

Revenue Department

Nº 178

Dated 10 - 2 - 1859

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 15th February 1859.

Read again letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th and recorded in Diary to Consultation 26th January 1859, No. 93.

Read also the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

No. 12. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th January 1859, No. 272.

Read Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 24th January 1859, No. 93, R. D.

(In Con. 24th January 1859, No. 311.)

The Board of Revenue are not aware that in appointing Mr. W. E. Underwood to the office of Superintendent of Salt, they acted in contravention of any order of Government, as it had been expressly declared that the Examination Rules were only to come into practical effect "from and after the 1st January 1859."

See Government Notification of 4th March 1858, p. 1.

2. Explanation of the appointment made by them having been thus called for, the Board beg to observe that the Salt Superintendentship became vacant on the 17th December by the appointment of Mr. Campbell to be Deputy Commissioner of Police. A demi-official communication was then received by them in favor of Mr. Gill of the Private Secretary's Office. On learning however the nature of the duties which he would have to perform, Mr. Gill withdrew his application, and the Board then proceeded, before closing their office for the Christmas vacation, to consider which of the other candidates it was advisable to select for the vacant office, in order that Mr. Campbell might be enabled to take up his new and superior appointment.

3. Their choice fell upon Mr. Underwood and he was accordingly appointed on the 24th ultimo, although owing to delays consequent on the intervention of the vacation and not attributable to him, he actually assumed charge of the office on the 31st.

4. Mr. Underwood has already passed the examination prescribed for Officers receiving direct appointments in the Army, he has received a liberal education, is of active habits and the Board consider that the fullest confidence may be placed in him, while as already stated in their letter of the 14th instant, his "position renders him independent of all influences which might be prejudicial to the interests of Government or affect the impartial performance of the duties connected with the office."

5. From the circumstance of this being the only appointment of its class in the Madras Presidency, the Board could not procure the services of a person practically conversant with the details of the Department, and also occupying that position and possessing the other qualifications which it is most desirable to secure in the person holding so important a situation. These details however, are easily mastered as evidenced in Mr. Campbell's case, and the Board are confident that Mr. Underwood will soon acquire them and discharge the duties of the office with efficiency.

6. His appointment as explained in the Board's previous letter is subject to the same conditions as were prescribed when Mr. Campbell was nominated.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, No. 178; dated 10th February 1859.

Under this explanation the Right Honorable the Governor in Council confirms the appointment of Mr. W. E. Underwood, Junior, to the office of Superintendent of Salt at Madras on the condition prescribed by the Board, viz. that he shall pass a formal examination in Tamil within six months; meanwhile his salary will be Rupees (200) two hundred per mensem.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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