

Revenue Department

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Dated 13th September 1857

and from this he was promoted to his present position of 3^d Class Deputy Collector on Rs. 650 Monthly.

Of Mr. Smith's general qualifications the Board entertain a high opinion and the Collector states that in his present situation he has given every satisfaction. His employment as a Deputy Collector has however been too short to give him a personal claim to promotion for services rendered in that capacity. But the office is one of great labor and responsibility. The Stock of salt at present is about 9 lacs of Indian Rupees the annual sales may be taken at about six lacs. with every probability of a considerable increase when the Depot attached to the Railway is completed and the Rail. itself extends further inland. The distance of the places of manufacture also adds to the Deputy Collector's duties and entails much expenditure.

For these reasons the Board think that the charge of the Salt Department.

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(Enfance 10. August 1859. P. 4005)

With this communication Mr. Carlisle, the Collector of Madras, submits a Memorial addressed to the Honorable the Governor in Council from Mr. Alexander Smith, the Deputy Collector in charge of the Madras Salt Department, praying that in consideration of the laborious and responsible character of his office he may be promoted to a higher grade.

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IN CON. 10TH AUGUST 1859, No. 4005.
From B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of MADRAS,
dated Madras, 9th August 1859, No. 114.

I have the honor to forward an application to the address of His Excellency the Governor-in-Council, from Mr. Smith, the Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department, praying that, in consideration of the laborious and responsible nature of his trust, he may be promoted to an higher grade.

To Board, 20th March 1857.

2. I have already recommended that the officer in charge of the Salt in this Collectorate should be a Deputy Collector of the first class, and the Board have supported that view of the importance of the position.

To Government, 19th May 1857.

3. The duties of the Department entail much labour and exposure to the climate. Its revenues are now between five and six lacs of Rupees, and will, I anticipate, be greatly increased, when the Cotaurs are connected with the Railway by a branch line.

4. The Excise too is impending, and its introduction will not be without its difficulties and enhanced duties.

5. Deputy Collectors of the 1st and 2nd Classes have been placed in charge of public treasuries, with functions scarcely equal to those of the head of the Madras Salt Department.

6. Mr. Smith has given me every satisfaction since he joined the Collectorate, and if a vacancy in the higher grades is available, I know not that it can be better disposed of than in making his allowances commensurate with the importance of his situation.

ENC. I.—Application from Mr. Smith, Deputy Collector.

*In a letter from
the Collector of Madras
dated 9th August
1859, No. 114.*

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*To the Hon. Secy to Govt
Madras 10 Aug 59*

Extract from an Official Memo. by J. F. Thomas, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary, dated 28th April 1843.

"Mr. Smith is of good moral character, an educated young man in the sense understood in England, and, added to this, a Tamil Scholar, and writes a good hand."

MADRAS, 15th February 1846.

MY DEAR SMITH,—Understanding you are a candidate for Office under the Wallajah Nuggur Rail Road Committee, and desirous of a testimonial at my hand in your favor, with reference to fitness for business generally, I have therefore to state, I have known you since the day of your birth, watched with interest the progress of your youth to manhood, know you to possess good natural abilities that were well cultivated at Bishop Corrie's Grammar School, where you took and held for the fixed period the first Scholarship that was given in honor of that Prelate. You afterwards graduated, if I may so term it, with Mr. Gray in the Church Mission Institution, where you advanced considerably in Classical and other studies; in addition, you passed a regular examination, I believe, at Bishop Corrie's Grammar School, while holding the Scholarship, in Tamil, and you have the reputation of knowing this language well, being able both to read and write it grammatically and idiomatically. Over and above, I can testify you possess business habits, and a sound judgment and good principles, in which I have ever placed personal confidence, and never had occasion to doubt your integrity or capacity generally.

I have said enough, but no more than truth warrants, and I shall be happy if my certificate is of use to you.

Believe me, &c.

(Signed) A. F. BRUCE, late Civil Engineer.

MADRAS, 30th April 1846.

SIR,—In reply to your letter requesting me to furnish you, before I leave this Country, with a Testimonial expressive of my opinion of your character and qualifications, I have much pleasure in stating that, from the opportunities afforded me whilst you have been Secretary to the School Book Society, of which I am a Member of the Committee of Management, I have had reason to form the highest estimate of your abilities, qualifications and business-like habits. The mode in which you have expressed yourself in all the letters and Minutes that have passed under my observation, shews that you have received an excellent education; and, in addition to the several European branches of study, you are, I know, a capital Tamil Scholar, so that I have no hesitation in saying that you possess superior qualifications for the employment you seek under the Wallaja Nagger Rail Road Company, and it will afford me sincere pleasure to hear that you have obtained a situation commensurate with your respectability and talents, either under that Company or in some Department of the public service. You are so well known to many Gentlemen of high rank and character at the Presidency, that any thing I can say in your favor will, I fear, be of no material use to you; but as you have requested it, I have had much pleasure in bearing my testimony to your many merits.

Believe me &c.

(Signed) J. C. MORRIS, *late Civil Auditor.*

MADRAS, 11th June 1849.

SIR,—I beg to return the papers forwarded with your note of the 9th Instant, and at the same time to add my favorable opinion, as far as I have had the means of judging during my connection with the School Book Society Committee, of your fitness for employment in any situation requiring the exercise of good sense and a liberal education. With my best wishes,

I remain &c.

(Signed) WALTER ELLIOT.

30th January, 1856.

MY DEAR SMITH.—I do not think any expression of my opinion regarding your character and qualifications can in the least benefit you, but am happy, in compliance with your request, to add my testimony to the excellence of both.—As we were School-fellows together, our acquaintance dates back for more than twenty years, and during this long period I have had both frequent and ample evidence of your superior talents, and of your successful cultivation of these talents. Your having obtained Bishop Corrie's first scholarship in the Grammar School, your high standing in Mr. Gray's Institution, and latterly your proved efficiency as the Secretary of the School Book Society, attest your zeal in profiting by the educational advantages you have enjoyed; and I can only heartily wish that you may obtain the preferment you desire, feeling persuaded, as I do, that you are highly qualified in every respect to discharge the duties of a more extended sphere of labour and of usefulness than you now occupy.

Believe me &c.

(Signed) W. J. VAN SOESTEREN.

BANGALORE, 23rd January, 1856.

MY DEAR MR. SMITH.—I do not think that any thing I can say can add weight to testimonials you already possess bearing on your character and qualifications. I have a good opinion of both, and am satisfied that you would creditably fulfil any duty which might be required of you in the appointment you speak of. I assure you I shall be sincerely glad to hear that you have succeeded in obtaining preferment in a sphere where your education and assiduity can find a wider field than they are at present confined to, though I do not know what we shall do for a Secretary to the School Book Society if you leave us. This, however, will not be necessary, I hope.

Believe me &c.

(Signed) F. H. SCOTT.

12th February, 1856.

My Dear Mr. Smith,—In common with all who have been carrying on business along with you, I need not say how very gladly I should see you employed in some sphere where your abilities might have greater scope than at present. And in a situation where, as head of your department, you might have the opportunity of showing your capability of performing what might be entrusted to you, and by your success meriting further advancement.

I most gladly bear willing testimony to the carefulness and ability you have evinced in carrying on the work we have been mutually engaged in, for the past several years, and will gladly, also, do any thing, you may ask of me, towards promoting your prospects in life. I need not add that I rarely, if ever, offer an opinion unless asked for, regarding any one's merits,—but if asked for, by any department, regarding yourself, I will be happy indeed to have the opportunity of adding my testimony to that of your many well-wishers.

Believe me &c.

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR.

12th February, 1856.

I have much pleasure in expressing the high opinion I entertain of Mr. Alex. Smith.

During the last two years, I have had many opportunities of remarking his zeal and assiduity in connection with the School Book Society, his judgment in the management of matters entrusted to his care, and the uniform punctuality which characterised all his intercourse with the Committee.

(Signed) H. CROFTON, M. D.

11th March, 1857.

I have known Mr. Alexander Smith for some years, first in the Government Office where he was Manager in the Pension Department under my control, and since then as Secretary of the Book Society.

In both capacities he has, in my estimation, acquitted himself most creditably, and I can testify, in favorable terms, to his good conduct and aptitude for business.

(Signed) J. D. SIM.

The Honorable Sir Charles
Trevelyan, Bart.
Governor of Madras.

The humble memorial of Alexander
Smith, Deputy Collector of Salt,
in charge of the Salt Department
Madras.

May it please your Excellency

I remain to his appointments to his
present post, your Memorialist held the situation
of Second Assistant to the Secretary to Government
in the Revenue and Public Works Department, and
a salary of Rupees 300 per Mensem.

By his recent advancement to
the appointment of a Deputy Collector of the 2nd Class
your Memorialist has not benefited up to this time
nor will benefit for the next eight months, in a
pecuniary point of view, as the difference of salary
between his present and former appointments for a
period of twelve months, viz Rupees 600, has been
paid out in the purchase, from the late Superintendent
of Salt, of two Stalchies with 20 officers at
Pondicherry.

Salary
Rs. 300
Present appointment - 350
Former - 300
Difference - 50
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600

visit to the Pan, and the other for the use of
the Pachar and his Catchery.

The Collector of Madras advising
the labor, and risk by exposure to the sun, in-
volved in the supervision of the Salt Department,
has recommended to the Board of Revenue that
a Deputy Collector in charge of Salt should be
an Officer of the 1st Class; but this recommendation,
although submitted by the Board of Revenue with
their full support, did not receive the Confirmation
of the late Governor in Council. What reasons
induced His Excellency to disallow the recommendation
Revenue Authorities, are not known to your
Memorialist.

The sales of salt in the Madras
District, exclusive of exports by sea, amount on an
average to Rupees 50,000 a Month, or Rupees 600,000
a Year, and this sum will be much increased when
the branch line which is about to be laid down
from the Railway bridge to the Cotuara, shall
have been completed, as it is presumed it will be
December next.

Your Memorialist submits that
the sales of the Depot under his charge, if not the
largest in the whole Presidency, are at least equal
to those of the best Salt District, and that the
management of the Salt Department at Madras
involves an amount of responsibility which is proba-
bly unknown in the provinces, owing to the places
of Manufacture being distant from those of

and the furthest 30 Miles from Madras.

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Considering that the pecuniary loss
to your Memorialist, by his promotion to his present
appointment, will be but small when it does be-
gin to accrue; that the constant vigilance which
has to be exercised over his subordinates, in a Depar-
tment where opportunities for fraud are frequ-
ent, necessarily create much anxiety of mind
and add to the responsibility of his position; and that
the wear and tear to the Constitution are far greater
in the extensive operations of the Salt Department
of the Chief Town of the Presidency than elsewhere
Your Memorialist humbly prays that your Excellency
will be pleased to take the circumstances of his
case into your Consideration, and advance him
such a grade as your Excellency may deem con-
sistent with the duties, responsibilities and
of your Memorialist's Office.

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Your Memorialist submits that in
the appointment of Deputy Collectors, one has
been promoted to a higher grade, probably on
Special grounds; and he trusts that under the
circumstances represented, he may not be thought
presumptuous in soliciting that the like special
consideration may be shown to him. Your Mem-
orialist will only add that he has been 16 years in the
public Service, and that the accompanying testimonial
will certify to his character and general qualifications.

And your Memorialist begs to submit
himself your Excellency's Most Obedient and
Dutiful Servant.

Madras

Her Smith

Two miles at
for the accommodation of
himself, and of the Betham
and his Kachari, the Govt
observe that such accom-
modation if required,
ought to be provided at the
public expense. But be-
fore passing orders for
reimbursing the amount to
Mr Smith, they request the
Colr will report through
the Bd of Rev whether
the Kacharis are worth
the money expended by them
to be paid for them, and
whether the accommodation
they afford is in excess
of what is actually
needed. -

W.A.

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class.

2. The Hon. Secy
Govt regards Mr Smith as
a deserving Officer and his
charge an important one,
but he considers the time
during which Mr Smith has held
his ^{present office} six months, too short
to justify so large an
increase being sanctioned
to his salary as that
from 350 to 500 Rupees
a month involved in the
Board's recommendation.
Should the salt revenue
develop as it is hoped
it will, the Govt will be
prepared to reconsider
Mr Smith's case.

3. Adverting to
the statement in para 2
of Mr Smith's memorial
that he has laid out
Rs 200 in the purchase
from his predecessor of

two

N^o 1232

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 13th September 1859
Read the following Resⁿ
of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting for consider-
ation a Memo^r from the M^r
of Madras forwarding a Memo-
rial addressed to the Honble
the Gov^r in Council from M^r
Smith, Deputy Collector, in
charge of the Madras Salt
Department, recommending
that he may be promoted
to either 1st or 2^d Class Deputy
Collectorship.

Here enters 1st Sept^r 1859
N^o 5439.

The Board of Revⁿ
submit a letter from the M^r
of Madras with a Memo^r
from M^r A. Smith, De-
puty Collector in charge of
the Madras Salt Dep^t, pray-
ing for promotion to an
higher grade in the Board
according to the tenure and
responsibility of the office,
recommends that it be
constituted an appointment

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
from 10th to 16th September 1859.*

No. 31. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st September 1859, No. 3439.

Read letter from the Collector of Madras, dated 9th August 1859, No. 114.

(In Cons. 10th August 1859, No. 4005.)

Resolved that the above letter be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. With this communication Mr. Cantliffe, the Collector of Madras, submits a memorial addressed to the Honorable the Governor in Council from Mr. Alexander Smith, the Deputy Collector in charge of the Madras Salt Department, praying that in consideration of the laborious and responsible character of his office, he may be promoted to a higher grade.

3. Mr. Smith has been 16 years in the public service, and possesses excellent testimonials of ability and character. His last appointment was that of second Assistant in the Revenue Department of the Government office, where he received Rupees 300 per month, and from this he was promoted to his present position of third class Deputy Collector on Rupees 350 monthly.

4. Of Mr. Smith's general qualifications the Board entertain a high opinion, and the Collector states that in his present situation he has given every satisfaction. His employment as a Deputy Collector has, however, been too short to give him a *personal* claim to promotion for services rendered in that capacity. But the office is one of great labor and responsibility; the stock of salt at present is about nine lacs of Indian Maunds; the annual sales may be taken at about six lacs, with every probability of a considerable increase when the depot attached to the Railway is completed and the rail itself extends further inland. The distance of the places of manufacture also adds to the Deputy Collector's duties and entails much exposure.

5. For this reason the Board think that the charge of the Salt Department in Madras may, with propriety, be constituted an appointment of either the first or second class, and they venture to make this recommendation in submitting Mr. Smith's memorial.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, Secretary.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1859, No. 1232.

1. The Board of Revenue submit a letter from the Collector of Madras with a Memorial from Mr. A. Smith Deputy Collector in charge of the Madras Salt Department, praying for promotion to a higher grade. The Board, advertng to the labor and responsibility of the office recommend that it be constituted an appointment of either the first or second class.

2. The Honorable the Governor in Council regards Mr. Smith as a deserving officer and his charge as an important one; but he considers the time during which Mr. Smith has held his present office viz., six months, too short to justify so large an increase being sanctioned to his salary as that from 350 to 500 Rupees a month involved in the Board's recommendation. Should the salt revenue develop, as it is hoped it will, the Government will be prepared to reconsider Mr. Smith's case.

2. Adverting to the statement in para. 2 of Mr. Smith's memorial that he has laid out Rupees 600 in the purchase from his predecessor of two thatches at Puddabak for the accommodation of himself and of the Peskar and his Kacheri, the Government observe that such accommodation is required, ought to be provided at the public expense. But before passing orders for reimbursing the amount to Mr. Smith, they request the Collector will report through the Board of Revenue whether the thatches or pensils are worth the money stipulated by Mr. Smith to be paid for them, and whether the accommodation they afford is in excess of what is actually needed.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

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J. A. M.

Secretary to Government
 Revenue Department

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Secretary of the Govt.
of Madras.

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No. 1232. 13th Sept. 1889.

Substituting for consideration a communication from the Collector of Madras for sending a Commercial address to the British the Government and recommending that he may be appointed to either of the Deputy Collectorship.

For order. 2

The Bungalow at that place
is no more than the
fair value of the necessary accommodation

W. J. 13th Sept 1889
13th Sept 1889

Mr. Smith is a deserving Officer and his charge is an important one but six months is too short a probation in his new Office to justify so large an increase of salary as that from 350 to 500 rupees a month. If the salt revenue declines as we hope it will, his case may be reconsidered.

If accommodation is required for the Deputy Collector and Mr. Nathan at Pudukkottai, it should be provided at the public expense and Mr. Smith ~~should~~ be appointed to the sum he paid to his predecessor.