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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1367 Press Mis.

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Dated 23-7-~~19~~ 1863

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd July 1863.

No. 434. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd June 1863.

Read the following letter from C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Collector Sea Customs, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 16th June 1863, No. 268:—

SIR,

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 13th instant, forwarding letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 1,916, dated 8th May 1863, enquiring "why K. Somasoondra Mudali, Head Writer and Record-keeper in the Establishment "of the Madras Sea Customs Office, having been really the second on the old scale of the "Custom's Establishment on a salary of Rupees 100 per mensem was not placed in the "corresponding position on the new scale to which the same salary of 100 Rupees is attached." I have the honor to report that of four Office servants drawing that monthly salary on the old Establishment, viz., one Cash-keeper, one Head Writer and Record-keeper and two Preventive Officers, of whom one only a European was employed as such, the other a Bramin being actually the Accountant; the Head Writer and Record-keeper was alone affected by the changes organizing the new Establishment. The Cash-keeper and the European Preventive Officer retained their appointments and salaries in the new Establishment which they had held in the old; and the Bramin Preventive Officer, who had actually been the Accountant, was continued in that capacity on its newly sanctioned salary of Rupees 100, which was the same he had been actually receiving.

2. The loss of salary, therefore, fell on the Head Writer and Record-keeper alone, for which there was no help, the new Establishment dividing his appointment into two and making a distinction between the functions of a Record-keeper and the duties of a Clerk.

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1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order dated 10th June 1863, No. 1,012.

2. Somasoondra Mudali was not qualified for the Presidency Offices to which under the revision, the salary of Rupees 100 was attached and refused a salary of that amount which was offered to him in the Mofussil.

No. 435. Official Memorandum from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 9th July 1863, No. 492.

1. In reply to the Memorandum from the Secretary to Government, dated 26th June 1863, the undersigned has the honor to state, that in his letter to the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, dated 29th April 1862, Mr. Pelly enquired whether Mr. Waters and Somasoondra Mudali, whose appointments had been affected by the revision, were willing to take up an appointment of Rupees 100 or 85 in any of the Maritime Districts, and that the reply was that "Mr. Waters was willing to accept employment in a Maritime District at a salary of Rupees 100, and that Somasoondra Mudali is not." It was stated, with reference to this reply, that an appointment in the Mofussil had been refused by Somasoondra Mudali. In consequence of his refusal to go up-country, no measures were adopted to secure him any particular appointment in the Mofussil Sea Custom Offices, but one was secured for Mr. Waters.

2. In reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd June 1863, No. 3,790, which is perhaps calculated to injure Somasoondra's claim, it is proper to explain that the Offices at the Presidency Customs House to which under the revision the pay of Rupees 100 was attached, remained with the former occupants who had been previously in receipt of the same rate of pay, and in one case of a higher rate which was reduced to Rupees 100.

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or Accountant, to which
appointment

3. The expression used in the above paragraph should be modified, for though Somasoondra was not physically fit for work in the yard, he was not by want of ability or experience unfit to hold any of the other appointments had such been vacated, which however they were not, nor were the salaries attached to them increased beyond what the incumbents had previously drawn.

(By Order.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 436. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 23rd July 1863, No. 1,367.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 8th of May last, No. 1,916, enquiring "why Somasoondra "Mudaly having been second on the old Establishment of the Madras Sea Customs House, was "not placed in the corresponding position on the new scale to which his old salary, Rupees 100, "was attached," I am directed to forward the accompanying Proceedings* of the Board of Revenue with an explanatory Memorandum† received from their Secretary. It will be seen that the post of first Clerk or Accountant, to which apparently your letter refers, was assigned to one of the two Preventive Officers entered on the old scale. The new scale provides for but one Preventive Officer, and the loss of salary must therefore have fallen either on this person or on Somasoondra Mudaly. The former was preferred on the ground of his previous employment as an Accountant, and consequent fitness for the post.

* Dated 23rd June 1863, No. 3,790.

† Dated 9th July 1863, No. 493.

Revenue Department

No. 1367.

To

The Secretary to the
Govt of India

Sir,

With reference
to your letter of the 8th
of May last, No. 1916 en-
quiring "why Somasoon-
-dra Mudaly having
been second on the old
establishment of the
Madras Sea Customs
House was not placed
in the corresponding po-
-sition on the new scale
to which his old salary,
Rs. 100, was attached," I
am directed to forward
dated 23rd June 1863, No. 3790. the accompanying pro-
-ceedings of the Board
of Revenue with an
dated 9th July 1863, No. 492. explanatory Memo-
-randum received from their Se-
-cretary. It will be seen
that the post of 1st Clerk
or Accountant, to which
apparently

assistant to your letter
referred to and signified
to one of the two Secretaries
Officers entitled to the
old Levée. The Levée is
for every public officer, whose
appointment or the Board of
Salary must therefore
have fallen either on
this Person or on some
Sunday or Monday - the
former is as proper
on the ground of his
previous employment
as an accountant, and
consequent fitness for
the post -

Mr

&c &c &c

Genl. Wm. Scott
23d. July 1803.

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Copy in a Letter to England
Dy 2nd December 1863 No 124

From

The Secretary to the
Govt of India.
Dy 23d July 163

Transmits Copy of the Proceedings
noted in the margin on the 31st ult. No 1195
in No. 1

Pro No. 164-167
10-6-63

Explaining why Mr.
Jamasoondha Mudali
was not placed on the
Pay in the new scale of
the Sea Customs establish-
ment.

No 434 & 436.