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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 30th October 1860.

No. 479. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th October 1860, No. 4,518 :—

Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated 22nd August 1860, No. 863 :—

SIR,

1. The whole of the salt heaps at the Nellimuku and Karassa pans of Fasli 1267 having been disposed of, Mr. McMurray, the Head Sarishtadár of my Office, who was deputed by Mr. Reade to discover the surplus, puts in a claim to one-fourth of the proceeds; he stated that Mr. Reade promised he would recommend his claim for favorable consideration under the provisions of Section 15, Regulation I of 1805. As there was nothing public on the subject on record, I addressed Mr. Reade, and beg to enclose his reply* for the information of the Board. Mr. Reade, you will see, considers the claim put in by the Sarishtadárs a just one.

* *Copy.*

2. I agree with Mr. Reade in every respect, and think that Mr. McMurray's coadjutor, Fattai Sharíf, is worthy to receive a portion of the reward.

3. The Karassa frauds were entirely brought to light by Mr. McMurray, and I would grant him the whole reward there allowed by the Regulations.

4. From Nellimuku I would grant 25 per cent. as a reward, but of that 25 per cent. I would grant one-fourth to Fattai Sharíf, the other three-fourths to Mr. McMurray.

5. The annexed Abstract statement shows the sums realized at both pans, and the sums I would recommend being awarded to each of the public servants above named, the granting them will be a great future encouragement and a suitable reward for past good services. A detailed statement of the surplus discovered also accompanies this letter.

Makams.	Number of heaps.	Estimated value.	Amount realized.	Excess.	One-fourth of excess.		
					To Mr. McMurray.	To Fattai Sharíf.	Total.
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Nellimuku....	95	1,17,890 12 9	1,32,620 3 0	14,729 6 3	2,761 12 2	920 9 4	3,682 5 6
Karassa.....	6	5,909 13 11	6,709 12 0	799 14 1	199 15 6	....	199 15 6
	101	1,23,700 10 8	1,39,329 15 0	15,529 4 4	2,961 11 8	920 9 4	3,882 5 9

1. Ordered that the above letter be submitted for the consideration of Government.

2. In December 1858, Mr. Reade, then Collector of Vizagapatam, reported to the Board that having long had reason to suspect the existence of an organized system of fraud in the Salt Department, by false entries of receipts, sales, and wastage, and the embezzlement of the sale proceeds of salt either not brought to account, of falsely included in the item of wastage, he took measures to satisfy himself of the real state of things by removing suddenly and without warning the principal salt servants to other posts, and by placing persons whom he could confidently trust, to superintend the measurement and sale of the salt in store. The result was the discovery of a larger quantity of salt in the heaps than had been brought to

Dated 17th, in Cons., 29th Dec. 1858, *No.* 5,881.
„ *22nd*, „ *29th* „ „ „ 5,880.

account, and a consequent large increase in the out-turn of each heap, when the sales that had up to that time taken place under the superintendence of the ordinary Establishment, of salt manufactured and stored at the same time as that subsequently sold, showed a considerable, and as now proved fraudulent loss by wastage, the sale proceeds of the difference having evidently been embezzled by the salt servants, of whom several were dismissed by orders of the Board.

3. The principal Agents employed by Mr. Reade were Mr. McMurray, the then Head Writer of the Huzúr Kachéri, and now Sarishtadár, and Fattai Sharíf, the Head of Police of Vizianagrum, and Mr. Fane now applies for permission to disburse to them 25 per cent. of the sale proceeds of the excess salt, appearing in the out-turn of the heaps sold under their superintendence beyond what they contained according to the accounts prepared by the Departmental servants.

4. Mr. Fane grounds his application on those provisions of Section 15, Regulation I of 1805, which have reference to the seizure of contraband salt on just grounds by the subordinate officers of Collectors, Magistrates, &c., or in consequence of correct information furnished by them, and which are not, in the Board's opinion, at all applicable to the cases of Mr. McMurray and Fattai Sharíf who merely carried out the orders of their superior, the Collector, although certainly with praiseworthy honesty justifying the confidence reposed in them by Mr. Reade.

5. Mr. Fane indeed says in paragraph 3 of his present letter that "the Karassa frauds "were entirely brought to light by Mr. McMurray," but there is nothing in Mr. Reade's reports to show that he acted in the matter on any direct information from Mr. McMurray or from any one else, or indeed on other reasons than a well-grounded and wide-spread distrust of the Departmental Establishment, and Mr. Fane may perhaps merely intend to convey the meaning that at Karassa Mr. McMurray alone superintended the subsequent sales, &c., while at Nellimuku, he and Fattai Sharíf acted jointly.

6. The Board are of opinion that a donation of Rupees 500 to Mr. McMurray, and one of Rupees 300 to Fattai Sharíf will amply reward their special services, which have, moreover, as the Board understand, and certainly in Mr. McMurray's case been already recognized by considerable promotion.

7. The gain to Government by the sales in question beyond the value of the recorded contents of the heaps sold was Rupees 15,529, which no doubt but for Mr. Reade's exertions would have gone to swell the ill-gotten gains of the servants of the Department.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 480. ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1860, No. 1,993.

1. In his letter submitted with the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue above recorded, the Collector of Vizagapatam recommends that Rupees 2,961-11-8 may be awarded to Mr. McMurray and Rupees 920-9-4 to Fattai Sharíf as reward for their services in connection with the measurement and sale of the salt heaps at the Nellimuku and Karassa pans; the total of these two sums being one-fourth of the amount of the gain stated to have resulted to Government, from their active and honest superintendence of the sales. The Board of Revenue point out that Mr. Fane is mistaken in supposing that the two persons mentioned are entitled to reward under Section 15, Regulation I of 1805, as that Section does not apply to the case. The Board recommend however that a grant of Rupees 500 be made to Mr. McMurray and of Rupees 300 to Fattai Sharíf, in remuneration for their special services.

2. The Board's view of the law is undoubtedly correct but the Governor in Council is disposed to make a more liberal acknowledgement then they advocate, of the very good service rendered by the two Government servants in question. They resolve to grant a donation of Rupees (1,000) one thousand to Mr. McMurray, and of Rupees (600) six hundred to Fattai Sharíf; and these sums will be disbursed to them accordingly by the Collector.

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

To

E. G. R. Fane Esqre
Collector Vizagapatam

Sir

I acknowledging your letter of the 24th July with enclosure asking my intentions in regard to remuneration to Mr. McMurray for his services in the matter of the Salt frauds detected by me. I beg to state that I had fully purposed to recommend him for a fourth share of the proceeds of Salt discovered and brought to account over and above the Estimate in the public accounts, and I am of opinion that he is fully and justly entitled to

to such remuneration in view of the
labor and responsibility which devolved
on him. I have not the regulations by
me to refer to, but if there be no other
means of rewarding Futtay Sheriff
I am of opinion that a portion of this
fourth share should be given to him.
It is true Futtay Sheriff received
some recompense in the higher salary
he received as the Salt Darogah, but
for this he performed the ordinary
duties of the Office, while the duty
for which compensation is now
sought by Mac Murray, was
special and out of the ordinary rou-
tine, and I am sure the latter Officer
will not be insensible to Futtay

Sheriff's claims, for it is probable that
the one Officer without the other
could not have accomplished the
task assigned to both, while the
difficulties of Futtay Sheriff's po-
sition as a native, were doubtless
greater than were those of Mc
Murray. The proportions are perhaps
better if left to your judgment
and there may be for ought I
know, some rule which governs
the distribution of this kind of re-
ward. a sixth or even a fourth of the
entire sum to be divided would not I think
be more than Futtay Sheriff is entitled to.
I have &c &c

Signed/ Charles Reade
Collector

Hills
9th August 1860

/true Copy/
Geo. Ashe
Asst. Collector

Rev. Dept

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 30th October 1860.

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue.

Submitting for orders a letter
from the Collector of Vizagapatam
with the Board's opinion that a
donation of Rs 500 to Mr McMurray
and one of Rs 300 to Suttai Sharif
will amply reward their special
services

Here under 4th Octr 1860 №1518

In his letter submitted
with the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue above recorded,
the Collector of Vizagapatam
recommends that Rs 2961-11-3
may be awarded to Mr
McMurray and Rs 920-9-6
to Suttai Sharif as reward
for their services in connection
with the measurement and
sale of the Salt heaps at the
Pellimarru and Narassa
pan

Read a letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam dated 22nd August 1860. №2263.

№ 2253/60.

From W. Oram Esq
Collr of Vizagapatam

To C. Brandreth Esq
Secy to Govt
Revenue Department

Sir

I have the honor to submit herewith for the consideration of the Board of Revenue the accompanying petition from Mr McMurray and the letter from the Tahsildar of Bimlipatam in favor of Suttai Sharif

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
W. Oram
Collr

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3. Accts General
3. Civil Auditor

Reward to Mr. M. Murray and Pattai Sheriff in the Matter of certain Salt Pans in Vizagapatam.

Copy of a Letter to the Board of Revenue 11th May 1880.

Revenue 1880 Despatch to Govt
Board of Revenue for Vizagapatam
No. 1993.

Read the Madras Govt Despatch No. 20 Dated 1880.

Granting, in addition to the Rewards already granted to Pattai Sheriff for the Services rendered in connection with the encroachment and sale by the Collector of certain Salt Pans at Vizagapatam.

No. 1993 of 1880.

Vizagapatam.