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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1084 — Press / ~~Mis.~~

308.309

Dated 16 - 5 - 1862.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 16*th May* 1862.

No. 308. Read the following Petition of K. SOMASOONDRA MOODELLY, Head Writer and Recordkeeper in the Madras Sea Custom Office, to His Excellency Sir WILLIAM DENISON, K. C. B., Governor in Council, dated Madras, 3rd May 1862 :—

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

1. That in consequence of the reduction of salaries lately made in the Sea Custom establishment the salary of your Petitioner has been reduced from Rupees 100 to 50 Rupees per mensem notwithstanding he has been a faithful servant of the Government for the last 22 *years*, and has done good service and holds good testimonials.

2. That it has been a standing rule hitherto with the English Government that reduction of salaries should not affect present incumbents. That the present instance is a particularly hard one as Petitioner has worked his way up to his present post, and has six children besides other dependants whom he cannot support and educate on the reduced salary of Rupees 50 per mensem, as he has on Rupees 100 per mensem, particularly in these days of scarcity.

3. That your Petitioner would be glad of employment any where on his old salary of 100 Rupees per mensem, and cannot believe it to be the intention of Government to deal so heavy a blow upon an old servant, whose good character and ability his present superiors would readily acknowledge.

4. That your Petitioner has been strongly recommended by C. Collett, Esq., for a Deputy Collectorship (copies of testimonials annexed) and is using every endeavour to qualify himself for that post.

5. Your Petitioner accordingly, with the permission of C. J. Shubrick, Esq., Collector, humbly prays that he may be allowed to draw his former salary of Rupees 100 per mensem, until he be provided elsewhere or the appointment become otherwise vacated.

Your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

No. 309. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1862, No. 1,084.

1. The Governor in Council observes that though the office of Record-keeper will, in the revised establishment, devolve on a Clerk drawing Rupees 40 monthly, there will be a new appointment in the general Department of a Clerk on 100 Rupees, and for this Petitioner will be eligible.

2. In the revised Customs Establishment some offices are abolished and others greatly reduced in point of salary; on the other hand, several new offices have been created or rendered more remunerative. The Board will, when the revised Establishment is sanctioned by the Supreme Government, arrange for the appointment to offices of the latter descriptions, of such deserving and qualified servants as may be displaced or greatly affected by the proposed changes.

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

Resigned
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(Copies of Testimonials) Fort St. George

This is to certify that K. Somatoondra Moodelly was entertained as a Clerk in my Office on the 27th February 1840. and resigned his situation on the 18th September 1846 to better his prospects during the above period he performed his various duties with Credit and gave general satisfaction His Conduct and Character were unexceptionable. —

Adjt Genl Office
2d March 1861 —

/Signed/ W. G. Woods Lieut Coll.
Adjt Genl of the Army

K. Somatoondra Moodelly is a most indefatigable Officer and thoroughly trust worthy. I have known him from a Boy, he has risen from one grade to another till promoted to the Office he now holds, which he fills with integrity and ability, he is most attentive Officer and one of the most valuable in the Office. —

Sea Custom Office
30 April 1860. —

/Signed/ W. E. Underwood
Collector Sea Customs

I have since recommended him for such office. I hope that his interest may not suffer on the revision of the Establishment being carried out. — /Signed/ C. Collett
Sy. Collector Sea Customs

Sea Custom Office
9 December 1861.

Proceedings

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 4th February 1862. —

Read the following letter from C. Collett Esq. Ag. Collector of Sea Customs to W. Hudleston Esq. Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Madras 6th December 1861. No 604. —

1 In reply to your letter of the 14th Instant No 6268, I have the honor to state that I feel a great deal of hesitation in recommending any of my subordinates for such an important position as that of Deputy Collector. My predecessor has already recommended five or six Servants in the office, about whom also I should have felt a doubt. The duties to be performed in this office are not generally of the nature to test a man's fitness for the special position of Deputy Collector, since in my humble judgement, such fitness depends as much upon energy, judgement, and decision of character as upon mere intellectual capacity or business habits.

2 There is though one Servant whom I think it my duty to recommend, one whose death, but for my predecessor's death, he would certainly have been recommended by him. Fortunately for him W. Cochrane left this intention on record, and his long acquaintance with him, would doubtless have induced him to express as high an opinion of him as Mr. Underwood (as will be seen from the enclosed Testimonials) also entertained. —

3 K. Somasoondra Moodely the Servant alluded to, is at present Head Writer and Record keeper on a Salary of Rupees 100 per mensem. He has now been 21 years in the Public Service; his abilities are certainly good and from what opportunities I have had, I should judge him to be likely, from his character and disposition generally, to prove very efficient as Deputy Collector.

4 I think it fair to my Accountant G. Venkatanarainiah to add that I have declined to recommend him, not because I doubt his character, but because my acquaintance with him does not enable me to speak with equal confidence of his general fitness for such an office as that of Deputy Collector. He is still a young man, and perhaps my successor after longer experience will be able to speak with confidence about him.

Enclosure No 1
Abstract. Copies of Testimonials of Character

Recorded
(A true Copy & Extract)
(Signed) W. Hudleston
Secretary

To C. J. Shubrick Esq.
Collector Sea Customs Madras.

To

His Excellency Sir William Denison K.C.B.
Governor in Council
Madras

The Humble Petition of
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Keeper in the Madras
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particularly

Has been a large reduction - the reference should be to the papers for the circumstances in which such reduction was made.

Encl. to Letter to Govt dated 12th Dec. 1862. No 1249

Enclosure 1 - Rep. Sec to Govt with reference to H. S. Ch. Sec's minute herein dated 5th May 1862

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Madras
2 May 1862.

No. 1084

Draft.

The Civil Servants Establishment of Record Keepers will, in the revised establishment, devolve on a clerk drawing Rs 40 monthly. There will be a reversionary appointment in the General Departments of a Clerk on 100 Rs & for these Petns will be eligible.

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I D.S.

10th May/62

Note.

Petr is Asst Md Mike & Record Keeper on 100 Rs - In the revised Establishment a clerk on 60 Rs will have the records - But a clerk on 100 Rs will be newly allowed & for this Petr will be eligible - In all these revisions of course some are sufferers, & if the changes are only introduced as vacancies occur, years elapse before the revision comes into full play - The draft inside will perhaps be the best ways of meeting the difficulty -

J D S

Copy ma Letter to Custom
Dy 2nd December 1863 No 124
that he has a service
of 22 years standing,
and possesses good
certificates - Encloses
copies of his testimonials
&c -

Prays that he
may be allowed to draw
his former salary of
Rupees 100 per mensem
until he be promoted
elsewhere or the appoint-
ment becomes otherwise
vacated -

No 308 & 309.

Recd 10 May R 13 14 -

Revenue 1863 Oct 1st
Pro: of 2nd 72 to 79 of 1862. Cap
No 1428.

From G. Soma
Soondara Moodaly
Head writer and
Record Keeper in
the Madras Sea
Custom Office Madras

Dated 3rd
Recd 5th } May 62

With Enclosure

Complains that
his salary has been
reduced from 100 to 50
Rupees per mensem
in the reduction lately
made in the Sea
Custom Establish-
ment - States
No 1084 - 16 May
Write an Order