

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
6th December 1866.*

No. 12. Read the following letter from the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 29th November 1866.

With reference to our letter, dated 31st ultimo, we have now the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, a copy of a Memorandum by our President on the Proceedings of the Insolvent Court on Mr. Morison's Petition, and of a letter from Mr. Morison to our address.

2. The evidence given by Mr. Morison himself in the Insolvent Court discloses such extreme recklessness of expenditure, and the Judge's decision was so unfavorable, that we feel that we cannot, in justice to the public, reinstate Mr. Morison in the very responsible situation of Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes.

3. Moreover, this is not the first occasion of Mr. Morison's conduct having come under unfavorable notice. It will be in the recollection of Government that

Government Order, dated 2nd October 1865, No. 2377,
Revenue Department.

considerable blame was attached to him in the matter of a fraud committed by one of the Clerks of the Income Tax Office, when under his orders.

4. Mr. Morison's official capacity and general ability and zeal have not been such as to incline us to recommend these instances of reckless and careless conduct to be over-looked, and we solicit the sanction of Government to our removing him from our employment.

MEMORANDUM.

I attended the sitting of the Insolvent Court, when Mr. Morison's petition was being heard.

2. His discharge was opposed by Veeraparoomall Pillay, whose claim dated from 1863, and three others.

3. Mr. Morison's examination had commenced before I came into the Court, but, from the remarks of the Judge, I learnt that Mr. Morison, at the end of 1859, commenced to be in receipt of a salary of Rupees 500 per month, since which date he has never been out of employ, and that, early in 1860, he made a statement of his affairs, and ascertained that his debts amounted to Rupees 5000, which he consolidated into one loan. His household expenses, Mr. Morison stated, amounted to Rupees 350 per month, and, therefore, the Judge considered that, at that time (1860), Mr. Morison, with ordinary prudence and care, might have extricated himself from his difficulties.

4. But Mr. Morison's expenditure since 1860 has been such, that his Schedule of debts filed in the Court showed a total of 43,000 Rupees, and the Judge considered that his conduct brought him within the provisions of the 51st Section of the Act, in respect of the debt of Veeraparoomall Pillay and one other opposing creditor, and passed an order accordingly.

5. I observed, in the remarks of the Judge, that his present salary was stated to be Rs. 400; and I fear, from the silence of even the opposing Counsel on that point, that the fact that he also receives Rupees 100 per month during the continuance of the Trades and Calling Tax was not disclosed by him.

(Signed) J. TEMPLE.

I desire to add to the above that I have since seen Mr. Morison, who has assured me that his salary is noted in his Schedule at Rupees 500.

(Signed) J. TEMPLE.

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From Mr. N. MORISON, to the President and Members of the Municipal Commission, Madras ;
dated Madras, 27th November 1866.

On the 30th ultimo, I was compelled to relinquish temporarily my appointment of Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes, pending the result of my application for relief under the Insolvent Act, and the subsequent decision of the Government.

2. I now beg to address your Board, with a view to my being reinstated in the above appointment.

3. The hearing of my case, on the 22nd instant, before the Court, resulted in my obtaining the relief sought for, except in the case of two creditors. I have worked in the capacity of Assessor in the Town of Madras for a period of nearly seven years, and the satisfaction afforded by me to the Income Tax Commission and the Government induced your Board to appoint me as your Assessor and Collector. I trust the manner in which I have conducted the responsible and delicate duties of the office have been such as to render satisfaction to your Board and the rate-payers, and will enable your Board to forward a favorable report to the Government.

4. I beg to remind your Board that your Board and the Public have a guarantee for the safe conduct of business, in the security which I have given to the extent of Rupees 10,000. The bond for this amount will be renewed, should you be pleased to reinstate me in my appointment.

5. Trusting your Board will be pleased to forward this letter to the Government, with such favorable remarks as you may deem necessary, I have the honor to be, &c.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1866, No. 1239.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council concurs in the opinion of the Municipal Commissioners, that Mr. N. Morison cannot with propriety be retained in his appointment as Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes, and accordingly sanctions his removal.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Municipal Commissioners.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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