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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 849	Press Mis.
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 16th April 1862.

No. 261. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th April 1862, No. 2,296:—

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, 21st March 1862, No. 169.

Sir,

1. I have the honor to bring the following circumstances connected with the salary of my appointment to the notice of the Board, and to request that they will be good enough to submit them for the favorable consideration and orders of Government.

2. While holding the substantive appointment of Civil and Session Judge of Chingleput, I was appointed during my absence in England, on the 17th May 1861, Collector of Sea Customs at a salary which was afterwards fixed on the 28th idem of Rupees 28,000 per annum, while my predecessor, who had been appointed on the 1st May 1860, had been in the receipt of Rupees 30,000, the salary fixed by the late Honorable the Court of Directors in paragraph 18 of their Despatch No. 22 of the 29th November 1843.

Extract Minutes Consultation under date 9th March 1844, No. 209.

3. No previous intimation had ever been issued by Government to this Office that it was their intention to reduce the salary of my appointment from the higher to the lower amount, and their intimation of the reduction after my appointment was, I believe, unusual, and without a precedent. So far as my experience goes intended reductions on the occurrence of vacancies are generally known to the service and are intimated to the various offices prior to their becoming vacant, and not as in the present instance after they have been filled up.

4. I am aware, it may be replied, that the reduction was no more than the enforcement of the assent which Government had given on Mr. Ricketts' propositions in 1857, but I trust I may be permitted respectfully to point out that while this is undoubtedly true, the omission to enforce their assent in the previous year in the case of Mr. Cochrane renders it doubly hard that I should be deprived without previous warning of the larger salary which, notwithstanding their assent, they had permitted him to enjoy.

5. This enforcement of their assent appears to me also, with all humble respect and submission to their authority to have been unlooked for by the Home authorities inasmuch as the Right Honorable the Secretary of State in his Despatch to the Honorable the Governor in Council, dated 8th March 1861, No. 15, declared that Mr. Ricketts' Reports had not then been taken into consideration and consequently could not have been expected by him to be acted on.

Proceedings of Government, No. 481, 16th April 1860.

6. The Board are well aware that since the date of Mr. Ricketts' propositions the trade and Customs Revenue of Port have more than doubled, and that they made this fact a plea for recommending an increase to the salary of the Deputy Collector in their Proceedings of the 5th July 1860, No. 3,003, which also met with the concurrence and support of Government, and I accordingly have the honor to request that as no instructions for the reduction of the salary of my appointment would appear to have been received from the Supreme Government or the Secretary of State, and it was not carried out in the case of my predecessor, I may be permitted as a special case to retain the former salary of Rupees 30,000 per annum during my tenure of the office of Collector of Sea Customs, and commencing from the date of my taking charge of it.

Ordered to be submitted for the consideration and orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 262. Order thereon, 16th April 1862, No. 849.

The Governor in Council considers Mr. Shubrick's claim to the allowances drawn by his predecessor to be wholly untenable.

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

In 1853 the Board
of Directors ordered the
Salary of the Collector of
Sea Customs at Colombo
to be fixed at 3000 Rupees
annually on the assurance
of a vacancy

In 1856 the Commissioners
for the reduction of Civil
Salaries proposed that the
Salary should be reduced
to Rx. 1800 annually or 1500
per annum.

The question was
referred to the Board of Revenue
who recommended that the
pay of the Office should
not be less than that of
an

I do not consider that the
Public Service would
sustain an increase of
Salary: should it be
decided that he should
receive more than any
of the Collectors & I consider
the Salary assigned by me
sufficient for the duty he is
called upon to perform

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an ordinary Co. Collector's
pay Rs 28000 annually or
Rs 2333 3/3 per mensem.
The Government and the
Board's letter to the supreme
Government and expressed
their full concurrence in
the views taken by the Board.
The occurred in 1857. Mr.
Underwood retired in 1860
and Mr. Lee succeeded Mr.
Cochrane drawing pay at
the rate of Rs 3000 annually,
the intention of saving only
2 Sicca Rupees not being carried
out inasmuch as more weight
or allowance cannot accompany
Mr. Cochrane abroad
per May 1861 and on the
return of Mr. Shubrick, then
on
on long furlough, this certificate
was appointed to succeed
Mr. Lee.

On the 21st ultimo

a Telegram was received from
the Supreme Government en-
quiring what reductions
were to be made on account
of Mr. Cochrane's
death and on the 28th ultimo
Government decided that
the pay should be reduced
from 30000 to 28000.

Mr. against this order
Mr. Lushington Comy Underwood
Mr. Cochrane Mr. Lee stated that Mr Shubrick appeal-
ed to the Board of Re-
venue to the effect
that on the death
of Mr. Cochrane
Mr. Shubrick was
promoted to the office
which about one year
from its being thus
left an office of the Presidency
would be acceptable to him
& that on the ground of the
fourteen that Rs 30000 should
be given instead of
Rs 28000 Co. Charles Lushington
pay became the order for his
appointment a few days
before the order for giving
the reduction of salary —
Mr. Shubrick had entered

Mr. Shubrick appointed to
succeed Mr Cochrane after
Shubrick was in England
and his appointment was
that of Judge of Chingleput
the pay of which Office is
Rs 3000 per annum — the
sum to be now received.

By Order Respectd

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the office before the salary
was reduced & the salary
proposed by them is the
same as that which he
before drew as Collector &
subsequently as Judge of
Chancellorship - He has therefore
suffered no loss, nor can I
see that he has any just
cause of complaint -
It is clearly impossible
to pay the Collectors of Sea Customs
& Surveyors salaries from that
which has been allotted (Rs 20000)
for the Judges & Officers Establishment
& it is not to be supposed
that this can be applied
to be charged to a Collectorate
or a Superintendency.

Yrs

12 March 1856 No 67.
15 October 1856 — 7-8
27 January 1857 — 39-40.
19 May 1857 — 15-18.
4 July 1857 — 17-18.
24 May & 1858 — 295-296.

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The Governor and
Council consider
that the
recommendation stated by the
predecessors to be worthy
of attention.

J.W.

Submitting for the
Consideration and
orders of Government
a letter from the
Collector of Sea
Customs regarding
the Salary of his
Appointment.

Jour. 4th Sept
16th April 1862

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