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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th August 1869.

Read the following papers :—

No. 189. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st June 1869, No. 4,455 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 20th May 1869, No. 532.

I BEG to forward, for the favourable consideration of the Board and transmission to Government if they think proper, a letter from the Acting Deputy-Collector Mr. G. B. Shaw, with a medical certificate, requesting that he may be permitted to remain in the Government service after January 1870.

2. Although Mr. G. B. Shaw will then have passed the age of fifty-five, I have not the slightest hesitation in recommending that he should be allowed to remain in the service.

3. He is a remarkably able-bodied healthy Irishman, sound in mind and body, and, as far as I can judge, likely to remain so for years to come.

4. He is a man of high character, straight-forward, hardworking, honest, and punctilious in the discharge of his duties, the two latter very necessary qualities for an officer in the post of either Head-Appraiser or Deputy-Collector of Sea-Customs.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Mr. G. B. SHAW, Acting Deputy-Collector, to the Collector of Sea Customs, dated 19th May 1869.

ADVERTING to Proceedings of Government, dated 20th January 1869, No. 47, "that no Uncovenanted Servant, after the age of fifty-five years, shall be permitted to retain an office which he has held for five years, etc.," I respectfully beg that you will do me the favour to forward, with such remarks as you think proper, to His Excellency the Governor in Council my request that I may be exempted from the operation of the aforesaid order.

2. I beg to enclose a certificate from Drs. George Smith and Paterson, which was given after a searching personal examination, and speaks to my physical and mental capabilities.

3. My prayer is, that I may be allowed to remain in active service, as I believe I am still well able to perform my duty as an officer of Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Medical Certificate.

THE Board resolve to submit this application for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. The Acting Deputy-Collector of Sea Customs, Mr. G. B. Shaw, is one of the members of the Uncovenanted Service who must retire from office on the 1st January 1870, in accordance with Government order, 20th January 1869, No. 47. He asks to be allowed to remain on active service.

3. The Board are of opinion that it is desirable, in bringing this new rule into operation, to deal considerately with special cases, such as the report of the Collector of Sea Customs shows Mr. Shaw's to be.

No. 190. Official memorandum from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, to the Acting Under-Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 5th July 1869, No. 702.

In reply to official memorandum from the Acting Under-Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, No. 94, dated 2nd instant, the Collector of Sea Customs begs to state that Mr. G. B. Shaw entered the Government service on the 16th November 1844, at the age of 36; he served till 25th April 1853, when he proceeded to England on private affairs, which, under the rules for the Uncovenanted Service, then in force, necessitated forfeiture of appointment. Under the present rules, he would have been allowed to retain his post.

2. Mr. Shaw, after his return from England, was re-entertained on the 1st May 1860, in his previous appointment of Head-Appraiser, on the first vacancy since his retirement.

3. As regards pension, the Collector begs to refer to the order of Government, No. 650, of the 24th March 1865, on Mr. Shaw's memorial.

No. 191. Order thereon, 13th August 1869, No. 2,324.

Miscellaneous.

Before taking the subject of the Revenue Board's Proceedings above recorded into consideration, the Government request the Board to ascertain from Drs. Smith and Paterson whether the declarations made by them in their certificate of 30th April 1869 are affected by the recent illness of Mr. Shaw.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Cort. of 1869 Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated August, 13th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 13th August 1869, No. 2,324.

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Nos. 189–191.

Mr. G. B. Shaw, Head-Appraiser, Madras Sea Custom Office.—Board of Revenue to ascertain from Drs Smith and Paterson whether the declarations made by them are affected by his recent illness.

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No 2132 for orders

Perhaps the Government may be disposed to treat Mr Shaw's as an exceptional case. He is certainly a young and active man for his years (61) and a most efficient appraiser. His integrity has never been questioned and much is left in his hands. He might be allowed to serve until 65. A recommendation being made to that effect to the Home Govt.

The consideration of this subject should be deferred at least until Mr Shaw is able to resume his duties. The Acting Cour. of S. Customs should then report whether the medical declarations given by Drs Smith & Paterson are affected by the serious illness of Mr Shaw

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The return to duty of Mr Shaw, after five days absence, does not, I think, remove the necessity for a report from the two medical officers such as on the other side, it has been decided to make.—
On the contrary, the state of health of a man of 61, who was so ill as Mr Shaw is said to have been suddenly, seems scarcely that which the medical Certificate describes.—
I would draw attention to this cor^ce in asking for a further Certificate.—
Personally, I know nothing of Mr Shaw's illness, and the paper in the two packets now circulated, do not touch on the point.
But, in a note from the Ag Rev: Secretary I was requested to nominate some one to act for Mr Shaw who was believed to be dangerously ill. On this I agreed to the nomination of Mr B.C. Leggatt whom

the Governor had agreed to have nominated when on the Railway platform just before starting for Salem.—

U.D.C.

24 July 69.

I know nothing of the cause of Mr Shaw's illness, but considering how soon he has returned to his duty I presume that it cannot have been very serious though it may have been severe at the time. From what is said of Mr Shaw by his official superior and from his general reputation I should be disposed to think that it would be for the interests of the public service to retain him in his appt: a few p

Leg for 3 years.

A. J. P.

I would ask for report as proposed by Mr Phillips & if it is favorable I would retain Mr Shaw for three years additional service.

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Before taking the subject of the Rev. Mr Phillips above recorded into consideration, the Govt, with reference to the recent illness of Mr Shaw, wish to be furnished with a report of his present state of health.

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