

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2229	<u>Press</u>
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Dated 27-8-	1866.

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No. 685. Read the following humble Memorial of A. SMITH, Esq., Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department, Madras District, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated Madras Kotaur, 17th August 1866 :—

1. That your Memorialist has been in the service of Government for a period of more than twenty-three years, of which the last seven have been passed in the Salt Department of the Madras District.

2. That the manufacture and sales of salt during the Fusly immediately preceding that of your Memorialist's assuming charge of the department were respectively 11,32,455 and 8,56,183 Indian Maunds.

3. That the manufacture and sales have since greatly increased under the supervision of your Memorialist, and were, in Fusly 1275, 20,34,043 and 21,17,281 Maunds respectively, and that the manufacture at the northern pans alone, during the present year, notwithstanding the unfavorableness of the latter portion of the season, has, through the exertions of your Memorialist, amounted to more than 22 lacs of Maunds.

4. That the manufacture and sales of salt in the Madras District greatly exceed those of the three principal Salt Districts of this Presidency, as will be seen from the following Statement; and that the salt revenue *alone* of the Madras District, amounting for Fusly 1275 to Rupees 20,97,491, exceeds the revenue derived from

* Rupees 19,25,896
† Do. 18,39,723
‡ Do. 15,29,810

all sources in the Collectorates of Vizagapatam,* Kurnool,† and Trichinopoly‡ during Fusly 1274 :—

Collectorates.	FUSLY 1274.		Remarks.
	Quantity manufactured.	Sales.	
	In. Maunds.	In. Maunds.	
Ganjam	6,37,110	9,44,170	Fusly 1274 has been taken for comparison, as the salt transactions for Fusly 1275 of the three first-named Districts are not in Memorialist's possession.
Nellore	6,28,842	8,44,265	
Tanjore	6,14,960	7,58,683	
Madras	19,00,138	18,14,910	
	FUSLY 1275.		
Madras	20,34,043	21,17,281	
Do. during present year.	23,75,760		

5. That encouraged by the success which has crowned your Memorialist's endeavours to improve the administration of the department, and relying on the

liberality which has ever formed a prominent characteristic of Her Majesty's Indian Governments, your Memorialist ventured to submit, on the 10th October 1865, an application to his immediate superior, the Collector of Madras, soliciting his support in favor of your Memorialist's salary being raised from Rupees 600 to Rupees 810-5-4 per mensem, on the ground of the enhanced supervision and responsibility which have devolved on your Memorialist, consequent on the greatly increased and increasing manufacture and sales of salt in this District. At the same time, and on the same grounds, so far at least as the latter were applicable to the parties in their inferior positions, your Memorialist pleaded for an increase of pay in behalf of two of his subordinates, to wit, the Superintendent of the Madras Kotaur, and the Head Writer of your Memorialist's Establishment, recommending an addition of Rupees 50 to the pay (Rupees 150) of the former, and of Rupees 20 to the pay (Rupees 50) of the latter.

6. That the support solicited by your Memorialist, on behalf of himself and his subordinates, was readily accorded by the Collector, and endorsed by the Board; but your Memorialist grieves to add, that while the pretensions of his subordinates to an increase of pay, to the extent of 33 and 40 per cent. respectively, were recognized and admitted by Government, the application of your Memorialist for an increase of salary to the extent of 35 per cent. only, was ignored on the ground that your Memorialist had attained the highest grade of Deputy Collector.

7. That your Memorialist attained the rank of a Deputy Collector of the first class on the 24th June 1862, or upwards of four years ago; that it is within the last two years that the manufacture and sales of salt have so very largely and rapidly increased, and that had it not been for your Memorialist's constant and vigilant supervision over his subordinates at the manufacturing villages, the supply of salt would hardly have kept pace with the greatly enhanced demand, and there would have been in consequence a large falling off, instead of a gratifying increase in the revenue of this District.

8. That your Memorialist respectfully submits, that the ground on which his application has been rejected by Government, precluding as it does all hope of his obtaining an increase of salary in his present post, whatever may be the amount of the salt revenue of the District, is calculated to discourage your Memorialist, to damp his energies, and to make him indifferent about proposing schemes for the further development of the revenue.

9. That your Memorialist has made sundry endeavours, during the last three years, to obtain promotion to one or other of the very few superior but less arduous appointments open to members of the Uncovenanted Service; but that owing to causes beyond his control, your Memorialist's applications have hitherto proved unsuccessful.

Fusly.	Manufacture.	Sales.
	In. Maunds.	In. Maunds.
1267 ...	11,32,455	8,56,183
1273 ...	14,00,392	16,47,878
1274 ...	19,00,138	18,14,910
1275 ...	20,34,043	21,17,281
Present year ...	23,75,760	

10. That debarred by his misfortune from obtaining one of the higher appointments above referred to, and precluded from further advancement in his present grade, your Memorialist feels the greatest discouragement at the prospect before him, after all his endeavours

"In conclusion, the Board note with approval the efforts that have been made by Mr. Smith to improve the administration and efficiency of the department over which he presides, and they are glad to observe the large increase in the manufacture and sales which has taken place since he has assumed charge of the department."—Board's Proceedings, 6th February 1862, No. 820, paragraph 17.

"The Government are much pleased with Mr. Smith's reports, and appreciate his exertions to render the Salt Department efficient."—Order of Government, 2nd June 1862, No. 1,213, paragraph 7.

successfully to develop the source of revenue under his management, endeavours which have alike elicited the approval of the Board and the appreciation of Government.

11. That your Memorialist has recently submitted, for approval, proposals by which his supervision will be extended over 875 additional pans, calculated to yield 5,25,000 Maunds of salt in excess of that now made, and

that while his labor and responsibility are year by year increasing, his salary remains as it was in 1862.

12. That under these circumstances, and looking to the greatly increased supervision and responsibility which have devolved on your Memorialist, by the increased and increasing manufacture and sales of salt; to the fact that the salt revenue of this District much exceeds that of every other Maritime District, and surpasses even the revenue derived from all sources in three Collectorates, your Memorialist humbly prays that your Lordship in Council will be graciously pleased to re-consider his case, and to grant as a special and personal allowance the moderate increase which he has solicited, in arrear from the 10th October 1865, the date of his application to the Collector, or at least from the date on which increases were granted to the subordinates referred to in the 6th paragraph of this Memorial.

And your Memorialist, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

No. 686.

ORDER THEREON, 27th August 1866, No. 2,229.

Miscellaneous.

The Board will refer Mr. Smith to the Order of Government, dated 20th ultimo, No. 1,845, and point out

to him the grave impropriety of his conduct in addressing Government direct on the subject.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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From

Mr. A. Smith

By Collector in
Charge of the Salt
Department Madras
Dist.

Dated 17th 3 Aug
Received 17th 1866

Under the circumstances
represented prays that his case
may be reconsidered and the mo-
derate increase which he has
solicited may be granted
as a special and personal
allowance in arrears from
the date mentioned by him.

No. 685-686.

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