

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th June 1862.*

No. 351. Read the following Endorsement from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, dated 30th May 1862, No. 2,677:—

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated 12th May 1862, No. 3,458.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George.

Forwarding for favorable consideration of the Government of India Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, submitting a Memorial from Mr. Atkinson, Deputy Collector of Sea Customs at Madras, requesting that his pay may be raised from Rupees 600 to 800 per mensem. (Here enter 11th April 1862, No. 818.)

No. 2,159, Home Department, Fort William, the 25th April 1862.

Forwarded to the Financial Department. Letter to Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, No. 1,484, dated 23rd July 1859. „ to Secretary ditto, No. 2,066, dated 21st September, 1861, and enclosure. Despatch from the Secretary of State, to the Government of Fort Saint George, No. 15 of 1861, dated 8th March. ment, for consideration and orders,

together with the previous papers on the subject, the return of which is requested.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 12TH MAY 1862.
Order.

Ordered, that the Home Department be informed that the above papers will be sent for the favorable consideration and orders of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. BERNARD,

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 2,677.

Forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, with reference to the letter from that Government No. 818, dated 11th ultimo.

By order,

HOME DEPARTMENT,
30th May 1862.

(Signed) A. M. MONTEATH,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 353. ORDER THEREON, 24th June 1862, No. 1,385.

1. Communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Proceedings of 25th March, No. 1,977, and Order of Government thereon 11th April 1862, No. 817.

2. The Memorial received with the Board's Proceedings above quoted will now be forwarded by this Government to the Secretary of State for his favorable consideration.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 3458

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, d. 12th May 1862.

From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, No. 818, d., Fort Saint George, 11th April 1862.

I HAVE the honor, under the orders of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, to forward, for the favorable consideration of the Government of India, the enclosed Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th March 1862, No. 1977, submitting a memorial from Mr. Atkinson, Deputy Collector of Sea Customs at Madras, requesting that his pay may be raised from Rupees 600 to 800 per mensem.

2. The views of this Government on the subject are set forth in their despatch to the Secretary of State, dated 24th August 1860, No. 91, and referred to in Under-Secretary Lord H. Ulick Browne's letter, dated 21st September 1860, No. 2066. The Government then explained that the present pay of Mr. Atkinson's office was fixed with reference to the Revenue of 1855-56, viz., 7,09,776 Rupees; that the Revenue had risen in 1859-60 to above 16 lacs; that the duties and responsibilities of the Deputy Collector were not inferior to those of several other Officers receiving salaries varying from 700 to 850 Rupees; and that, independently of the Revenue collected, it was of importance that the remuneration should be such as to put the appointment on a footing of decided respectability. The Secretary of State, however, was not then prepared to accede to the recommendation, but stated that it would be borne in mind when Mr. Ricketts' reports were taken into consideration.

3. Nearly two years have passed since this recommendation was made, and as the grounds on which it was based remain unchanged, the Governor in Council desires me to solicit the favorable consideration of the Government of India to Mr. Atkinson's memorial, which will not be forwarded to its address until your reply to this letter is received.

PROCEEDINGS of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.

READ the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th March 1862, No. 1977.

Read the following letter from C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, to W. HURLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, d., Madras, 3rd March 1862, No. 124:—

I HAVE the honor to request the Board will be good enough to forward in the prescribed mode the enclosed memorial, in triplicate, from Mr. Atkinson, Deputy Collector, Sea Customs, to the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State, praying for an increase to his salary from Rupees 600 to Rupees 800 per mensem.

2. I am happy to be able to corroborate Mr. Collett's statements regarding the duties of the Deputy which Mr. Atkinson has adverted to, and his claim for an increase to his salary will, therefore, I trust, meet with the favorable consideration of the Board and Government and the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State in Council.

ORDERED, to be submitted for the favorable consideration of Government.

ORDER THEREON, 11TH APRIL 1862, No. 817.
 ORDERED, that this memorial be forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to their Under-Secretary Lord IL Ulick Browne's letter, dated 21st September 1860, No. 2066, and with the favorable recommendation of this Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

The humble memorial of EDWARD SAMUEL ATKINSON, Esq., Deputy Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, to the Right Honorable Sir CHARLES WOOD, Bart., K. C. B., M. P., Secretary of State for India.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

THAT your Memorialist having now served as Deputy Collector of Sea Customs at Madras about two years, during which he has discharged his duties to the entire satisfaction of the public, and as he believes to the best interests of Government, craves indulgence and permission of your Excellency in Council to submit for your re-consideration the question of providing adequate remuneration for the admitted great responsibility and heavy work of the office he holds.

2. In March 1861, your Excellency declined to accede to the recommendation of the Madras Government to increase the salary of the Deputy Collector from 600 to 800 Rupees per mensem; but was pleased to observe that it would be borne in mind when Mr. Ricketts' report were taken into consideration.

3. This decision, although reserving the subject for future consideration, is also susceptible of postponing it indefinitely, and has been received with deep regret and disappointment by your Memorialist, and he earnestly trusts that in the representation he is now laying before your Excellency, he will be able to shew that the salary of the office is not commensurate with the responsibilities and duties devolving upon him, which are allowed to be very heavy, and therefore deserving of better remuneration.

4. Your memorialist begs leave accordingly to append to this memorial the recorded opinion of Mr. Collett, lately Acting Collector of Sea Customs, on quitting office, which fully demonstrates the responsibility, experience, and ability required in the officer who conducts the executive duties of the office of Deputy Collector of Sea Customs. This officer testifies to the importance of the office in the following terms:—

"I have myself twice officiated as Deputy Collector, and have now held my present office for some months. I have thus had opportunities for judging. The entire routine business of passing goods being performed by the Deputy, it is obvious that very considerable responsibility devolves upon him. The revenue has at least doubled since Mr. Ricketts framed his estimate for the salary; the trade in free goods has also increased, and this adds to the labor of the Deputy, and is by no means a part of his duty, devoid of responsibility. The office also requires not a little tact and readiness in disposing of the variety of claims and questions constantly raised by parties doing business with the Custom House."

The testimony of Mr. Collett, an Officer whose practical experience has been brought to bear on the subject, will, your memorialist hopes, have its weight in determining your Excellency in Council to view the prayer of his memorial with favorable consideration.

5. To the above testimony your memorialist would respectfully add, that the experience he has acquired during a period of more than six years he was previously employed as Appraiser in the Custom House, peculiarly qualifies him for the duties of his present office, and enables him to exercise an entire control in respect to the value of goods. So important indeed was the office heretofore considered that the pay of your memorialist's predecessor, a Member of the Covenanted Civil Service, was 1,500 Rupees per mensem.

6. With a revenue* more than double, and a trade† in free goods considerably increased, and the great variety of questions constantly arising, requiring great experience and a ready exercise of judgment, tact, and firmness, the duties of your memorialist are far more onerous and responsible than those of some Officers,‡ who receive a higher rate of salary, but who have no money responsibility whatever, while your memorialist is accountable for the large

* SEA CUSTOMS REVENUE.	1860-61.
1855-56.	15,98,906
7,09,776	

† MERCHANDIZE AND TREASURE.	1860-61.
Imports and Exports.	84,35,416
1850-51.	45,43,343

Not including the trade with subordinate ports.

‡ First Assistant Accountant General, salary.....	850 Rs.
Head Sheristadar, Revenue Board.....	800 "

daily collections made under his supervision.

7. Your memorialist prays, therefore, that your Excellency will be pleased to take into consideration the foregoing circumstances, as well as his past services, as enumerated in the margin, and sanction the increase formerly recommended to the salary of the office of Deputy Collector of Sea Customs, which, it is acknowledged, he has efficiently filled for the last two years; and further that his case may be regarded as special, and retrospective effect given to the increase solicited, for which boon your memorialist, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

APPENDIX.

SEA CUSTOM HOUSE, MADRAS, THE 11TH DECEMBER 1861.

MEMORANDUM.

Mr. ATKINSON, the present Deputy Collector, has drawn my attention to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 24th August 1860, No. 1428, and the despatch from the Secretary of State for India, dated 8th March 1861, No. 16, on the subject of increasing the pay of the Deputy Collector from Rupees 600 to Rupees 800 per mensem. As the opinion of this Government was in favor of the increase, and as the letter of the Secretary of State expressly reserves the subject for future consideration, it may not perhaps be deemed unbecoming, if, on quitting my present office, I comply with Mr. Atkinson's request, and record my opinion on the matter. I have myself twice officiated as Deputy Collector, and have now held my present office for some months. I have thus had opportunities for judging. The entire routine business of passing goods being performed by the Deputy, it is obvious that very considerable responsibility devolves upon him. The revenue has at least doubled since Mr. Ricketts framed his estimate for the salary; the trade on free goods has also increased, and this adds to the labor of the Deputy, and is by no means a part of his duty, devoid of responsibility. The office also requires not a little tact and readiness in disposing of the variety of claims and questions constantly raised by parties doing business with the Custom House. References no doubt can be, and are made to the Collector, but still there are a variety of matters as to which the Deputy is called upon to exercise his judgment. In my humble judgment, therefore, Rupees 800 per mensem is not more than a fair remuneration to an efficient officer performing such duties. If personal claims are to be taken

in any degree into consideration, I may be allowed to add that Mr. Atkinson's past services experience, and ability will, I apprehend, be regarded as further arguments in favor of the increase at least in his case.

CHARLES COLLETT,
Acting Collector, Sea Customs.

No. 2159, HOME DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 25TH APRIL 1862.

Letter to Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, No. 1684, d. 23rd July 1859. **FORWARDED to the**
to Secretary Dittos, No. 2064, d. 21st September, 1861, and enclosure **Financial Department, for**
Despatch from the Secretary of State, to the Government of Fort Saint George, No. 15 of 1861, d. 8th March. **consideration and orders,**
together with the previous papers on the subject, the return of which is requested.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 12TH MAY 1862.

Order.

ORDERED, that the Home Department be informed that the above papers will be sent for the favorable consideration and orders of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

(A True Extract)

Chamard
Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

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Copy in a letter to Eng?
of 21st June 1862. No 42.

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Permanence 1862 (Pro 11)
no. of post for June.

17-1-1884

From the City to the
Gov. of S. D. C.

(1) Date 30. May
Permanence 17. June 1862.

No. 2073.

18-1383

Communicated to the
Board of Revenue with reference
to their decision of 20th April
1862 and order of 20th April
1862 No 873.

2. The Memorial received
with the Board's Resolution
above quoted will now be
forwarded by the post to the
Secretary of that for his
favourable consideration.

From H. S. Seng
20 June 1862

to the Secy of the
Board of Revenue

Copy 1862

No 354 & 355.

Forwarding to the

Govt. of India indicating
that they are not count-
ed with Mr. S. S. Seng's
distinction in regard to
salary will be sent to
the Governor's Council
in accordance with the
order of the Secretary of the
Board of Revenue
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