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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 295. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th July 1860, No. 3,093 :—

Read the following letter from W. E. COCHRANE, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated 22nd June 1860, No. 376 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request you will forward through the usual channel, for the favorable consideration of the Honorable the Governor in Council, an appeal from Mr. Atkinson, the Deputy Collector of Sea Customs, for an increase of salary. The amount of Revenue collected by this Department is far more than when Mr. Ricketts formed his scheme of allowances : the collection of duties at that time was six lacs of Rupees per annum. It has now increased three-fold : up to the present date, the 22nd of June 1860, the collections for the present month is 1,51,324-13-11, and I calculate that at the end of this year it will be 15 lacs of Rupees.

2. I beg respectfully to state that the responsibilities of his Office are greatly increased, and that the appeal of Mr. Atkinson, the Deputy Collector, may receive the favorable consideration of Government.

From E. S. ATKINSON, Esq., Deputy Collector of Sea Customs, to W. E. COCHRANE, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, dated 22nd June 1860, No. 375.

SIR.

1. I have the honor to request you will do me the favor to submit for re-consideration, the scale of salary Government have been pleased to assign me as Deputy Collector of Sea Customs.

2. The sum of 600 Rupees is allotted to 1st Class Deputy Collectors in Mr. Ricketts scheme for the revision of Civil Salaries, and appears to have been adopted as a sufficient remuneration for the Deputy Collector of Sea Customs. I trust I shall be pardoned if I represent to authority that this sum more nearly approximates the scale of remuneration intended for the class of Uncovenanted Officers employed in the Provinces, and bears no just proportion to the salary paid to the Covenanted Collector or Deputy. Moreover, should the sum of 600 Rupees have been ever intended by Mr. Ricketts to be the salary of an Uncovenanted Deputy Collector of Sea Customs, it must be remembered that that Officer based his calculations on the gross amount of Revenue realized at the time his proposition was made. It will be seen by the table in the margin, that the Sea Customs Revenue has been gradually increasing ; that whilst it was between 6 and 7 lacs at the period of his proposing his scheme, it rose to 9½ lacs in 1858-9 and to upwards of 16 in 1859-60, and will in all probability be the same this year. This increase in the Revenue has necessarily more than doubled the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Officers. I venture to express a hope, therefore, that, apart from other grounds that might be advanced, those I have above stated, will suffice to induce Government to grant me a higher rate of salary with the view of placing me on a footing with other Uncovenanted Officers whose responsibilities are equal, and also of serving as an encouragement to perform the arduous duties of my Office with zeal and vigour.

Years.	Sea Custom and Extra Revenue.			Marine Receipts.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1855- 6	6,73,861	3	5	35,915	10	0	7,09,776	13	5
1856- 7	6,78,995	4	11	34,062	15	9	7,13,058	4	8
1857- 8	6,80,284	14	7	40,322	9	3	7,20,607	7	10
1858- 9	9,09,056	8	4	44,840	4	1	9,53,896	12	5
1859-60	16,03,304	10	7	41,312	2	0	16,44,616	12	7
	45,45,502	9	10	2,96,453	9	1	47,41,956	2	11

The salary of the Office of Deputy Collector of Sea Customs at Madras, having been fixed by Mr. Ricketts and the Supreme Government, at Rupees 600 per mensem, on the supposition that the Revenue of the Port would be about six lacs of Rupees annually, the Board think it but just to the present incumbent, Mr. Atkinson, that the great increase in the Revenue above that Estimate, and the consequent additional labor and responsibility should be brought under the consideration of Government, with a view to his being allowed more liberal remuneration.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 296. ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1860, No. 1,428.

The Government resolve to transmit these Proceedings to the Secretary of State together with the enclosures ; and to solicit his sanction for raising the pay of the Office of Deputy Collector of Sea Customs at Madras to Rupees 800 a month.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

Memo on Rec. No 1397. Appeal from Mr. Atkinson Deputy Collector of Sea Customs for an increase of salary.-

1. The rates proposed by Mr. Ricketts for the Deputy Collectors of Sea Customs at Calcutta, Bombay and Madras with the former salaries of those Officers, are shewn below.

	Mr Ricketts' Rates	Former salaries drawn by Covenanted Officers.
	Per Annum	Per annum
Collections Calcutta 1,41,59,892	Calcutta. . .	12,000	20,000
Bombay 1,67,42,070	Bombay. . .	12,000	18,000
Madras 7,09,776	Madras. . .	7,200	18,000

2. In respect to the Deputy Collector of Calcutta, beyond noticing some previous correspondence respecting the appointment of none but Covenanted Officers to the post and stating his own opinion in favor of throwing open all Custom House offices to public competition, Mr. Ricketts assigns no reasons for recommending a reduced salary. Speaking of the Collector he says that his duties are weighty

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and irksome, but of less responsibility than those of a Commissioner of Revenue and Police; that he had fixed the salary of the last mentioned Officer at Rs 32000, and that he would assign Rs 28000 to the Collector of Customs.

* Former salary Rs 36,000

3. As regards Bombay, Mr Ricketts recommends three Uncovenanted Deputies on Rs 1000, 900 and 800 respectively a month, this recommendation being based on the opinion of the Commissioner of Customs. There also no specific reasons are given. Mr Ricketts remarks that the Commissioner collects (exclusive of Opium) about 57 lacs, in a vast number of places, by means of an enormous establishment scattered over 700 miles of sea board, and that he takes part in the measures by which a crore of Rupees levied on Opium from Malwa is brought to the Treasury; and he thinks a salary of Rs 28000 with a travelling allowance of Rs 10 per day when absent from Bombay

* Former salary Rs 42,000

4. Respecting Madras, Mr Ricketts proposes that the Office of Deputy Collector should be abolished, and an Assistant, Covenanted or Uncovenanted, appointed on a salary of Rs 7200 per annum, and that the salary of the Collector should be fixed at Rs 18000 per annum. The proceeds in 1855/56 were Rs 7,09,776, and referring to a statement made by the Collector that those proceeds would be upwards of twelve lacs, if credit were given for the Duty on Salt exported to Calcutta, Mr Ricketts remarks that in calculating the responsibilities of the Officer at the head of the Madras Customs he "must take things as they are, and not as they might be under some other possible arrangement." He alludes to his proposition for throwing open all appointments of this kind to East Indians and Natives; but considering it probable that "it will be long before a Native of Madras shall be considered fit to fill the office he

* Former salary Rs 40,800 with Commission

he states that "though the proceeds are so small, compared with the proceeds of the other Custom Houses, the salary must be fixed on such a scale as will procure the services of a European Officer."

5. The following is a list of the principal Uncovenanted Officers at the Presidency in the Civil Department with their salaries, as taken from the Civil Auditors' Book of Civil Establishments for 1858/59.

Govt. Secretariat

	Rs.
Uncovenanted Assistant Public Department	500
Do Revenue Do	500
Do Military Do	500

Accountant General's Office

2d Assistant Accountant General	850
Principal Uncovenanted assistant	600

Post Office

Post Master Madras	700

Police

Deputy Commissioner	500
Do Do	500

Magistracy

Magistrate	800
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Board of Revenue

First Uncovenanted Assistant	500
Head Sarishtadar	700

Custom House

Appraiser	500

Municipal

Municipal Commissioner	700
Do Do	700

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Nb. It was decided by Govt that I would circulate a memo on the Attrs's application for an increase of pay. This memo gives the facts as to the present salary of the offrs, & Mr Richards' recommendation respecting it; together with a list of all the uncovenanted appointments in the Civil Dept having a salary of Rs 500 & upwards.

Nb. In this list I have not given the legal & Educational appts which are not held by natives but it is usually understood by the term "Uncovenanted Service".

The salary was fixed at Rup 600 Rup. per month, because of the smallness of the Collections, & the main ground urged for the proposed increase, is that the Collections have greatly increased since. But Richetts quotes the Collections at Rup. 709,766 in 1855/6 but it appears from the Statement given by Mr. Atkinson that they had increased in 1859/60 to above 16 lacks, being much more than double. Under the increased rate of Duty, the Collections are likely to continue high.

With regard to the pay of the other uncovenanted Servants appointments, I cannot but think that in comparison with these the pay of the appointment is low. The Municipal Commissioners receive 700 Rup each; the two ordinary posts are 800; & the second accountant Genl.

of the Dep. Collr of Sea Customs are not inferior to those of any of the Officers I am quite of opinion just mentioned, & that that 800 Rup. a month would under existing circumstances not be more than a suitable rate of Salary for the Deputy Collr of Sea Customs at Bassein. The office is a highly responsible one, & the labors are almost exclusive & intricate.

W. Richetts at Calcutta's salary is 1000 Rup. a month.

I submit to the Secretary of State that the reference for a fuller account of the matter to the Govt of India, would be unnecessary at present.

The note proposed by Mr. Atkinson appears worthy of support, & may be recommended by the Secy of State.

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Pickett scheme (though no
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has arrived) I doubt
the advisability of increasing
the pay beyond Mr Ps
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