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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Appointment of Collector of Sea Customs: In-
forming the Chairman, Chamber of Com-
merce that the suggestions of that body in re-
gard to the — will be considered when the
time for filling the vacancy arrives.*

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H. G. the Governor

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From The Chairman.
Chambers of Commerce
Madras.

The wishes of the Chamber of Commerce will doubtless be considered No.
when the time comes. 594 22-1-97

Letter No 91 of 2-2-97
To The Chairman
Chambers of Commerce
Madras

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SUBJECT.

In reply to your letter
of the 20th inst^y regarding the appointment of
the appl^y of Collector of
Sea Customs, Madras, I am directed to inform
you that the wishes of the Chamber will doubtless
be considered when the
time for filling a vacancy comes.

Successor to Mr. W. P. Austin
of the Chamber
Coll^y of Sea Customs & the
Marine Harbour Trust Board

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The Madras Chamber of Commerce,

Madras, 20 Jan 1897.

CHIEF SECRETARY
21 JAN-1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

FROM

George G. Arthur
CHAIRMAN, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, OF MADRAS.

MADRAS.

TO

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

The Chamber understands that it is the intention of Mr. W. S. Austin, the Collector of Sea Customs, and Chairman of the Harbour Trust Board, to retire from his appointment at an early date. Without desiring in any way to influence the Government in the choice of his successor, so far as any particular individual is concerned the Chamber trusts that it will be permitted to draw Government's

secretary

attention to its letter of the 20th October '94
which was disposed of in G. O.
N^o 8 (Publi), the 10th January 1895. #
In the course of that letter which was
addressed to Government in connection
with official interpretations of the
Tariff Act, it was remarked
"the Chamber would respectfully
point out that according to the
present practice of recent years
in Madras there have been numerous
and frequent changes in the per-
sonnel of the Collectorate of Sea
Customs. As soon as a Collector
has become acquainted with his
duties (and in some cases before
he can possibly have become
acquainted with them at all)
he has been transferred or has
retired. This practice, the Chamber
submits, is one that precludes
all

"all possibility of really efficient
administration and deprives the
mercantile public of that confidence
in the Collector's judgment which
is so essential to the smooth working
of the Act which the Collector has
to execute." This suggestion of the
Chamber was referred to the Public
Department for consideration
and in G. O. N^o 8 (Publi) 10.1.95 Government
promised that "the question will
be considered when a vacancy
occurs", and it was further added
"The appointment of Collector of
Madras will be added to those
enumerated in the Appendix to
G. O. dated 20th June 1892, N^o 675,
"Financial"

Under the circumstances detailed
above the Chamber respectfully
beg that due consideration
will be accorded to its former

commendations when the question
 of Justice's successor is decided.
 These recommendations, the Chamber
 desires to add, have been strongly
 supported by the Committee appointed
 under G.O. 1047, herein, in paras. Telephone
 9-2-95 Sub to W.
 17 & 18 of its Report, and the
 author feels that it is only
 necessary to draw Government's
 attention to them to ensure that
 action in accordance with them
 will be taken.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours most obed^t servant

George G. Arbuthnot

Chairman

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