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BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

NO. 823

Dated 8th March 1880.

From,

THE COLLECTOR OF
BELLARY

To,

THE Accountant General
Madras

SIR

I have the honor to forward an application for a good service pension to be granted to Mr. B. A. Blake, late Treasury Deputy Collector at this station, whose services as detailed in the application as well as in his service book, herewith sent, has been verified from the records of this office.

2 He has received no gratuity.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
Henry Hardt
For Ag. Collector

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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MADRAS

Revenue 1880 DEPARTMENT.
BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Dated 8th March/80 No. 823

To,
The Accountant General
Madras

No. 764

ENCLOSURES (3)

Received 10th May 1880

Forwarding Application
for a pension from
the Service to Mr.
B. A. Blake late
Deputy Collector

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APPLICATION FOR PENSION. ~~GRATUITY~~.

1. Name of Applicant. Benjamin Alexander Blake

2. Father's name. Joseph Christian Blake

3. Sect or Caste. Eurasian

4. Residence. Bellary

5. Present or last employment. Deputy Collector in charge of Treasury Bellary

6. Date of beginning service. 15th September 1843 -

7. Date of end of service. 4th March 1880.

8. Length of service including breaks ... ... Y. M. D. ~~36 - 5 - 26~~ 36 6 26

of which superior ... ... ~~35 - 8 - 23~~ 35 9 23

inferior ... ... None

non-qualifying and breaks ... ... 0 - 9 - 3

9. Class of {pension ~~gratuity~~} applied for, and cause of application* ... Superannuation ~~Good service~~

10. [Average] emoluments or pay. - - - - - ~~482. 5. 4~~ 497 13 2

11. Proposed pension. - - - - - ~~241. 2. 8~~ 248 14 7

12. Proposed gratuity.

13. Date from which to commence. 5th ~~October~~ March 1880

14. Place of payment. Bellary -

15. Age of Applicant on this date. 57 years 8 months & 16 days - 21 June/23

16. Height. 5 feet 8½ inches

17. Marks. Open countenance, high forehead, slightly aquiline nose, [illegible] near the junction of the collar bone - last joint of little finger of right hand stiffened by a cut.

18. Date. 5th ~~October~~ March 1880

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* If the application is for a compensation, pension or gratuity, the nature of the change of establishment which has given rise to the claim should be fully stated.

Alexander ag Collr

SIGNATURE OF THE HEAD OF OFFICE.

HISTORY OF THE SERVICE (SHOWING BREAKS) OF Benjamin Alexander Blake

Establishment.	Appointment.	Pay.			Acting allowance.	Date of beginning.	Date of end.	Period reckoned as Service.			Period not reckoned as Service.			Remarks.	How verified.	Remarks by Accountant-General.
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.			Y.	M.	D.	Y.	M.	D.			
Sub Court Bellary	5th Eng: writer	17	8	"	—	16 Septr 1843 19 June 1844	18 Jany 1844 31 October 1844	– "	– 4	– 12	5	9	3	×Period within the age of 22 years.		× Nonqualifying being service rendered while within the age of 22 years.
Sessions Court Bellary	Ag do	21	"	"	—	1st November 44	10th June 45	"	7	10						
Sub Court Bellary	5th Eng writer	17	8	"		11th June 45.	15th July 46.	1	1	5						
do	4th Eng writer	21	"	"		16th July 46.	8th Jany 49.	2	5	~~24~~ 23						
do	2d Eng writer	35	"	"	—	9th Jany 49.	27th August 50.	1	7	~~20~~ 19						
do	Ag Head writer	70	"	"	—	28th Augt 50.	8th Decr 50.	"	3	~~12~~ 11						
do	2d Eng writer	35	"	"	—	9th Decr 50.	31st Decr 50.	"	"	~~23~~ 22						
Collectorate Bellary	Ag Dep Acctt.	53	8	"	—	1st Jany 51.	26th March 51.	"	2	26						
Sub Court Bellary	2d Eng writer	35	"	"		27th March 51.	13th April 51.	"	"	17						
Collectorate Bellary	Deputy Acctt.	53	8	"		14th April 51.	31st Jany 52.	"	9	17						
do	Translator	70	"	"	—	1st Feby 52.	7th Decr 57.	5	10	7						
do	Ag Head Acctt.	100	"	"		8th Decr 57.	31st Decr 58.	1	"	~~24~~ 23						
do	Head Clerk	100	"	"		1st Jany 59.	~~8th~~ 11th Septr 59.	"	~~8~~	11						
do	Dep Collr & Magte 4th Class	250	"	"		~~9th~~ 12th Septr 59.	12th April 69	9	7	1						
do	do 3rd Class	350	"	"	—	13th April 69.	~~7th October 75~~ 31st March 75	~~6~~ 5	11	~~25~~ 18						
do	do 2d Class	500	"	"	—	~~8th October 75~~ 1st April 75	4th March 80	~~4~~ 4	11	~~26~~ 4						
Total period of {superior ~~inferior~~} service								~~35~~ ~~35~~ 35	~~8~~ ~~7~~ 8	~~28~~ ~~23~~ 16						

Remarks: The judicial service of this officer has been verified from the records of the District Court.

T. P. M.
Sheristadar

How verified: Revenue service also has been verified strictly by Collector from the records of this office & those of the Court

Remarks by Accountant-General: Verified from the records of the judicial and the Revenue Departments of the Bellary District, and the verification confirmed partly by the Annual Returns and partly by the Audit Registers on record in this office

35-8-16

REMARKS BY HEAD OF OFFICE.

1. As to character and past conduct of Applicant. Good

2. Explanation of any suspension or degradation. None

3. Regarding any gratuity or pension already received by Applicant. See Chapter XX. None

4. Explanation under Section 47, Rule 1, so far as the Head of the Office can give it. None

5. Any other remarks. None

Ag Collr
SIGNATURE.

CERTIFICATE AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTANT GENERAL.

No. A.D.J. 372

CERTIFIED that ~~(subject to the remarks below recorded)~~ qualifying service in {~~inferior~~ superior} grades has been duly proved for 35 years 8 months and 16 days; and that a Superannuation {pension ~~gratuity~~} not exceeding Rs. 248-14-6 (and not Rs 248-14-7 as recommended) equal to ½ average emoluments (viz Rs 497-13-1 and not Rs 497-13-2) ⊗ will be admissible under Sections 65 and 70 of the Civil Pension Code. The calculations have been duly verified.

In accordance with rule 3 A, section 87, the attention of Government is respectfully solicited to Section 22 of the Code.

Asst to the Accountant General,
for Acct Genl

⊗ provided that Government are satisfied as to the applicant's inefficiency owing to age or infirmity.

Fort Saint George
Acct Genl's Office
5th May 1880

To
The Under Secretary to Government
Pension Department

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WT 15-4-80

No. A. D. K. 274
[*To be returned with reply.*]

TREASURY ACCOUNT DEPARTMENT,
PENSION VERIFICATION BRANCH,

Fort Saint George,
Accountant-General's Office,
12th April 1880.

FROM
THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,
MADRAS,

To
THE Collector of
Bellary

SIR,

WITH reference to your application for $\frac{\text{pension}}{\text{~~gratuity~~}}$ on behalf of Mr. B. A. Blake Treasury Deputy Collector, Bellary I have the honor to inform you that the final disposal of the application is delayed for want of Nos. 8, 18, 20, 21 and 22.

2. I particularly request that the required information may be supplied without delay, this letter being retransmitted for submission to Government along with the other papers connected with the case.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
C Hall
Offg *Assistant to the Accountant-General,*
for *Accountant-General.*

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1. House or country name of the applicant and that of his Father.

2. Insertion in the column headed "How verified," on the second page of the application herewith returned, the class of records from which the applicant's services have been verified.

3. Explanation of apparent breaks and degradation opposite to No. 2, on the third page of the application herewith returned.

4. Insertion in detail in the service book herewith returned of the several kinds of leave of absence other than privilege or casual leave enjoyed by the applicant.

5. Insertion in the service book herewith returned of the reason of termination of service on and for attestation of the entries thus made by the Head of the Office.

6. Insertion of the certificate opposite to No. 5 on the third page of the application that the applicant is inefficient owing to age or infirmity.

7. Signature of the $\frac{\text{Applicant}}{\text{Head of the Office}}$ in the appropriate columns of the accompanying service book.

× 8. Transmission ~~of the true copy of the correspondence in connection with the applicant's~~ $\frac{\text{~~suspension~~}}{\text{~~dismissal~~}}$ ~~in~~ ~~and~~ of a Last Pay Certificate.

9. Explanation of the cause of delay of nearly $\frac{\text{months}}{\text{years}}$ in the submission of the application.

10. Explanation why the applicant was retained in service up to when the medical certificate declaring him to be unfit for further service was dated the

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Pension 1880 Sept
No. 765.

APPLICATION FOR {PENSION OR ~~GRATUITY~~

Date of application. 5th May 1880

Name of Applicant. Mr. A. Blake

Last Appointment. Dy Collector Bellary

Class of {pension or gratuity

Amount of pension sanctioned.

Amount of gratuity sanctioned.

Date of commencement.

Date of sanction.

With order 438

11. Explanation why the applicant was removed from the service before his incapacity for further service was duly established by a certificate.

12. Explanation why the medical certificate is post-dated to the extent of days/months the applicant having ceased to do duty on

13. Information as to whether the applicant applied for his pension/gratuity during his life-time; if so, when he applied, and when he died.

14. Information as to the name of the applicant's heir entitled to receive the gratuity or the amount of arrears of pension due to him.

15. Revision of the affidavit and contemporary evidence. The evidence should contain information on the following points:—

(*a.*) Whether the applicant was in *permanent* employ of Government.
(*b.*) Whether there were any breaks in the continuity of his service and whether he was at any time absent on leave other than privilege; if so, the nature of such breaks and the duration of such leave of absence should, as far as possible, be specified.

16. Information as to whether the appointment of in which the applicant is stated to have been acting from to was *fully vacant*, and whether any person, save the applicant counted service in it during that period.

17. Information as to whether any endeavours were taken to provide a suitable appointment for the applicant. The amount of saving effected to Government by the abolition of his appointment in the Revision of Establishment should be stated.

18. Insertion of the several rates of acting allowance separately from pay.

19. A few more personal marks to facilitate identification.

20. Explanation as to why the date of the commencement of the applicant's pension opposite to No. 13 on the first page of the application is shown as 5th October 1880 instead of as 5th March 1880 being the date preceding which the applicant's Service is shown to have ended. It is also observed that the date opposite to No 18 on the first page of the application (herewith returned) is apparently a mistake.

21. Classification of pension in accordance with Section 58 of the Civil Pension Code.

22. Insertion of the opinion of the Head of the office as to whether the service has been established and can be admitted or not as required by the amended rule 6 of Section 84 of the Civil Pension Code on the 5th page of the application which should be retransmitted to this office with as little delay as practicable.

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K.S.

9/ No 532

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Replies to objection statement dated 12th April/80 No ADK/274 in the application for pension on behalf of Mr B. A. Blake.

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8. Last pay Certificate herewith sent.

18. Mr Blake drew the full pay of the appointments in which he acted from time to time, hence no acting allowance is entered as having been drawn by him.

20. The entry "5th October/80" is an error for 5th March/80 & has been altered accordingly in Nos 13 & 18 on the first page of the application.

21. Superannuation pension.

22. The Service has been established and can be admitted.

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
29 APR 80
MADRAS

for Collector

28.4.80
Bellary

[illegible] No 765

Extract from the Register of Uncovenanted Servants kept in the Collector's Office at Bellary.

Name—B. A. BLAKE, Age when first entertained, Twenty-one Years.

Establishment.	Date.	Appointment.	Salary.		Period of Service in each Appointment. Years.	Months.	Days.	Remarks regarding Punishments, Severe and Formal Reprimands, and all Special Commendation, or marks of Approbation.
1	2	3	4		5			6
Subordinate Court Bellary.	16th September 1843.	5th English Writer.	17	8	1	1	15	Mr. T. I. P. Harris, Subordinate Judge of Bellary, on the 1st January 1847, remarked in the statement of Yearly Services of the Court Servants, that Mr. Blake is well qualified for his situation, and that he is of a steady and zealous character. Mr. BLAKE holds also a testimonial from the above gentleman dated 26th January 1849, confirming the opinion expressed in the Yearly Statement of Services, and mentioning that Mr. Blake had given him every satisfaction during the long time he had presided over the Court.
Sessions do. do.	1st November 1844.	4th do. do.	21	,,	,,	7	10	
Subordinate do.	11th June 1845.	5th do. do.	17	8	1	1	5	
Do. do.	16th July 1846.	4th do. do.	21	,,	2	5	24	
Do. do.	9th January 1849.	2nd do. do.	35	,,	1	7	20	
Do. do.	28th August 1850.	Acting Head Writer.	70	,,	,,	3	12	
Do. do.	9th December ,,	2nd English Writer.	35	,,	,,	,,	23	
Collector of Bellary.	1st January 1851.	Ag. Dy. Accountant.	53	8	,,	2	26	
Sub Court of do.	27th March ,,	2nd English Writer.	35	,,	,,	,,	18	
Collector of do.	14th April ,,	Deputy Accountant.	53	8	,,	9	17	
Do. do.	1st February 1852.	Translator.	70	,,	5	10	7	
Do. do.	8th December 1857.	Ag. Head Accountant.	100	,,	1	,,	~~23~~ 24	
Do. do.	1st January 1859.	Head Clerk.	100	,,	,,	8	8	
Do. do.	9th September ,,	Dy. Col. & Magistrate 4th Class.	250	,,	9	7	4	
Do. do.	13th April 1869.	Do. do. 3rd Class.	350	,,	6	5	25	
Do. Do.	8 October 1875 to 4 March 1880	Do. Do. 2d. Class	500	.	4	4	28.	

Another from the Honorable D. Arbuthnott, Acting Sub Judge, dated 2nd May 1849, stating that he had found Mr. Blake, who was then 2nd Writer of the Court, perfectly qualified for his situation, and steady and zealous in the performance of his duties, and that his translations were performed to his entire satisfaction.

Mr. E. Story, Subordinate Judge of Bellary, in recording his opinion of Mr. Blake, in the Diary of the Court on the 23rd December 1850, writes thus: "The Subordinate Judge is glad at being able to speak highly of the "late Acting Head Writer, Mr. B. A. Blake—he is very efficient in his department, and had not Mr. Shrieves ta-"ken up the appointment, it would have given the Subordinate Judge much pleasure in conferring it upon 'Mr. Blake."

Mr. C. R. Pelly, Head Assistant Collector, in a testimonial given to Mr. Blake on the 22nd December 1854 writes. "During the period that Mr. B. A. Blake has been in the Collector's Department, as Translator, *i. e.* "for about 4 years—numerous documents prepared by him, especially in the Inam Department, have come under 'my observation; his qualifications are of a high order, and I have formed a high opinion both of his respectability "and capacity."

Mr. Blake has the following testimonial dated 24th November 1855 granted to him by Mr. E. Maltby, Member of the Board of Revenue, shortly after his visit to Bellary on special duty as a Commissioner, under whom he had conducted the duties of the Commissioner's Office solely (excepting the copying work) by desire of that gentleman.

"Mr. Blake—I return the papers enclosed in your letter of the 18th instant, and have much pleasure in complying with your request to give you a testimonial expressing my opinion of the manner in which you performed "the duties entrusted to you, during my stay at Bellary.

"Your knowledge of business, and intelligence afforded me much satisfaction, and as you possess the further "qualifications of industry and respectability of character, I shall be glad to hear of your advancement. If it was "in my power, I should be happy to forward your views, but it is uncertain if I shall have an opportunity of doing "so, except by giving you this opinion of your merits."

Mr. M. C. Chase, Head Assistant Collector, in a testimonial given to Mr. Blake on the 5th May 1856, writes. "I had every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which Mr. B. A. Blake performed his duties of Translator, "during the time I held the appointment of Head Assistant of this District, and I am able to subscribe to the "testimonials he has already received, as to his respectability of character and knowledge of business."

Mr. B. A. Blake was brought into the office by me more than 8 years ago, and I have taken every opportunity of promoting him to the highest grade in the English Department, and have found him always very diligent and careful. He has brought the office work into better order than it ever was before, and I can confidently recommend him to my successor.

30th April 1859.

(Signed) C. PELLY, *Collector.*

On leaving the District, I am induced to express my opinion that during the last three years, when I held the appointment of Head Assistant Collector of Bellary, I always found Mr. B. A. Blake industrious and efficient, particularly in the Inam Department, where his labors were continually before me. His respectability is undeniable, and I sincerely hope he will obtain a Deputy Collector's appointment.

1st August 1859.

(Signed) J. D. GOLDINGHAM, *Head Assistant Collector.*

(A true Extract from the Uncovenanted Service Register.)

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

Extract from a letter from the Collector of Bellary to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 9th April 1859.

Para 7. The only person in the Office not a native, is the East Indian Head Clerk, English Department, Mr. Benjamin A. Blake. This man was introduced into the Office by myself. He bears a very excellent character, is steady and hard-working ; and would I think be competent to the Charge of the Treasury at a Sudder Office, but he has not had practice in the Revenue and Magisterial duties in the Taluks.

(True Extract)

(Signed) C. PELLY, *Collector.*

Remarks made by C. Pelly Esquire, Collector of Bellary, in a Memo of the services of persons recommended by him for appointment as Deputy Collectors, being an enclosure to the foregoing letter.

Mr. B. A. Blake was first entertained on the 16th September 1843—Eight testimonials—Temper quiet—Habits very respectable—Character as a hard-working public servant in the English Department, very good—The nature of his testimonials is all very good.

(True Extract)

(Signed) C. PELLY, *Collector.*

Extract from a letter from the Collector of Bellary to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd September 1859, No. 123, reporting the death of his Treasury Deputy Collector R. Narrainsawmy Naidoo.

Para 5. I would with due deference recommend for the vacant appointment, my Head Clerk Mr. B. A. Blake, in whose favor my predecessor, Mr. Pelly, wrote to the Board on the 9th April 1859.

(True Extract)

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector*

Extract from the Administration Report of the Bellary Collectorate for the year 1859-60, from the Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 16th May 1860, No. 79.

Para 17. The 3 Deputy Collectors appointed to this District, perform the duties entrusted to them satisfactorily—One of these, Mr. Blake, is in charge of the Treasury, and has Magisterial Charge of the Taluk of Bellary—He has been a very active and efficient Officer.

(A True Extract.)

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from A. Hathaway Esquire, Magistrate of Bellary, To, T. Pycroft Esquire, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 23rd June 1860, No. 25.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 17th October 1859, No. 1398, I have the honor to state, that it is now nearly ten months since Mr. Blake, the Deputy Magistrate of this District, has been entrusted with the discharge of the ordinary duties of a Magistrate, during which time he has held the Magisterial Charge of the Bruce and Mellor Pettahs up to the 1st April 1860, and since then, (in addition to the above) the Magisterial charge of the Taluk of Bellary has been entrusted to him. Throughout the above period, he has discharged the duties devolving on him, satisfactorily and efficiently.

2. I, therefore, consider him well qualified to exercise the extended powers conferred under Section LIV, Act VII of 1843, and beg to recommend that he be vested with the same.

3. For the satisfaction of Government, I have thought it expedient to apply to the Session Judge, Mr. Goldie, for his opinion as to Mr. Blake's fitness to be entrusted with the above powers ; and the following is an extract of his reply on the subject : "From what I have seen of the cases disposed of by Mr. Blake, I believe "him to be fitted to be entrusted with the extended powers granted to Magistrates under the above mentioned "Act ; and I think it will be beneficial that he should be entrusted with them."

ORDER THEREON 7th JULY 1860, No. 846.

The Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize Mr. Blake exercising the extended Magisterial powers conferred under Section LIV, Act VII of 1843.

(True Extract)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT, *Chief Secretary.*

Extract from the Settlement Report of the Collector of Bellary to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort St. George, dated 18th August 1860, No. 153.

Para 73. I have much pleasure in recording my very favorable opinion of the manner in which my Subordinate Covenanted Officers, the Deputy Collectors, and the Seristadar, have executed the duties devolving upon them.

(A True Extract)

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

To, B. A. BLAKE ESQUIRE,
Deputy Collector of Bellary.

Extract from a letter from the Collector of Bellary to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 1st November 1860, No. 2.

1. With reference to para 1 of the Circular Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 4895, under date 25th Ultimo, held on Proceedings of the Madras Government No. 1913, and dated the 19th idem ; I have the honor to recommend that Deputy Collectors, Mr. Blake and Srinivasa Row, be empowered to act as Assessors under Section XXIII of Act XXXII of 1860, the former for the Taluk of Bellary, and the latter for the Taluks of Gooty and Tadpatri.

2. They are both of them experienceed Officers, and worthy of confidence.

(A True Extract)

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

No. 56. *To, The Secretary to the Board of Revenue,*

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of the Board of Revenue my recommendation on behalf of the Treasury Deputy Collector Mr. Blake, that, when opportunity offers, he may be promoted to a higher grade.

2. Enclosed are two authenticated statements which shew where Mr. Blake was educated, and the characters he has received at different times from those under whom he was employed.

3. I would also refer the Board to Mr. Pelly's letter of the 9th April, and to my letters of the 3rd September 1859, the 16th May, 18th August, and 1st November 1860.

4. In their Proceedings of the 7th July 1860, No. 846, the Madras Government authorized Mr. Blake to exercise the extended Magisterial powers conferred under Section LIV, Act VII of 1843.

5. Mr. Blake has given me much satisfaction in the performance of the duties entrusted to him, and I think him well deserving of promotion.

6. Should the Government, on the recommendation of the Board of Revenue promote Mr. Blake, I trust he may be allowed to remain attached to this Collectorate.

Bellary 15th March 1861.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

Extract from the Administration Report of the Bellary District for the Official Year 1860-61, dated 21st May 1861, No. 98.

Para 17. The two Deputy Collectors in this District continue to discharge satisfactorily the duties entrusted to them—Srinivasa Row, the 1st class Deputy Collector, has charge of 2 Taluks; and Mr. Blake is in charge of the Treasury, and has the Magisterial charge of the Taluk of Bellary—Owing to the Banking System recently introduced, his time is fully occupied; and I would strongly recommend him for promotion to a higher grade.

(A True Extract)

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

Extract from the Settlement Report of the Bellary Collectorate for Fusly 1270, submitted to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th November 1861, No. 204.

Para 86. I have the pleasure again to record my favorable opinion of the manner in which my Subordinate Covenanted Officers, the Deputy Collectors, and the Sheristadar have executed the duties devolving upon them.

(A True Extract)

To. B. A. BLAKE Esquire, (Signed) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

Deputy Collector of Bellary.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Fort Saint George, April 11 1862.

Under Section 23 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, Mr. B. A. Blake, Deputy Collector, Bellary, is vested with the full powers of Magistrate.

By order.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 2nd June 1862, *No.* 3523.

Read the following letter from A. Hathaway Esquire, Collector of Bellary, to W. Hudleston Esquire, Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated 19th April 1862, No.54.

Being about to quit the District on temporary leave of absence, I have the honor to request that, in the event of any promotions taking place amongst Deputy Collectors, you will be so good as to bring to the notice of the Board of Revenue my letter of the 15th March 1861, No. 56, relative to the Treasury Deputy Collector Mr Blake.

Recorded—The Collector's letter will be noted in the Board's Register of persons recommended for the appointment of Deputy Collectors.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER, *Ag. Sub Secretary*

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 31st July 1862, *No.* 4958.

Read the following letter from E. B. Foord Esquire, Acting Collector of Bellary, to W. Hudleston Esquire, Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st July 1862, No. 118.

On giving back charge of the District to Mr. A. Hathaway, I beg to be allowed to bring to the notice of the Board, the high sense I entertain of the character and qualifications of Mr. B. A. Blake, Deputy Collector and Magistrate, and trust that his claims to promotion will be taken into consideration, when a vacancy occurs in the higher grades of Deputy Collectors.

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board have no voice in the promotion of Deputy Collectors, but are glad to receive this testimony to Mr. Blake's efficiency.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

Extract from the Settlement Report for Fusly 1271, *of the Collector of Bellary, submitted to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated 7th November* 1862, *No.* 167.

Para 94. I am able again to report favorably of the manner in which my Subordinate Covenanted Officers, the Deputy Collectors, and the Sheristadar, have executed the duties devolving upon them.

(A True Extract.)

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

To, B. A. BLAKE Esquire,

Deputy Collector of Bellary.

Extract from the Settlement Report for Fusly 1272, *of the Collector of Bellary, dated 23rd October* 1863, *No.* 151.

Para 51. Mr. Blake performs the Treasury and his other duties with zeal, and considerable efficiency.

(True Extract)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN, *Acting Collector.*

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following Telegram from Setty Gooroosantapah, and other Merchants of Bruce Pettah, Bellary; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 4th December 1863.

Cowl Bazar was plundered on 30th November. Quantity of grain plundered was very small compared with property of other description. Bruce Pettah would have met with same fate on second December, had it not been for the timely and meritorious exertions of Mr. Blake. the Deputy Magistrate, accompanied by the Police, in opposing the mob at the onset, and in procuring immediately afterwards the aid of Military force. We have made due arrangements to collect and sell grain at comparatively cheap rates. We respectfully pray for protection by stationing a permanent and strong Military Guard until a change for better takes place—3rd, 17-45.

Order thereon, 7th December 1863, No. 1911.

The writers of the telegram above recorded will be informed that the Magistrate will take such steps as may be necessary for their protection.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT, *Chief Secretary.*

Extract from letter from Lieutenant F. J. Hicks, Superintendent of Police, Bellary, to Captain C. S. Hearn, Deputy Inspector General of Police dated 12th December 1863.

Para 5. The Deputy Magistrate, Mr Blake, acted with great promptitude and decision, and if he had not acted with such energy in applying for instant Military aid, I think a very serious disturbance might have taken place.

(A True Extract)
(Signed) F. J. HICKS, *Lieutenant,*
Superintendent of Police.

Extract from a letter from the Acting Magistrate of Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 18th December 1863, No. 59.

Para 8. With regard to the subsequent affair at Bruce Petta on the 2nd instant, Mr. Blake the Deputy Magistrate, Mr. Firth the Sub Magistrate, and the Police seem to have acted in a most praise-worthy manner, and to have succeeded by the prompt measures taken, in the prevention of what, in all probability, would have been a repetition of the Cowle Bazar outrage.

(True Extract)
(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN, *Acting Magistrate.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th January 1864, No. 47.

Read the following letter from A. Wedderburn Esquire, Acting Collector of Bellary, to J. D. Sim Esquire, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Harponhalli 22nd December 1863, No. 61.

1. At the close of the year I consider it due to Mr. B. A. Blake, Deputy Collector and Magistrate of Bellary, to submit his testimonials to Government, with Extracts from my Settlement Report of last Fasli, and a letter to the Chief Secretary, dated 18th December 1863.

2 I consider Mr. Blake fully entitled to promotion to a higher class, he being now in the 4th Class, wherein he has served for four years as officer in charge of the Treasury and Account Department, and has for the last three years exercised the powers of the District Magistrate, with considerable ability. He is a hard-working public servant.

Order thereon 7th January 1864, No. 25.

No. 48

The Government are glad to receive such favorable testimony to Mr. Blake's efficiency and conduct. His claims to promotion will be duly considered on the occurrence of vacancies.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To, The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With much regret I have the honer to report for the information of Government, the death of 1st Class Deputy Collector Strinivasa Row, which took place at Gooty on the night, at 8 o' clock, of the 29th April, after an attack of apoplexy, accompanied by paralysis.

2. I take this opportunity of bringing to the notice of Government their order No. 25 passed on the 7th January of this year with reference to my Treasury Deputy Collector Mr. Blake, whom I would like to see promoted to a higher grade when fair opportunity offers.

3. Should the Government on this, or on a future occasion, see fit to promote him, I trust he may be continued as Treasury Deputy Collector in this District, as Bellary being the Head Quarters of the Ceded District, an Officer of experience in accounts is required.

I have &c,.

Bellary Collector's Office,
3rd May 1864.

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

Extract from a letter from the Magistrate of Bellary to the Inspector General of Jails, dated 24th October 1864, No. 459, recommendiny Deputy Magistrate, Mr. Blake, for the appointment of Superintendent of the Zillah Jail at Bellary.

Para 2. I would therefore nominate in lieu of Mr. Lilly, my Deputy Magistrate Mr. Blake.

3. He is permanently located in Bellary, has been vested with the full powers of a Magistrate, is well acquainted with the vernacular, and is likely, in my opinion, efficiently to look after the discipline and daily work of the convicts under my supervision.

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY, *Magistrate.*

Extract from the Settlement Report for Fusli 1274, of the Collector of Bellary, dated 9th September 1865, No. 175.

Para 80. The Treasury Deputy Collector, Mr. Blake, has discharged the onerous duties of his Office with zeal and ability, and I trust he will ere long be promoted to a higher grade.

(A True Extract)

(Signed) W. S. FOSTER,
Ag. Sub Collector in charge.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th March 1866, No. 1768.

Read again Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 14th December 1865, No. 3028.

Read also the following letter from the Accountant General to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort Saint George, 8th January 1866, No. 4137.

1. In compliance with request contained in your Memorandum, dated 19th December 1865, appended to the order of Government, No. 3028, dated 14th idem, I have the honor to submit a list of Treasury Deputy Collectors, in order of efficiency, as evidenced by the Examination of the Treasury accounts for six months viz. from May to October, both inclusive.

2. The number of the errors discovered in an account is not of course an infallible criterion of the efficiency or otherwise of the Treasury Office, as some accounts are naturally much heavier and more complicated than others—Much of the correspondence between this Office and the Deputy Collectors is undoubtedly attributable to the new system of accounts, which is still but imperfectly understood; and in framing my estimate of the qualification of these Officers, I have in some measure been guided by the degree of attention paid by them to the instructions issued by this Office.

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Madras.	Ganjam.	Madura.
South Canara.	Malabar.	Coimbatore.
Cuddapah.	Vizagapatam.	Kristna.
Bellary.	Tinnevelly.	Trichinopoly.
Nellore.	South Arcot.	Tanjore.
North Arcot.		

3. The Deputy Collectors' accounts may be classified into three grades viz.

1 Good.
2 Indifferent.
3 Bad.

And the order which I have assigned to them in the margin may, I think, be sufficiently relied on.

Para 3. Much credit is due to all the Deputy Collectors whose accounts are classed as positively *good*.

(True Copies and Extract)
W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 15th February 1868. No. 297.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Bellary, 7th February 1868, No. 11:—

1. On leaving this District, I think it due to my Treasury Deputy Collector, Mr. Blake, to express my opinion of his industry, efficiency, and good conduct.

2. In the Account department he exercises a conscientious supervision, and the duties of that department, connected with a large Military Station, and with a great amount of correspondence, are very onerous. His Magisterial duties, when he had charge of a portion of the town, were carefully performed. He is now an acting third Class Deputy Collector, and in my opinion, merits the favorable consideration of Government.

Order thereon 15th February 1868, No. 424.

Miscellaneous. Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary to Government.*

Extract from the Settlement Report for Fusly 1277, of the Collector of Bellary, dated 9th October 1868, No. 242.

Para 36. Mr. Blake, the Deputy Collector, and Ram Row, the Head Accountant continue to discharge the duties connected with their respective Offices in a satisfactory and efficient manner.

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN, *Collector.*

Extract from a letter from Tudor Trevor Esquire, Assistant Accountant General, to the Accountant General, Madras, dated March 1869, on his examination of the Treasury and Accounts of the Collectorate of Bellary.

Para 4. The Account Department is under the direct supervision of Mr. Blake, the Treasury Deputy Collector.

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10. Payments are made in the Taluks only on cash orders signed by the Deputy Collector, who is most careful in satisfying himself of the correctness of the order, by comparing it with the original letter of request, and fills in the full amount in English with his own hand, before adding his signature—I am not at all apprehensive therefore of any defalcation, as far as payments by Taluk Officers are concerned.

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15. With regard to the accounts of the Huzur Office, I am glad to be able to report that they are well and carefully kept.

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17. In conclusion it affords me much pleasure to acknowledge the attention and assistance I have received from Mr. Buick, Assistant Collector, and Mr. Blake, Treasury Deputy Collector, who I consider a most painstaking and trustworthy Officer.

(Signed) TUDOR TREVOR,
Assistant Accountant General

Extract from a letter from H. F. Clogstoun Esquire to the Collector of Bellary, dated 2nd August 1869, No. 149.

Para 1. I have the honor to inform you that early this month I examined the Sub Registry Office in the Town of Bellary, and the Registry Office of the Deputy Collector, the Registrar of this District.

2. The examination was conducted in accordance with the suggestion contained in the circular of the Registrar General No. 1 of 1867, and I am happy to state that the results of the examination were most satisfactory. Both Officers are well versed in the Act and in the rules relating to Registration, and all the Records and Accounts are neatly and correctly kept.

(Signed) H. F. CLOGSTOUN, *Assistant Collector.*

Extract from the Settlement Report for Fusly 1279, of the Collector of Bellary, dated 10th September 1870, No. 321.

Para 42. Mr. Blake, Deputy Collector, continues to exercise careful supervision over the Account and Treasury Departments, the duties of which, in this large station, are onerous.

(Signed) J. H. MASTER, *Acting Collector.*

Extract from the Settlement Report for Fusly 1280 of the Collector of Bellary, submitted to the Board of Revenue Fort Saint George, dated 25th September 1871.

Para 44. The conduct of the Subordinates has been good.

(True Extract)
(Signed) J. H. MASTER, *Collector.*

To, B. A. BLAKE Esquire,
Treasury Deputy Collector of Bellary.

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Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary.

Forwards a letter with its enclosures from the Treasury Deputy Collector, Mr. Blake, for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council .... } H. E. 6th December 1871, No. 104.

Order thereon, 19th December 1871, No. 89.

Mr. Blake's claims will be duly considered on the occurrence of a vacancy.

(True Extract)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary to Government.*

No. 65

Bellary Collector's Office
30th July 1872.

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Sir,

On the 6th of December last, I had the honor to forward a letter to my address from, Mr. B. A. Blake, Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury in this District, on the subject of his promotion, with reference to that of Deputy Collector K. Jagannadham.

2. This latter Officer having lately died, Mr. Blake has addressed me, asking me to submit his claims to promotion, again.

3. I have the honor to forward his letter with enclosure for the favorable consideration of Government, and at the same time would beg to draw attention to the Proceedings of the Government, Revenue Department No. 89, dated 19th December 1871.

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) J. H. MASTER, *Collector.*

Remarks made by the Inspector General of Registration on his inspection of the Registrar's Office of Bellary on the 8th October 1872.

Para 8 The general state of the office is satisfactory.

(Signed) R. M. MACDONALD.
Inspector General of Registration.

Extract from the Settlement Report for Fusly 1281 *of the Collector of Bellary, submitted to the Board of Revenue Fort Saint George, dated 22nd October* 1872.

Para 52. The conduct of the Subordinates has on the whole been satisfactory.

(True Extract)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER, *Collector.*

To, B. A. BLAKE Esquire,
Treasury Deputy Collector of Bellary.

Extract from a letter from D. Kissunsing, Esquire, Assistant Accountant General, to the Accountant General, Madras, dated 19th April 1873, *on his examination of the Treasury and Accounts of the Collectorate of Bellary.*

Para 22. In conclusion it affords me great pleasure to acknowledge with thanks the attention and assistance I have received from Mr. Blake, the Treasury Deputy Collector, and the Accountants of his Department. I consider the Deputy Collector to be a most energetic and painstaking servant of Government.

(Signed) D. KISSUNSING
Assistant Accountant Ge

Extract from a letter from E. Keys, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent, Government Press, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 15th May 1873, *on his inspection of the Press Office of the Bellary Collectorate.*

" Considerable interest in the efficient working of this Press is taken by the Treasury Deputy Collector, to " whom it is evidently much indebted for its satisfactory and orderly condition."

(Signed) E. KEYS,
Deputy Superintendent Government Press.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th June 1873, *No.* 990.

Para 3. Bellary has good accommodation, and the Board view with satisfaction the efficiency and order of this establishment (Press), due in great part to the interest taken in the working thereof by the Treasury Deputy Collector.

(True Copy and Extract)

(Signed) H. St. A. GOODRICH,
Acting Sub Secretary.

Extract from the Settlement Report for Fusly 1282, *of the Collector of Bellary, submitted to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated 18th October* 1873, *No.* 362.

Para 45. I am glad to be able to report favorably on the conduct of all the Subordinates.

(A True Extract)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER, *Collector.*

To, B. A. BLAKE Esquire,
Treasury Deputy Collector of Bellary.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Bellary Municipal Commissioners at a meeting held on Tuesday the 14th April 1874.

III. Proposed by H. T. Ross Esquire and seconded by M Abraham Esquire that a vote of thanks be tendered to B. A. Blake Esquire, for the valuable service he has rendered to this Municipality, by the zeal and diligence with which he has officiated as Vice President, for the last five months. Carried unanimously.

(True Extract)

(Signed) H. T. ROSS,
Vice President
Municipal Commission.

Municipal Commissiners' Office,
Bellary 17th April 1874.

Extract from the Settlement Report for Fusly 1283 *of the Collector of Bellary, submitted to the Board of Revenue Fort Saint George, dated 26th September* 1874.

Para 41. With the exception of one Tahsildar, I am able to report favorably on the conduct of all the Subordinates.

(True Extract)

(Signed) R. RICE,
Special Assistant Collector.

To, B. A. BLAKE Esquire,
Treasury Deputy Collector of Bellary.

Extract from the Settlement Report for Fusly 1284 *of the Collector of Bellary, submitted to the Board of Revenue Fort Saint George, dated 7th October* 1875.

Para 46. Of the other Subordinates I am glad to be able to speak favorably.

(True Extract)

(Signed) R. RICE,
Special Assistant Collector.

To, B. A BLAKE Esquire,
Treasury Deputy Collector of Bellary.

Extract from the Settlement Report for Fasli 1285 of the Collector of Bellary, submitted to the Board of Revenue Fort Saint George, dated 27th October 1876.

Para 46. Conduct of the Subordinates has been satisfactory on the whole.

(True Extract)
(Signed) R. RICE,
Special Assistant Collector.

To, B. A. BLAKE ESQUIRE,
Treasury Deputy Collector of Bellary.

Extract from a letter from the Collector of Bellary to the Additional Secretary to Government of Madras No. 217 dated 30th April 1878 regarding Famine Relief operations.

Para 8. Mr. B. A. Blake, Deputy Collector, has been in charge of the Treasury the whole time. It is difficult to say what did and what did not depend upon the completeness of his arrangements. He had to forecast and to keep the Taluks supplied with money. The Government are well aware that without that supply, our relief operations would have been a failure. It is sufficient in praise of Mr. Blake to say that during the whole of the period of distress, notwithstanding the enormous sums required, and the difficulty of estimating those requirements, never has a hitch occurred. He is deserving of every praise.

(True Extract)
(Signed) R. RICE,
Special Assistant Collector.

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From the Collector of Bellary, d/ 8th March 1880 No. 823.

Asst. to the Accountant-General, dated 5th May 1880 No. A.D.J./372

ORDER THEREON, 22d May 1880 No. 438.

Under Sections 65 68(c) and 70 —

of the Civil Pension Code (4th Edition),

His Grace the Governor in Council is pleased

to grant to Mr. Benjamin Alexander Blake late Deputy Collector in charge of Treasury Bellary, a Superannuation pension of Rupees (248 „ 14 „ 6 Two hundred and forty eight annas fourteen and pies ~~five~~ six, per mensem. —

payable from the 5th March 1880

in consideration of his qualifying Superior Service of Thirty five years, Eight months and Sixteen days.

To the Accountant-General, with Register.

„ Collector of Bellary } Desp'd 22-5-80

„ Thro'. To Mr. B. A. Blake

Pension to Mr B. A. Blake late Dy. Collector Bellary Distt.

Govt. of {1880} Madras.

PENSION.

To

The Accountant-General,

&c., &c., &c.

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