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TESTIMONIALS
OF
T. G. D'ROZARIO.
Late Superintendent of C. Canal.

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*Extract from the Collector's letter to the Board of Revenue dated
23d June, 1841.*

Para 3.—I take this opportunity to submit Copy of an address from the writer, or "Assistant Book keeper" on the Canal Establishment, Mr. T. G. D'Rozario. It will be seen from the memo which accompanied my letter to Mr. Cotton under date the 25th March 1837 that the Assistant Book keeper's pay was then as it still is Rupees 24-8-0. He was till very lately always allowed to occupy the present building at the Basin for the better realization of the Toll and has at times been in temporary charge of the Toll Office since the transfer of the Canal to Government. *The due performance of his duties is of much importance to the Canal and in the discharge of them he has invariably afforded me satisfaction.* His removal from the Basin, by the adoption of the arrangement in contemplation; will render it requisite for him to engage a House elsewhere, and occasion him much inconvenience from the small amount of his present pay. I beg leave, therefore, to recommend that his salary may be increased to Rupees 40 per mensem, which I consider him fully entitled to.

(Signed) A. ROBERTSON

Collector of Madras.

Mr. T. G. D'Rozario has been employed in the Toll Office of Cochrane's Canal under Government from April 1837 and previously in the same Office under Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., who had then charge of the collections. He succeeded to the appointment of the Superintendent of the Canal after the death of the Incumbent in 1845, though not to the Salary enjoyed by him. His ability and usefulness in the Department as a Public Servant were brought to the notice of the Board of Revenue by my predecessor Mr. Robertson and is recorded, and I have much pleasure in bearing like testimony to his zeal and integrity in the discharge of the arduous and responsible duties which have invariably devolved on him. During the Eight years he has been the Superintendent of the Canal the collections had increased upwards of 22,000 above the amount collected during the preceding Eight years which the Records of the Office will testify, being an increase of nearly 3000 Rupees yearly, though a great reduction was made during his time in the rates of Toll on Collections. The situation in which Mr. D'Rozario was placed with the entire responsibility of the collections depending on his personal exertions has of itself giving him a Character for integrity and straightforwardness which no individual testimony is necessary to strengthen, and in giving him this Certificate, I cannot omit expressing the hope that my successors in Office will avail themselves of the best opportunity which may occur to bring forward his claims on the Government to the notice of the proper authorities in view to his promotion in the Department what he is justly entitled to.

(Signed) J. A. HUDLESTON

Collector.

Madras, 23rd July, 1853.

Mr. D'Rozario was Superintendent of Cochrane's Canal during the time that I was employed in the Madras Land Customs Office. I have much pleasure in stating that Mr. D'Rozario was most active in the discharge of his duties and that to my personal knowledge he not only gave satisfaction to his superiors in the Office, but also to all who had dealings with him in his Official capacity. The increase that has taken place in the Revenue derived from Cochrane's Canal, is I think in a considerable degree attributable to Mr. D'Rozario's activity and vigilance.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS, C. S.

Madras, 28th September, 1854.

Madras, December, 25th 1854.

MR. D'ROZARIO

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 15th Instant with a Statement of the Memo of Cochrane's Canal for five years for which I return you my thanks. I enclose the Testimonials received with the same letter. It seems likely that the footing of Toll Office will be changed but whatever alteration may take place I have no doubt that your services in a Department in which you have been so long employed will be duly considered.

I am &c.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON.

The Acting Collector of Madras has much pleasure in recording his opinion that Mr. D'Rozario has discharged his duty as Superintendent of Cochrane's Canal with much efficiency during the time Mr. Stokes has been in charge of the Collectorate.

(Signed) H. STOKES

Acting Collector.

Madras, 16th March, 1855.

MR. D'ROZARIO

I am fully aware that you have been a very useful Public Servant and I have endorsed your application for an Increase of Salary to that effect, to be recorded. If you take my advice you will wait till the new system is introduced and when they are remodelling the Establishment press your claims. I have given my opinion of your experience and ability in the Report I am now sending and shall be glad to assist you in any manner in my power.

Your's &c.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS.

Madras, 21st December, 1856.

To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER,

Department Public Works.

SIR,—Previous to vacating my appointment I wish to bring to your favorable notice my opinion of the value of the services rendered by Mr. D'Rozario the Superintendent of the collections of Tolls at Cochrane's Basin and to request you, should you deem the application a proper one to submit to Government the proposition of somewhat Increasing his allowances.

2. Mr. D'Rozario has been employed in the Toll Office under Government upwards of 19 years, 11 of which have been passed by him as Superintendent on a salary of 70 Rupees a month his claims to an increase stipend are.

(1st) His long and faithful services, (2nd) The increased work thrown upon him by the introduction of the new system. (3rd) With respect to the first I beg to enclose Testimonials (as per margin) presented to A. B. C. him by my predecessors in the management of the Canal and to state that I have every reason to express the greatest satisfaction with Mr. D'Rozario's services during the 20 months he has been under my orders. (4th) With regard to his second claim I have the honor to bring to your notice that though on the Introduction of the new Toll Rules it was anticipated that Mr. D'Rozario's duties would be much lightened, it has happened that with the increased trade with the duty of measuring the tonnage of all new boats with the statistical information required monthly by the Government of India with the practice of Tolling every Salt Boat singly and with the attention to be paid to the requirements of travellers that Mr. D'Rozario is more hardworked now, than he ever was before and that it is a certainty that his work will increase with the certain increase of trade due to the new regulations and to the late and future improvements in the navigation of Cochrane's Canal. (5th) This being the case I beg to recommend that Mr. D'Rozario's allowances be increased yearly by Rupees 10 per mensem until they attain a monthly total of Rupees 100 but that his successor on entering into the appointment be paid Mr. D'Rozario's present stipend only, giving him (the successor) the expectation of drawing the higher allowance now recommended after a period of service similar to Mr. D'Rozario's. (6th) It should not be forgotten that the cost of the Establishment at the Basin for police and fiscal purposes has of late been much diminished whilst the receipts are steadily augmenting.

I have the honor, &c.

(Signed) O. W. S. CHAMBERS, Lieutenant

Superintendent of the E. C. Canal

Madras, 21st October, 1856.

Calcutta, 2nd July, 1857.

MR. D'ROZARIO

It is only right on handing over charge of the Coast Canal that I should bear evidence to your untiring exertions in the management of the Toll Department during my Superintendence. This I do willingly and trust my own recommendation with those of others may be successful in obtaining for you an Increase of Salary which I consider decidedly due to your long and faithful discharge of the duties of Toll Collector as well as to the increased work which the new organization has thrown on your hands.

Your's faithfully

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Lieutenant

Madras Engineers

Late Superintendent E. C. Canal.

Extracts from the First Report of the Madras Public Works

Commissioners of 1852.

APPENDIX II

(Para 10 Clause 4) It is obvious that this multiplicity of denominations, and the distinction of so many sorts, throws much power into the hands of the Toll Collector, and at the same time gives facilities for fraud to the dishonest trader. The present intelligent Superintendent represented this circumstance to the Collector so long ago as December, 1846, being very soon after the new tariff was promulgated; and recommended that the proper weights or dimensions of the several indefinite denominations of articles should be determined according to a scale which he submitted at the same time. This has not been done; but in 1849 on a further application from the Superintendent the Collector furnished him with scales to weigh the commodities.

(Para 18 Clause 2.) We propose to continue the present salary to the Superintendent as it is important to have a steady and respectable man at the head of the Office. The duty of the Conicopillay at Sandien-coopum is to give chits or passes to boats entering the Canal from the northward and to keep a register of them to prevent their landing their goods on the bank of the Canal and so avoiding the toll. There will be very little inducement to this sort of evasion under the new system as respects goods and but little more in regard to Passengers it may be well however to continue the Officer in question for the present.

(Para 20 Clause 2) Mr. D'Rozario the Superintendent of the Canal has prepared for us a statement of the number of boats plying on the Canal and their tonnage, which is as follows.

Class of Boats	No of Boats	Probable Average Tonnage	Probable Total Tonnage
		Tons.	
1st Class	80	15	1,200
2nd Class	120	12	1,440
3rd Class	70	7	490
4th Class	90	2	180
5th Class	60	1	60
Total...	420	...	3,370

The statement appears to have been drawn up with much care and having ourselves gone to the Basin and taken the measurement of several Boats we are of opinion that in that particular it is rather under than over the truth.

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Madras 29th Nov^r 1862

To,

B. Cunliffe Esq^r
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Sir,

I beg leave to bring to your notice that immediately after the Shroff notified his intention to resign his post and asked for a return of his Security paper I suspected that there must be some thing wrong in his accounts, and entered into an examination thereof and found that several items of receipts for some time past were not accounted for in his Book. A comparison of the Shroff's Book in his own handwriting and of the Writers Book in which each Boat as it arrives is registered will shew several diversities between the two, the Writers Book kept by him on his own handwriting showing many items not adjusted.

It is not usual always for the entries in the Writers Book to correspond exactly with those in the Shroff's Book as daily noted in each, because Boats on arrival do not clear at once and a few days are occupied in landing or preparing in doing so but the Toll is paid on clearance and noted in the Writers' Book in a column provided for the purpose. However the entries in both Books should agree in the end and on the supposition that the variations in one day, are accounted for in others and on the belief that the writer when making out the

the fair Book of Collections which is compiled by him from his and the Shroff's Book by comparison with each others examines the two Books and sees to their agreement, I had unconsciously permitted these differences to pass unnoticed without any suspicion particularly guarded as we are by a security given by the Shroff himself who is the recipient of the Collections and the party who conveys them daily for deposit in the Bank.

I regret unfortunately for myself to report that my examination has proved that several differences occur I therefore made arrangements for paying up myself the whole amount thereof at once which as the responsible party to Government I am bound to make good, subject to after recovery from the Shroff on the Security being returned which should be detained pending the adjustment fully.

I would have before this brought the subject to your notice but for being busily engaged in scrutinizing the past accounts in order to ascertain the full extent of the deficiency for a report thereof to you. I am very sorry indeed that the accounts were not so thoroughly examined hitherto in dependence on the Writers doing his duty faithfully and I beg that should you think proper you will be pleased to depute any party to assist in the examination in question and report the result to you.

I have &c
(Signed) J. G. D. Rozario.

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N^o 218.

Madras Salt Cottam
23rd December 1862.

From,

Alexander Smith Esq^r
N^o 2. Deputy Collector in charge of Salt.

To,

M^r J. D. Rozario.
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Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will furnish me with any explanation you may desire to make on the points noticed in the accompanying Extract from a report which I recently submitted to the Collector regarding my examination of the accounts of your Department.

I have &c

(Signed) Alexander Smith.

Deputy Collector.

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Extract from a letter

From,

The Deputy Collector in charge of Salt.

To,

The Collector of Madras.

Sir,

1. I have now the honor to report the result of my examination of the accounts of the Toll Department under its Superintendent M^r J. D. Rozario.

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Owing to there being no single account

account in a complete form showing at one view the number and Tonnage of Boats passing the Lock the number and Tonnage of those arriving at the Basin and the amount of collections daily made and remitted to the Bank the examination of the separate account Books containing these particulars has occupied so much time and labour that it has been found impracticable with the limited Establishment at my disposal to do more than thoroughly scrutinize the accounts of November last there being evidences in the entries therein made to induce the suspicion that more money was remitted to the Bank in that month than had actually been collected.

3. To give you an idea of the trouble we have had in tracing out the date of arrival at the Basin of each Boat which passed through the Lock and the date on which the toll due thereon was adjusted in the cash account. I forward the accompanying Statement which we found it necessary to prepare in order to ascertain in what previous months the Boats arrived the Toll on which was adjusted in November. The statement consists of two parts showing first the number of Boats which actually passed through the Lock and arrived at the Basin in the month of November last, and secondly the number of Boats which passed through

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through the Lock in previous months the Toll on which was only adjusted between the 19th and 26th of that month.

4. The following abstract abridged from the 2nd Part of the Statement will speak for itself; and I regret to add that there seems no escape from the conclusion that a large sum of money was remitted to the Bank in November which formed no part of the collections of that month.

Months	No. of Boats which arrived at the Basin each month the toll on which was not adjusted in that month.	Ton.nage.	Amount			Date of Adjustment.	
			Rs.	Rs.	P.		
1862						1862	
April	86	1863	465	12		Nov: 24 th	* These Boats Nos 625 & 89 are neither entered in the Lock account nor in any Books in the Basin but in the Cash Account only. The Toll remitted is in excess of the collections.
May	29	483	120	12		" 24 th & 25 th	
June	12	196	49			" 25 th	
July	12	180	45			" 25 th & 26 th	
August	13	205	51	4		" 19 th & 25 th	
September	22	299	74	12		" 19 th , 20 th , 25 th & 26 th	
October	43	707	176	12		" 19 th , 24 th , 25 th & 26 th	
Total	217	3933	983	4		"	
	2 *	18	4	8		"	25 th
Grand Total	219	3951	987	12		"	

5. As regards the question whether any defalcation is apparent in the accounts of the year now closing. I beg to say that this is a point which can only be satisfactorily ascertained by a thorough overhauling of the Lock and Basin accounts for 12 months. The scrutiny however which it will be necessary

necessary to make for this purpose will involve more time and labour than I can spare or fairly call upon my already overworked establishment to give. I may however observe that the accounts of 11 months were cursorily examined, and out of twelve entries which had been made in all the Books but subsequently scored out and which were therefore regarded as suspicious, the examination of all the accounts showed that five out of the seven following were entries that ought to have been retained, and explanation therefore as to why they were expunged should be called for.

Date of arrival	Monthly Office No.	Boat No.	Ton	Remarks
1862				
January 19 th	351	244	26	These Boats were entered in all the Basin accounts and subsequently struck off. The Toll due upon them is not yet adjusted.
March 25 th	422	148	1	
" 423		752	1	
" 31 st	554	621	3	Not struck off but remain still unadjusted.
April 24 th	691	Confort	1	
" 30 th	1020	693	21	
May 30 th	996	430	20	Rupees 18-4-
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(True Extract)
(Signed) Alex. Smith
Deputy Collector.

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H. Smith Esq^r

Deputy Collector in charge of
Salt Department.

- Para. 1. In reply to your letter of the 23rd ultimo, calling for explanation on the points noticed in your letter to the Collector, I have the honor to state as follows.
2. In the 2nd para of your letter, you say that there is account to show, at one view, the number and Tonnage of Boats passing the Lock, the number and Tonnage of those arriving at the Basin, and the amount of collections daily made and remitted to the Bank, it is not clear whether it is meant that the separate accounts now kept do not furnish these details in a distinct manner. The several Books kept in the Toll Office have been in use since 1855, when the new system for collecting Toll came into operation. These forms were approved of by Captain Chambers, then Superintendent of the Eastern Coast Canals.
3. The number and Tonnage of each Boat on arrival is taken down by the Watching Peon in a rough note Book kept by him in the Vernacular, which is taken by him to the Native Writer for entry in a detailed Register showing the daily arrivals. Besides this the Shroff keeps

a Book in his own handwriting showing the Toll collected from each Boat as it clears, and the Writer makes out there from, and from his detailed Register already alluded to, a Cash Account in detail showing the collections of each day on every Boat, with the Number and Tonnage. The total amount of the days collections is made up in both the Sheroff's and Writers Cash Accounts, and the Sheroff conveys to the Bank daily, the amount of the Collections for deposit, and the Writer makes out a fair copy or Extract from the Cash Account kept by him of the days collections, which is attested with my signature and forwarded to the Collector with the receipt of the Bank.

4. The dates of arrival and adjustment of payment of Toll on each Boat, are not generally simultaneous, chiefly because the large Boats which bring down goods, do not clear immediately on arrival, a few days and some times even a week elapses before the goods brought down are cleared, and this subject has been often before the Collector, it having been acknowledged that without a special legislative enactment the immediate payment of Tolls and clearance of goods cannot be strictly enforced. Reference of the records of the Collectors Office will likewise show that even in the case of Salt Boats the adjustment of Toll does not take place till several days after the arrival of each Boat.

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Deputy Collector.

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5. It is because of the difference between the date of arrival and adjustment, that the collections on account of each Boat cannot be exhibited at one view, showing in the order of the dates of arrival, the number and Tonnage of each Boat, but in order to be satisfied that the Toll on all the Boats noted in the detailed Register kept by the Writer as having arrived, is duly adjusted, a Column is provided in that Register, wherein is required to be noted, the dates of adjustment, and this should be done by frequent comparison of the entries in the Writers Register, with the Sheroff's Cash Account, and also with the fair Cash Account of daily collections likewise kept by the Writer.

6. To check the arrival of Boats with those passing the Lock, the Goornastah at Chadderia coopers is required to submit a Memo. of the number of each Boat so passing, as taken down by him, and such a Memo. prepared in the Vernacular is received every alternate day, or sometimes later, and handed over to the Writer for comparison with the detailed Register of daily arrivals. I beg to remark, that I was obliged to leave the check and examination of these Registers to the Writer, partly because I have occupied myself in the examination daily of the Cash Accounts kept by the Sheroff, with the corresponding one kept by the Writer, an Extract from which was daily sent to the Collector with my signature. I left the detailed Register of arrivals to the Writer on whom I depended for

for its accuracy and for the necessary columns being marked off from the Cash Accounts, not suspecting that he would fail in this duty, or that he would not bring to notice any inordinate delay in the adjustment of Toll due on Boats which arrived long previously.

7. The reason that I confined myself to the Shroff and Writer's Cash Accounts, was that I had further to prepare therefrom numerous Returns of Traffic which could only be compiled therefrom, as the Toll received is shown therein for each Boat and for every description of goods, in the order of dates in which clearance took place, and the preparation and keeping of these Traffic Returns occupy a great part of my time, for though they are required to be rendered annually, they must be made up daily or constantly, so as to be prepared at the end of the Year, to submit them in the several details in which they are made up. I am also often engaged in measuring new Boats which may appear for Registry and also in re-marking the Numbers and Tonnage of Boats defaced by constant use, or by repair, which take up some portion of my time.

8. Besides this I depended entirely on the Writer constantly examining the Register of daily arrivals, and the Shroff's Book representing all the collections for the receipt and custody of which, until deposited in the Bank, he has given security. I regret most sincerely that he deceived me. I had not the remotest idea that there had been any detention caused

Deputy Collector.

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caused in the payment of Toll for which also the Shroff was personally held responsible he having given security until my suspicion was aroused after the Shroff's death for his resignation, and was unfortunate for the return of his Security Paper, being the Title deeds of a house, when an examination made by me of the past few months Accounts, led to the discovery of several items of collection not entered in the Shroff's Book, nor paid into the Bank, and these I at once made good as I was bound to do by the terms of my security, but in doing so, I regret to observe that the two items noticed in the Memo. appended to the 5th para. of your letter were overlooked by me, owing to the entry being in the Writer's Book of arrivals having been made across the margin, instead of in the body of the Book, as in all other cases, which led me to suppose that the entry was simply a remark or note of the writer, and not such as related to an omission by him of the two Boats.

9. Similarly two items were added by me by mistake in the items for which toll was due but these I find now were previously adjusted so that by these errors a sum of Rupees 10.4... less 4/8 or Rupees 5.12... net will still have to be remitted to the Bank to make up for the short payments, and in making this acknowledgment, I beg that the Collector will take into his indulgent consideration the fact of my being ill for several days when I was obliged to entrust so much to the writer, who unfortunately died suddenly in September last, and therefore no satisfactory explanation can now be afforded in

in the absence of a good Accountant to assist me, and the distance at which I am obliged to live for want of accommodation near the Toll Office, the former Quarters being almost in ruins, prevented my bestowing that constant and unceasing attention to the Department which I did when I formerly lived near the Toll Office.

10. In regard to the five out of twelve entries of items subsequently struck out, about which explanation is required, I would remark, that at first as many as 21 entries were pointed out to me, in the enquiry made, all which I explained away as having arisen from erroneous entries in the Books. These five entries are singled out perhaps because my explanation was not clear enough, and I beg to state as follows respecting each of these 5 items. Boat N^o 337, This is the monthly Office Number given in the Register kept by the Writer in which each Boat entered is numbered in one series in the order of dates, and by mistake the Number is twice repeated in the Book as will be seen on reference thereto.

No two Boats however arrived with this Number. N^{os} 422 & 423. are entered in the Register as arrived on the 24th and again entered by mistake as arrived on the 25th. N^o 554. Is noted as arrived with Shells on the 26th and again by mistake on the 30th. N^o 691. Is the Government Boat, belonging to the Department of Public Works, It did not arrive at the Basin, Passengers having landed little further near the Lock, to go direct to Treasurer

Deputy Collector.

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Treasurer, and no Toll therefore is charged.

11. I beg further to submit an instance of an occurrence in last month which will show that the Lock Boomstead Report referred to are not always strictly correct, a Boat N^o 62 having been entered as having passed on both the 20th & 21st, he was specially called upon and reports in his Familiar reply, the mistake made, to remedy which a revised Memo. is sent by him - all which I submit for the Collector's satisfaction. Mistakes like these are likely to occur at times, which caused erasures in the Books and in respect to the Lock Boomstead submission of the Return to the Toll Office, I beg to state that this was recommended by myself. And a reference to the records of the Superintendent of the E. C. Canal will show - in order to secure a check on any Boat arriving surreptitiously and evading payment. I cannot but express my sincere regret at the advantage taken of the confidence I placed on the Writer, and that ill health prevented me from giving that unceasing attention which the Department demanded - Considering that I have been in the Toll Department, for the last 26 years, and have during that time borne a good Character and that the Sheriff and Writer during my illness made away with a part of the Collections - which I personally reported to the Collector in November last after making good the money - I most respectfully beg that every allowance may be made and that I may be

be exonerated from all blame as regards the misap-
propriation of any portion of the Collections.

I remain

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

J. G. DiRozario

Superintendent of Tolls

Cochranes Canal

31st January 1843.

Enclosed in a letter
from the Dy. Collector
of Madras to the Secy
of the Govt. of 11th Decr
1843. No. 111.

Deputy Collector.

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To,
The Right Honorable
The Secretary of State
for India.

The Humble Memorial
of J. G. DiRozario, late Superintendent
of Tolls, Cochranes Canal, Madras.

Most Respectfully Sheweth.

That your Memorialist, after having
served the Government faithfully and zealously for a
period of 26 Years, finds himself and family thrown
on the wide world without any provision whatever,
and at a time of life when he is ill able to earn
a livelihood by any other occupation.

2. That your Memorialist had discharged
his duty as Superintendent of Tolls on Cochranes
Canal, ^{with} unremitting zeal, efficiency, and integrity will
be evident from the enclosed printed copy of the tes-
timonials he had received from the several Officers
under whom he had served. It will be seen from these
documents that prior to his employment in the Toll
Office under Government in April 1837, he had
served in the same Office under Messrs. Ashburnton
& Co. who had then charge of the collections and
whose confidence he had gained; and that on his
succeeding

succeeding to the appointment of Superintendent of the Canal Tolls and being in independent charge, he had actively devoted himself to the interests of Government, and by his strenuous exertions had, during the first eight years of his incumbency raised the collections upwards of 22,000 Rupees above the amount collected during the preceding eight years, being an increase of nearly 3,000 Rupees yearly, though a great reduction was made during his time in the rates of Toll.

3. That your Memorialist was vested with the entire responsibility of the collections on Cochrane's Canal, and he therefore felt that much depended on his personal exertions and integrity in order to secure to Government as large an amount of revenue as could be obtained from that source. The Honorable R. S. Ellis C. B. bears testimony to the fact that the increase that had taken place in the revenue was in a considerable degree attributable to your Memorialist's activity and vigilance. Self respect which prefers a good conscience to the love of sinister gain, enables your Memorialist to affirm that he had never during the whole period of his service appropriated a fraction of the collections to his personal use or benefit. Under the circumstances which led to his summary dismissal from Office by the late Collector Mr. B. Cunliffe, the same sentiments induced him at once to rectify whatever was wrong and to pay into the Bank the monies

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which on a close scrutiny of the Accounts, were shown to be due, for your Memorialist considered himself justly responsible for the acts of his Subordinates, and he felt that at any personal sacrifice he should maintain his character for uprightness. Thus the Government had suffered no loss whatever in the revenue of the Canal under his superintendence.

4. The circumstances which led to your Memorialist's dismissal from Office are fully set forth in his appeal to the Board of Revenue and its accompaniments, copies of which are submitted for the consideration of Her Majesty's Government. That your Memorialist had no desire whatever to conceal from his superior the Collector's state of the Books of the Toll Department will be evident from the letter which he addressed to that Officer on the 29th November 1862, to which he would respectfully invite attention. In this letter he at once brought to notice the omission of several items of receipts in the Shroff's accounts which he had discovered on examination made in consequence of his suspicion being aroused by the Shroff tendering his resignation and applying for the return of his Security Bond, and he further begged that some party might be deputed to assist him in the examination and report the result. This

This your Memorialist humbly submits, would not have been the conduct of a public servant who had any complicity with his subordinates and would therefore be disposed to conceal matters.

5. As some explanation is necessary in inference to the irregularities above noticed, your Memorialist begs to state that the increased work thrown upon him by the introduction of the new system of levying Tolls on the Canal and the arduous and responsible nature of the duties which devolved on him, had during the year 1862, seriously affected his health, and he was therefore unable to give that constant attention and exercise that strict supervision which he had previously done in respect of the books of the Toll Department; and he was compelled for a time to depend upon the Writer and Shroff whose honesty he never doubted before the occurrence of the irregularities in question. It was under these circumstances that advantage was taken to involve your Memorialist in difficulties from which he extricated himself at a great pecuniary sacrifice; but as if this was not a sufficient punishment for any misfeasance on his part at a time when he was almost incapacitated by ill health for either mental or bodily exertion, he was further deprived of his appointment, and thus he and his family have been bereft of all support in his declining years. Your Memorialist would respectfully solicit the favor of your attention to the letter addressed by him to the Deputy Collector

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Collector in charge of the Salt Department under date the 31st January 1863, affording full explanation on the several points noticed in that Officer's report of the result of his examination of the Accounts of the Toll Department, and your Memorialist earnestly trusts that, in the opinion of Her Majesty's Government, the explanation will be regarded as satisfactory and fully exonerating him from the charge of guilty knowledge of and participation in the irregularities in that Department.

6. That your Memorialist feels most deeply the humiliation and degradation to which he has been subjected by the harsh treatment he has received at the late Collector's hands after more than a quarter century's approved service. and he earnestly trusts that Her Majesty's Government will take a more considerate view of the peculiar hardship of his case than the Madras Government have done. That your Memorialist could have had no participation whatever in the irregular proceedings of his subordinates must be evident from the anxiety he evinced in applying to the Collector for aid in examining the books of the Department on first discovering certain omissions in the Shroffs' accounts, and subsequently making good the deficiency caused by that person's misconduct. He feels assured

assured that Her Majesty's Government would not suppose that he would have risked the favorable opinion entertained of his conduct by all the Officers under whom he had served, and the claim to pensionary provision which upwards of 25 years approved service gave him, by deliberately committing himself to any act which would have entailed the forfeiture of both.

7. Your Memorialist humbly submits the foregoing circumstances for the favorable consideration of Her Majesty's Government; and adverting to the peculiar hardship of his case, trusts, that a more compassionate view will be taken than has been done by the local Authorities and Government. Your Memorialist does not desire to be restored to Office, as he is now prostrated both in mind and body and unable to serve the State any longer, he seeks simple justice and redress for the grievance he has suffered after an interrupted career of 26 years faithful and zealous service, and humbly prays that such an amount of retiring pension may be granted to him as may be deemed by Her Majesty's Government be fitting in his case, so that the reproach on his character may thereby be removed, and that he may end his days in peace. It is with great deference your Memorialist observes that in more than one recent

* Salary for the last five years of Memorialists service Rs 105- per mensem.

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recent case a public servant at the head of a Department accountable for greater irregularities than what had occurred in the Toll Office at the Canal Basin, has been treated with much consideration and leniency by being permitted to continue in his appointment on making good the deficiency, though there were not the same extenuating circumstances as in your Memorialist's case. Your Memorialist therefore earnestly trusts that in now appealing to Her Majesty's Government for the boon he craves, he will not have appealed in vain and that his humble and earnest prayer will be graciously acceded to.

For which act of charity your Memorialist, as in duty bound,
Will ever pray,

1st July 1864-

J. L. Senaris

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