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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th April 1862.

No. 198. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th March 1862, No. 1,977.

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

SIR,

1. 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 Honorable 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 Honorable the Secretary of State in Council.

Ordered to be submitted for the favorable consideration of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 199. 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 H. Ulick Browne's letter, dated 21st September 1860, No. 2,066 and with the favorable recommendation of this Government.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 200. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 11th April 1862, No. 818.

SIR,

1. I have the honor under the orders of His Excellency the Governor 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. 1,977, 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. 2,066. 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. Rickets' reports were taken into consideration.

Despatch dated 8th March 1861, No. 15.

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.

To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES WOOD, BART., K.C.B., M.P.,

Secretary of State for India.

THE HUMBLE MEMORIAL OF EDWARD SAMUEL ATKINSON,

Deputy Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

1. 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 [illegible] 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 favourable consideration.

5. To the above testimony from Government sources [illegible] that the experience he has acquired during a period of more than [illegible] years he was personally employed Appraiser in the Custom House, peculiarly qualifies him [illegible] the duties of [illegible] office, and enables him to exercise an entire control in respect to the value of goods [illegible] was the office heretofore considered that the pay of your Memorialist [illegible] indeed the Covenanted Civil Service, was 1,500 Rupees per mensem.

[illegible]	1860-61
[illegible]	15,08,506

† Merchandize and Treasure, Imports and Exports.

1860-61	1860-61
14,43,448	14,55,416

Not including the trade with subordinate ports.

6. "With a certain" [illegible] trade," in free goods [illegible] increased, and the [illegible] variety of questions constantly arising, [illegible] greatest perseverance and a ready exercise of [illegible] and tact; and, more, the duties of your Memorialist [illegible] and responsible than those of some [illegible] a higher rate of emolument, [illegible] *whatever*, while your Memorialist is accountable for the large daily collections made under his supervision.

2 First Assistant Accountant General [illegible] salary ..... 3 years.
Head Sheristadar Revenue Board ..... 600 „

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

In Government Secretariat	2 years.
Hon. Manager Custom House	6 „
Appraiser	6 „
Acting Deputy and Deputy Collector	2 „
	17 years.

Your Memorialist, as in duty bound,

Will ever pray.

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APPENDIX.

SEA CUSTOM HOUSE,
MADRAS, *11th December* 18[illegible]

MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Atkinson, the present Deputy [illegible]

Government, dated 24th August 1860, No. 1428, and the Despatch from the Secretary of State for In dated 8th March 1861, No. 16, on the subject of increasing the pay of the Deputy Collector from Rup [illegible] to Rupees 800 per mensem. As the opinion of this Government was in favor of the increase, and t 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 re 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 do 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 he seeks in his case.

CHARLES COLLETT,
Acting Collector Sea Customs

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Lr & Memorandum from
the Trustees of the Custom
House dated 19 June

Pro: 11 April/02 2 Encs

An additional
Copy of Mr Gilkinson's
Memorial

N. 817.

Ordered that this Memorial be ~ forwarded to the Govt of India with reference to their Under Secretary Lord H. Ulick Browne's letter dated 21st September 1860 No 2066 and with the favorable recommendation of this Government.

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Rev: Deptt.

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To

The Secretary to the
Government of India
Home Department.

Sir,

Para: 1. I have the honor under the orders of His Excellency the Governor 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

set forth in their despatch
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24th August 1860 No 91, and
referred to in Under Secretary
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was fixed with reference to
the Revenue of 1855/56 viz.
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last raised in 1859/60 to above
16 lacs. that the duties and
responsibilities of that 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 communications
should be such as to put the
Government on a footing of decided
respectability. The Secretary
of State however

over

Enclosed in Bombay
No 15.

was not then prepared to
accede to the recommendation
but stated that it would be
borne in mind when other
detailed reports were taken
into consideration.

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it was based remain unc
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Council desires me to solicit
the favorable consideration
of the Government of India
to Mr Atkinson's Memorial
which will be sent
for transmission by
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2d Dec is received.

I have &c
J. P.

From Sir George Clerk
11th Dec 1862

Revenue 1862 Dept.
Pro: of Govt for April

No 818.

To the Secretary to the
Govt of India.
Dated 11th April 1862.

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Forwarding for consideration Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting a Memorial from the Hon'ble the Collector of Sea Customs at Madras, requesting that the pay may be raised from Rs 600 to 800 per mensem.

No 200.

Copy rec'd & Letter to England
dated 12th June 1862 of 1862

From Grant, Offg Sec. to Govt of India
Revenue Dept.
To the Board of Revenue Madras
Dated Fort St. George the 4th April 1862

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Dep
12th April 1862.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Received 29th March 1862
Despatched 25 April 1862
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No 1819

Submitting (with) Letters
of the Principal Collector
Armenia & Chittoor and the
Government Engineer the Collector
of the Nellore Circuit for necessary
Sanction to certain Alterations
in the Nellore Anicut proposed by
the Latter Officer

No 203 to 204.

Read letter from