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To His Excellency
The Right Honorable
Vere Henry Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
Fort Saint George

May it please your Excellency

The tenure of office by Mr. G.
B. Shaw, Deputy Collector of Sea Customs
Madras being under the provisions of
the despatch from the Right Honorable
the Secretary of State for India No. 90
dated 9th December 1864 about to expire,
I respectfully beg to submit my appli-
cation for the appointment which will
thus become vacant should your Excel-
lency not be pleased to accord to Mr.
Shaw the indulgence of retaining it for
a further period.

That in submitting this applica-
tion I respectfully beg to state that as
I came to be employed in Her Majesty's
Sea Customs Office at Madras under
Special

Special circumstances special consideration should be accorded to the present address.

The circumstances under which I was entertained in the Madras Sea Custom House may be thus briefly stated

M^r. J. H. Blair the present Collector of Sea Customs paid a visit to Calcutta in the year 1866 and having made himself acquainted with the system of appraisement which obtained in the Calcutta Customs and being desirous of introducing that system in Madras from which considerable benefit was expected to be realized he applied for the services of an Assistant Appraiser from the Calcutta Office M^r. Crawford the then Collector of Customs at Calcutta under such special request selected me which he did on account of my thorough acquaintance with the work.

In the Calcutta Custom House the salaries of the appraiser range up to 700 and the Head Appraiser has invariably been promoted to the post of Assistant Collector

on a vacancy the salary being 1000 R. but on the representation of M^r. Crawford I was induced to allow my services to be transferred to Madras in the hope that although the salaries in the Madras Sea Customs did not range so high as in the Calcutta Office yet promotion would be more rapid as there were only two appointments above that of Deputy Appraiser which was offered to me namely Appraiser on Rupees 500 and Deputy Collector on Rupees 700.

That in order to avail myself of the more rapid promotion thus offered in the Madras Sea Custom Establishment I consented to the transfer of my services to Madras.

I feel confident that during the time I have been employed in the Madras Sea Custom House I discharged my duties to the satisfaction of the Superior Officers under whom I was employed and

and the Mercantile Community of
Madras and that the object of my
transfer to the Madras Sea Custom
House has been fully realized.

I was promoted from Deputy
Appraiser's Salary Rupees 300 to Appraiser's
Salary Rupees 500. on the 21st May 1872
and I trust that the services I have
rendered in suppressing the smuggling
of Opium and in detecting irregularities on
the part of those who resort to the Sea Custom
House will secure for this application Your
Excellency's favorable consideration and
obtain for me the Dy. Collectorship of Sea
Customs in the event of Mr. Shaw not being
permitted to have a further tenure of Office.

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's
Most Obedient Servt.

W. M. M.

Appraiser

Madras Sea Custom House

18th Jan'y. 1875.

No. 2.

Sea Custom House
Madras 18 January 1875

From J. Hunter Blair Esq.
Collector of Sea Customs.

To C. G. Master Esq.
As Secretary to Govt
Revenue Department.

Sir,
I have the honor to forward
an application from Mr. J. G. Blake
Head Appraiser of this office for
the post of Deputy Collector of
Sea Customs in case Mr. Shaw is
not permitted to retain it.

2. In doing so, I beg to endorse
Mr. Blake's statements regarding
the special services rendered by him
and also the circumstances under
which he was transferred to the
Madras Custom House.

3. Mr. Blake has given
me the fullest satisfaction as
Deputy and Head appraiser
and is in my opinion perfectly
fit to perform the duties of
Deputy Collector of Sea Customs.

I have the honor to be
Your most Obedt Servt

J Hunter Blair
Col^l Sea Customs

