

*18401*

*Proc. of Court.*

*Dated 29 Oct 1840.*

*Quincy & McMillan  
Solic. of Wm. Kent. a copy  
annu. at the House of Reps.*

*Exhibit No 2480*