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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 14 — 12 — 1866.

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No. 244. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Sea Customs, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 13th November 1866, No. 1,042:—

1. I have the honor to forward, for the orders of Government, an appeal, with the papers marginally noted, from Mr. H. S. M. Locke, late Preventive Officer in this Office, who has recently dassed through the Insolvent Court. Mr. Locke is under suspension, agreeably to the Order of Government, dated 28th October 1859, No. 2,539.

1 Copy of Schedule.
1 Discharge Certificate.
1 Balance Sheet.

2. Mr. Locke explains in his defence* that his second insolvency arose from no imprudence or wilful extravagance on his part. From enquiries made, I believe Mr. Locke in many cases took up his old debts and granted receipts for sums for which he went through the Court in 1864. This course of conduct is certainly blameable, but taking into consideration the present high price of all articles of consumption, and the fact of Mr. Locke having given satisfaction† in the performance of his public duties, I beg to submit his case for favorable consideration.

* *Vide* Enclosure A.

† *Vide* Enclosure B.

3. I am unable to speak from personal knowledge in favor of Mr. Locke, but Mr. Blair (previous to his departure to Calcutta) addressed Mr. Thomas regarding him, and has recorded that "he" (Mr. Locke) "did his work as Preventive Officer "well and satisfactorily, and I think he might be re-instated without detriment to "the Government service." I have therefore to solicit that Mr. Locke be permitted to resume his duties.

4. I may add that my predecessor, Mr. Thomas, intended recommending Mr. Locke being re-instated to his post, as will be seen from his endorsement on the enclosed letter‡ from Mr. Blair to that gentleman, but was prevented doing so in consequence of Mr. Locke being unable to procure the necessary papers from the High Court, which were only received on the 8th instant.

‡ *Vide* Enclosure C.

No. 245. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1866, No. 3,380.

Miscellaneous.

This being Mr. H. S. M. Locke's second insolvency, the Government cannot permit his continued employment in the public service.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Acting Collector of Sea Customs.
„ the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

For Orders.

This is Mr Locke second
bankruptcy - he seems to
have received a second
time his former creditors
have as a condition of fresh
loans made him renewed
his old debts of them: if
he is let off this time, he
should I think be naked
to mercy with not again
to show him -

J. D. L.

Before offering any observations under this document
Mr H. J. Thomas shall - he "believes" he has
renewed his old liabilities with his old
creditors: but on what - what belief exists
does not appear (and the Schedule as I
any how no inquiry was held)

have carefully perused specifies only
new debts contracted subsequent to October
1864 when Mr Roche was whitewashed
since last-date as shown in the Schedule
Mr Roche has gone through a reckless course
of borrowing. Why, as he tells us he did,
until last to tell his wife what he had
suffered & her unbelief. I don't understand
the days he owed £1 to a Solicitor until
after the close of the first month following
his discharge from the Insolvent Court.
Had fact-how does it tell us explain
his resort to his offended & injured
creditors? I don't think these facts
mean anything who will best do
the work of the Real Estate department
absence of numerous applications for loans
suspected are found and divided not
unfavourably to Mr Roche to recommend
his position. Rene Odell
1 Dec 66

N.

Mr Lochie Lahiz of Bonnie Lass
to investigate on point to enquire
him for a situation when he
ought to be able to ascertain

civil engineer. I cannot not
him for allowance in my opinion
2/6 in the S.C. House. J.P.
by Gov. order of 19th Oct 1865
Works are grand Trunk
recommend perfect satisfy
be sold be discharged for
of public service. He has done
no sufficient reason
to delinquency from a resolution
to dismissed confirmed.
dismissal before him.
Board adjourned

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I have seen Mr
H. S. M. Locke's
second letter.
very. We feel
cannot permit
his continued
employment
in the Public
Service

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Nov. 11th

2 Copies to the Ag. Collector of Customs Seattle
1 Copy to Collector

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From C. H. Covey Esqre
Acting Collector of
Customs
Madras
To The Right Hon. Archibald
Chief Secretary to
Government
Fort St George

Dated 13th
Rec'd 14th Novr 1866

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Collector of Ors

Forwards for the orders of
Government an Official
Letter from the Collector
of Customs Seattle Ter-
ritory, Offering his Ser-
vices to Mr Locke Late
Solicitor General & Soliciting
under the Circumstances
stated that he may be
permitted to resume
his Duties.

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Write to Mr Locke