

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th July 1862.*

No. 374. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calicut, 30th June 1862, No. 52 :—

SIR,

1. Last Tuesday's "Fort Saint George Gazette" contained several promotions of Deputy Collectors. I was glad to see the names of Mr. Herbert Richardson, Deputy Collector of Wainál, and C. Kanaran, Deputy Collector Southern Division, in the list as promoted from 3rd to 2nd Class Deputies, but I cannot refrain from expressing my sincere

	Total service.		Appointed.		Salary
	Yrs.	M.			RS.
Mr. W. Bates.....	32	6	Dy. Collr. 3rd Class...	25th March 1859..	350
Mr. H. Richardson	2	2	Dy. Collr. 3rd Class...	2nd May 1860....	350
			Do. 2nd do.	24th June 1862....	500
C. Kanaran	32	11	Dy. Collr. 4th Class....	25th March 1859..	250
			Do. 3rd do.	19th Feb. 1861....	350
			Do. 2nd do.	24th June 1862....	500

regret that that of Mr. Bates, Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, did not appear in the same category.

2. A marked improvement is exhibited in the returns of the Departments which have been more immediately under Mr. Bates' management; and there is no doubt that a considerable share thereof is due to his careful and judicious superintendence. Mr. Grant made very favorable mention of the assistance he derived from Mr. Bates' services.

3. His claims have often been brought to notice by others, and I trust that, in justice, they will not now be lost sight of. A reference to the records, more especially those noted,* will show that few Deputy Collectors have better service to show, and I beg strongly to recommend his promotion to the 2nd Class.

* Vide the printed testimonials accompanying, several of which I must remark are no common ones.

No. 375.

ORDER THEREON, 29th July 1862, No. 1,612.

Mr. Bates' claims will be duly considered on the occurrence of a vacancy.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Acting Chief Secretary.

TESTIMONIALS.

Cochin. 29th December 1853.

(A.) This is to certify that Mr. William Bates, served under me in the Office of "Warden's Official Fund" at Bombay from 1st Novr. 1828, to 13th May 1829, on a Salary of Rs. 20 per mensem, and from 16th October 1830, to 31st March 1835, on a salary of Rs. 60 per mensem.

Of Mr. Bates' qualifications and character, I cannot speak too highly, from my long experience in that Office as Secretary for 19 years, I never met with his superior in assiduity, temper, talent, method, and trustworthiness.

(Signed) R. BENNET,

Late Secretary W. O. F.

(B.) *Note. Mr. Bates has mislaid a favorable testimonial from Sir Charles Malcolm, Superintendent of Marine, of his Services as Captain's Clerk, in the Indian Navy, for a period of about 17 Months, (May 1829 to October 1830) but it will no doubt be extant on the Records of the Marine Office at Bombay.*

(C.) Extract from a General Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, to the Government of Fort St. George, dated 21st May, No. 6 of 1844.

5. As you promised to furnish us at an early period with a complete report on the subject, we shall only observe at present, that we are still unconvinced of the necessity of sending out an European Arboriculturist to superintend the management of the Forests: you have been induced to repeat your requisition for such a person, by the difficulties which the Collector of Malabar met with in getting teak seed to germinate, but it is probable, that the most experienced Forester who had acquired his Knowledge entirely in Europe, would

be still less acquainted with the peculiar character of Teak than the Eminent Botanists* consulted by Mr. Conolly, and than could do no more than suggest experiments. The difficulties alluded to by Mr. Conolly were at last it appears, overcome by the late Sub Conservator Mr. Graham, thus shewing that observation and intelligence, without any particular training were sufficient for the purpose.

(E.) Extract from a letter from E. C. LOVELL, Esq. Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to G. D. DUFFY, Esq. Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated 18 November 1844, No. 551.

Para 4.—In an Extract from a General Letter of 21st March 1844, the Honorable the Court of Directors expressed themselves convinced of the necessity of sending out an European Arboreal culturist to superintend the management of the Western Forests and suggested that it would be preferable to employ at an adequate salary, the late Sub Conservator Mr. Graham, to whom the Court appear to attribute the merit of having overcome the difficulties which impeded the Germination of the Teak seed.—Mr. Conolly explains, that the success in this last particular is due to the efforts not of Mr. Graham, but of the Head Accountant of the Collector's Cutcherry, Mr. Bates. Neither Mr. Bates nor Mr. Graham, have however any practical acquaintance with Arboriculture as distinguished from Horticulture.

(F.) Extract from a Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors to the Government of Fort St. George dated 22d October Na 12 of 1845.

Para 2.—We learn with much pleasure that the difficulty which was for some time experienced in causing Teak seed to germinate has, as we anticipated, been at length completely overcome, and that in the latter part of 1843, and the spring of the following year, plantations were formed altogether about 50,000 young plants

* Doctor Wight & Monsr. Perrottet.

(G.) Extracts from the Official Diaries of Major F. C. COTTON, Civil Engineer 7th Division, for the Months of March and Dec. 1849.

1849 March 9th,—the "Calicut Record Room" is nearly finished, and does the highest credit to Mr. Bates the Head Writer in the Collector's Cutcherry, to whom the work has been intrusted. I shall report upon this building again on my next visit.

CALICUT RECORD ROOM.

December 21st—this building is now completed, and is the most satisfactory Record Room I have seen in the country. The management of the work has been in the hands of Mr. Bates, the Head Writer of Mr. Conolly's Cutcherry, by whose economy, we have been able to make the building very perfect, so much so, that I have ordered the cost of all parts of it to be taken as the standard for the District, and new data will be formed from it. The Estimate was Rs. 3,917. 15,—Bill Rs. 4175. 5. 7, showing an excess of 257. 6. 7. This is to be accounted for by several slight improvements in my plan as the work proceeded, alterations which I am sure will not be objected to, since they have completed the security and efficiency of the Record Room. The material and workmanship are excellent.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) H. V. CONOLLY,
Collector.

(H.) Extract of Despatch from MAJOR DENNIS H. M. 94th Regt. Commanding Field Force, to Major of Brigade, Cannanore, dated 5th September 1849—Angadiporam.

I would here mention the valuable assistance I received from Mr. Bates, Head Writer to the Collector, for the prompt manner in which he facilitated the transit of the supplies for the use of the men, and his valuable assistance on the line of march, particularly for his exertions in bringing up the men, who were detained, some of them 36 hours, in Boats, by the strong unexpected and rapid current, caused by the heavy rain on the Ellattoor backwater.

(True Extract.)

Cannanore,
29th December 1849. }

(Signed) J. L. DENNIS,
Major H. M. 94th Regt.

(I.) Extract from a Letter from the Magistrate of Malabar to the Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, dated 15th September 1849 No. 23.

Para 4.—And I should do great injustice to a most excellent servant, were I to omit this opportunity of recording the high sense I entertain of the meritorious services rendered by him during the time in question.* Mr. Bates, the person I allude to, is an East Indian, and my Head Accountant, he came forward as a volunteer to aid the passage of H. M. 94th Regt. and from the time that he met them at Elatoor on their arrival, to their return to Calicut, his activity, labor, and judgment, were so marked, as to meet with general approval. Major Dennis has I know spoken of him in very flattering terms in his official report; and I am sure the Government will be pleased that I do so in this.

Judicial Department.

No 611.

(J.) Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 25th September, 1849.

Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Malabar.

(Here enter 15th September 1849 No 23.)

2. To Mr. Bates the Head Accountant of the Collector's Establishment, of whose meritorious conduct the Magistrate makes such prominent mention, and who is also noticed with Commendation by Major Dennis in his official despatch, the Governor in Council, desires a donation of one Month's Salary may be presented, as an acknowledgment on the part of Government of his very useful and voluntary services on this occasion, and as some compensation for the expenses his zeal for the public welfare may have caused him to incur.

(True Extracts)
(Signed H. V. CONOLLY,
Magistrate.

To
Mr. W. Bates,
Head Accountant.
For information.

Calicut
2nd October 1849. }

* Late Military operations in Ernaad.

(K.) Extract from a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors dated 8th December 1849 No. 19 received with an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of Government under date the 28th February 1850.

Para 3d.—Mr. Conolly the Collector and Magistrate, used his best Exertions, and was Zealously seconded by his Assistants, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Collett, as well as by the Head Accountant of his office, Mr. Bates, in facilitating the advance of the Company of Europeans, and providing as far as possible for their health and comfort. We observe with satisfaction the perfect cordiality which prevailed betwixt the Civil and Military Officers employed on this Service.

(True Extract)
(Signed) H. V. CONOLLY,
Magistrate.

To
Mr. W. Bates,
Head Accountant.
For information.

Calicut
5th March 1850. }

(L.) Inscription on the first page of a set of six Volumes (Qto) of Scott's Commentaries.

The very day my beloved husband was taken from me, he said that this Bible should be presented to Mr. Bates, as a small token of the very high estimation in which he held him, both as a public servant, and a private individual. I have a Mournful satisfaction in fulfilling this, one of his latest wishes, and in adding my own unfeigned gratitude for all Mr. Bates has since done in Memory of the honored dead.

(Signed) A. CONOLLY.
(True Copy.)
(Signed) T. CLARKE.

Calicut
28th September 1855. }

(M.) Extract from a letter from T. CLARKE, Esq. Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Engineer D. P. Works Fort St. George, dated 24th, September 1856 No. 2940.

7. From time to time, I have obtained repeated promises from he Maramuth Gomastah that he would lay the Statements, Accounts

(N.) Extract from the Annual Revenue Report of Fusly 1265, A. D. 1855, 56, of T. CLARKE, Esq. Collector of Malabar, to G. S. FORBES, Esq. Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort St. George, dated 25th September 1856.

Para 50.—I deem it also just to mention here, the very valuable aid I have received from the unceasing and intelligent labour of my Head Accountant Mr. Bates, whose devotion to the Public Service cannot easily be surpassed. His clear head, not only in Accounts, but in the Revenue system, in the affairs of the District, and the general details of the Office, his great experience, his untiring zeal, and his obliging manner, eminently fit him for the post he fills, and point him out as one qualified for higher employment, should situations of larger trust be opened to the Revenue branch of the Uncovered Service.

(O.) Mr. W. Bates having asked me for a testimonial, I can state from 10 years acquaintance, & much personal observation, that I have met none of his class with higher ability, Official experience, zeal & pains-taking assiduity, in the discharge of his duty. He has won the Esteem of every officer who has had an opportunity of knowing him in Malabar, by his pleasant manner, and ready obligingness.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,

M. C. S.

9th April 1857.

Remarks on the Conduct of the Subordinate Officers.	Remarks on the Conduct of the Subordinate Officers.	Remarks on the Conduct of the Subordinate Officers.
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Mr. Bates, Head Accountant.

Para 36.—It will be unnecessary for me to add to this Report further than that I most cordially subscribe to the remarks elicited from the Collector in the Jumma-bundy Report of 1265 on the subject of the conduct, diligence, and ability, of the European Officers and Subordinates of the District. With few exceptions the Tahsildars have given satisfaction.

(Q.) Extract from a letter from LIEUT. T. E. TENNANT, Assistant Engineer, to LIEUT. J. BEAN, District Engineer of Malabar, dated 12th August 1857, No. 187.

The Acting Collector (Malabar) has most kindly placed at my disposal the services of his Head Accountant Mr. Bates, who is I believe considered one of the ablest and most experienced Accountants in the Madras Presidency, and we have been engaged together daily from 11 A. M. to 7 P. M. for a period of six weeks in this examination, * but a total absence of any thing like system or accuracy in Major Selby's Accounts, has rendered the task of scrutinising & checking the expenditure most laborious and difficult.

* Of Accounts of Expenditure on the Chetwyke Dam.

True Copies & Extracts

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,

Acting Collector of Malabar.

MR. BATES' TESTIMONIALS.

Recd 1862 Oct 14
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The Election of Indian
to
the Acting Chief Secretary
to Government.

For Mr. George

Dated 30 June 1862.

Received 5th July

No. 52.

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No.

Regarding his report that
the Duke's name was not
-then in the list of those of
the majority - Election etc
was forwarded from the 1st
to 2nd of July - saying to
refuse mention of names
and recommending his name
-then to the 2nd of July -
at 10th 1862. 29 July

1862

will be ready convenient on the
occurrence of emergency.

For Mr. George
29th July 1862

Copy to the Secretary of the Board of Directors

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With new order