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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 2nd December 1863.

No. 39. Read the following letter from J. H. BLAIR, Esq., Acting Collector of Sea Customs, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 23rd November 1863, No. 612:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward a Petition in triplicate from K. Somasoondra Moodelly to the Right Honorable Sir Charles Wood, Secretary of State for India, and to request that His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor will be pleased to forward it with such remarks as he may think proper.

2. During the short time I have had charge of the Office, I have had every reason to coincide in the opinions expressed by my predecessors regarding Petitioner.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1863, No. 2,183.

Ordered that the Memorial received with the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Home Authorities, and that an intimation of the same be given to the Memorialist.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

TO

THE RIGHT HONORABLE
SIR CHARLES WOOD, Bt., K. C. B., M. P.
Secretary of State for India.

The humble Memorial of K. SOMASOONDRA Moodelly, Clerk in the Madras Sea Custom Office.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your Memorialist has been in Government Service 23 years and 10 months, of which 17 have been passed in the Custom House, he rose gradually to the situation of Head Writer and Record-keeper which he held for 3½ years on salary of Rs. 100 monthly.

2. When the new Scale obtained in May 1862, Memorialist's salary was reduced to Rs. 50 monthly.

3. Your Memorialist then addressed the Government of Madras, and the Board* of Revenue after full enquiry reported "that his case merited special consideration and he should be permitted to draw the pay of Rs. 100 monthly for 6 months or until he could be otherwise provided for." Government at that time declined to recommend the Board's proposal to the Government of India for sanction,† but on reconsideration of the peculiar hardship of Memorialist's case subsequently did so with a strong recommendation‡ in his favor.

* Vide Pro. Board of Revenue 13th August 1862.—No 5302.

† On Memorialist's Appeal dated 12th November 1862

‡ Pro. of Madras Govt. 23rd February 1863.—Nos. 389 and 390.

4. The Government* of India then called for explanation "why your Memorialist had been so hardly dealt with, and not provided for in the new Scale." The Collector of Sea Customs explained "that Memorialist's Office of Head Writer and Record-keeper had been divided for which there was no help and the holders of other appointments of 100 Rs. salary remained in them, therefore he could not be provided for in the Custom House" on this letter the Board* passed Proceedings, the 2nd Para. of which was incorrect, and subsequently amended† to the effect "that Memorialist was fitted from ability and experience to hold any of those appointments if vacated."

* 8th May 1863.—No. 1916.

* Vide Pro. Board of Revenue, 23rd June 1863.—No. 3790.

† Official Memo. No. 492 July 9th 1863.—Para 2.

5. The Government of India however declined* to sanction the arrangements† proposed by this Government, and against this order your Memorialist respectfully appeals.

* From Govt. of India to Govt. of Madras, 31st August 1863.—No. 4243.

† Vide Para. 3 of this Memorial.

6. When the Establishment was revised by Mr. Collett, the Acting Collector, he did not believe that the salary of present incumbent; would be reduced, and especially would not have injured your Memorialist which is proved by his having recommended Memorialist for a Deputy Collectorate.*

* Vide Pro. Board of Revenue, 4th February 1862.

7. In conclusion your Memorialist submits for your Excellency's consideration the very serious loss, and great hardship he has been subjected to, by the reduction of 50 per cent. of his salary after 23½ years service during which he earned the approbation of all his superior officers. Memorialist also prays that your Excellency will take into consideration that his Pension to which he will be entitled in a year and a half will be similarly reduced 50 per cent. as it will be calculated on Memorialist's salary for the last 5 years of his service.

Memorialist has great difficulty in educating and supporting his large family and other dependants in these days of scarcity, and prays that the recommendation of the Madras Government of February 23rd 1863, may be sanctioned and your Memorialist will ever pray.

K. Somasoondra Moodelly

Read and
21st March
1863.

ENCLOSURE.

DUPLICATE.

Fort St. George.

This is to Certify that K. Somasoondra Moodelliar was entertained as a Clerk in my Office on the 27th February 1840, and resigned his situation on the 18th September 1846, to better his prospects. During the above period he performed his various duties with credit and gave general satisfaction, his conduct and character were unexceptionable.

(Signed) W. G. WOODS, Lieut.-Col,
Adjutant General of the Army.

ADJT. GENL.'S OFFICE, *2nd March* 1861.

SEA CUSTOM HOUSE, MADRAS, 30*th April* 1860.

K. Somasoondra Moodelly is a most indefatigable officer and thoroughly trustworthy. I have known him from a Boy, he has risen from one grade to another, till promoted to the office he now holds, (Head Writer and Record Keeper) which he fills with integrity and ability, he is a most attentive officer and one of the most valuable in the office.

(Signed) W. E. UNDERWOOD,
Collector Sea Customs.

SEA CUSTOM HOUSE, *7th March* 1861.

This certificate is written on the back of the statement of the Returns prepared for the late Honorable Court of Directors.

K. Somasoondra Moodelly will be recommended for an Uncovenanted Deputy Collectorship next year.

(Signed) W. E. COCHRANE,
Collector Sea Customs.

SEA CUSTOM HOUSE, MADRAS, 9*th December* 1861.

I have since recommended him for such office, I hope that his interest may not suffer on the revision of the Establishments being carried out

(Signed) C. COLLETT, Actg. Collector Sea Customs.

DEPARTMENTAL ORDER.

K. Somasoondra Moodelly is specially placed in charge of the Records, the arrangement of which (although of late much improved) still require putting in order. He will also assist the General Department under the orders of the Head Manager and Supervise the External Commerce Department, and be responsible that the monthly Statements are despatched at an early date each month.

(Signed) W. E. COCHRANE,
Collector Sea Customs.

SEA CUSTOM HOUSE, MADRAS, 11*th May* 1860.

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No. 779.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th February 1862.

Read the following letter from C. COLLETT, Esq., Acting Collector of Sea Customs, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Madras, 6th December 1861, No. 604 :—

1. In reply to your letter of the 14th ultimo, No. 6,268, I have the honor to state that I feel a good deal of hesitation in recommending any of my subordinates for such an important position, as that of Deputy Collector. My predecessor has already recommended five or six servants in the

Office, about whom also I should have felt no doubt. The duties to be performed in this Office are not generally of the nature to test a man's fitness for the special position of Deputy Collector, since in my humble judgment, such fitness depends as much upon energy, judgment, and decision of character as upon mere intellectual capacity or business habits.

2. There is though one servant whom I think it my duty to recommend, the more so as but for my predecessor's death, he would certainly have been recommended by him Fortunately for him Mr. Cochrane left this intention on record, and his long acquaintance with him, would doubtless have induced him to express as high an opinion of him as Mr. Underwood (as will be seen from the enclosed testimonial) also entertained.

3. K. Soomasoondrum Mudali, the servant alluded to, is at present Head Writer and Record Keeper on a salary of Rupees 100 per mensem. He has now been 21 years in the public service, his abilities are certainly good, and from what opportunities I have had, I should judge him to be likely, from his character and disposition generally, to prove very efficient as a Deputy Collector.

ENCLOSURE No 1.

ABSTRACT —Copies of Testimonials of Character.

Recorded.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To C. J. Shubrick, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

"Unfortunately his Interests did suffer in this revision, and effort has been made to get them remedied, but as yet without success. He is a deserving man and if opportunity offered should be promoted.

21st July 1863. (Signed) C. J. Shubrick
Collector.

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To,

His Excellency Sir. William Denison
K. C. B.
Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.
Madras

The humble Petition of
K. Soomasoondra Moodelly
Head Writer in the
Sea Custom Office
Madras. —

Most Humbly Sheweth,

With every sentiment of respect and submission Petitioner begs to submit herewith a Memorial in Triplicate for transmission to the Right Honorable Sir Charles Wood Bt. K. C. B. M. P. the Secretary of State for India in Council respecting the severity of affliction and grievance borne by your Petitioner resulting from the reduction at once of 50 Rs. Cent. from his salary by the late revision in his office. And the still more heavy loss which await upon him

consequent

Consequent on the decrease of pension for it will be regulated on his reduced salary to which Petitioner is entitled in the course of year & half hence.—

Petitioners representation of his unfortunate Case not having received a favorable consideration at the hands of the Supreme Government he now in the absence of any other source from which he may claim for the fulfilment of his prayers forwards the above Memorial and earnestly beseeches your Excellency to support the same with your Excellency's kind recommendation as Petitioner fully hopes by such benevolent act of your Excellency he may be relieved from the utter ruin in which he is involved.—

Your Petitioner will Ever pray.—

Madras
21st November
1863.

K. Somasoondra Iyen Petr

Copy sent to Lieut. to England
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No. 2865.

From

The Acting Collector
Sea Customs
Madras

To The Secretary
to Government
Revenue Dep't

Dated 23rd
Received 23rd November 1863

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Fort St Geo:
2d December 1863

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Copy to the Coll: of Sea Customs Capt: Scott 2 Decr

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