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TESTIMONIALS, &c.,

OF

MR. W. E. FOX

Mr. W. E. Fox has been employed in this Office as an Assistant Auditor from 29th September 1849 to 30th November 1854, during which period he has been found intelligent and attentive to his duties, and has given entire satisfaction to his superiors—he has now left this Office at his own request to better his prospects.

(Signed) T. B. FORSTER, Col.,

Military Auditor General.

Para. 14 of letter from Reporter of External Commerce, to the Secretary, Board of Revenue, dated 26th July 1856. "The Manager Mr. Fox, has merited my approbation, and I have much satisfaction in noticing his zeal and ability, and his great attention paid to the arduous labors committed to him, and to the temper and judgment he has displayed in inducing the Establishment for a long period to give their services cheerfully and energetically during hours when I had no right to claim them."

Para. 20 of letter from the Reporter External Commerce, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd July 1859. "The Department is in excellent order, and the Manager Mr. Fox, a most efficient and valuable Public Servant."

Mr. Fox, the Head Manager, has been promoted to it by merit; a man of thorough honesty of mind, great integrity, unflinching in bringing to notice what is his duty to do. I consider him a very valuable Public Officer.

(Signed) W. E. UNDERWOOD,

Collector Sea Customs.

Madras, 30th April 1860.

I entirely concur in Mr. Underwood's remarks regarding Mr. Fox. It has been a great assistance to me to have had so thoroughly steady and efficient a man in his position—and I hope that in due course he will rise to higher grades in the Public Service.

(Signed) CHARLES COLLETT,

Acting Collector.

December 9th 1861.

I have been perfectly satisfied with Mr. Fox's management of the Office during the 19 months I have been Collector of Customs and shall be glad to hear of his rising to a higher post in the Public Service.

(Signed) C. SHUBRICK,

Collector Sea Customs.

21st July 1863.

Para. 5 of letter from J. H. Blair, Esq., Collector Sea Customs to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th February 1864, No. 183.

"Much credit is due to Mr. Fox, for the careful manner in which the Guide (Custom House) has been arranged, and with reference to Proceedings Madras Government of April 23rd, 1861, No. 915, I beg respectfully to suggest that a sum of Rs. 500 would be a suitable acknowledgment of his labors, in compiling this, and the former Manual which was not printed, and for which he received no remuneration."

Order of Government, 2nd March 1865, No. 445. "The Government sanction the grant of Rs. 300 to Mr. Fox for his trouble in compiling the Manual. They consider this a fair remuneration, as fully three fourths of the Volume are a mere reprint of existing Laws and Rules."

Order of Government 22nd March 1865, No. 73.

"The Governor in Council sanctions the adoption of the Manual referred to, as a text Book for the Examination of Sea Custom Superintendents."

I cannot say more than that I have had reason thoroughly to endorse my predecessors views. Mr. Fox has proved himself a valuable Head to the Office for the short time I have been here.

(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,

Acting Collector Sea Customs.

25th September 1866.

W. Fox is a thorough, efficient, honest and meritorious officer. He has been most energetic and determined in discovering cases of Opium smuggling and other frauds, and has given me the fullest satisfaction on all occasions. He has lately been made Acting Deputy Appraiser, and I should have appointed him Deputy Appraiser in 1867 when the Office was created, but he had not then sufficient experience as a valuer of Goods. This he has since acquired, and I hope that on the first opportunity he may be promoted—

(Signed) J. Hunter Blair

January 1871.

Confirmed in the post of Deputy Appraiser on 22nd May 1872. (Signed) J. B. Pennington:

W. Fox has given me entire satisfaction. We looked after the manager's work during the latter absence in Ceylon, and was of great assistance to me.

I enclose (Signed) a Mr. Webster

23.4.74. Act Collector

W. E. Fox.

4th March 1868.
62 one lb tins of opium found concealed in the carpenter's cabin of steamer "Maharatta" bound to Rangoon—value of opium with fine Rupees 619 4 10. Board's Proceedings No 2580 6th April 1868, sanctioning rewards to Messrs Fox and Blake.

10th June 1868.
132½ lbs of opium seized when about to be shipped from Thangul 4 miles North of Madras Pier—value of opium with fine Rupees 942 8 0 Board's Proceedings granting rewards, No. 6898, 23th Sept. 1868.

9th July 1868.
288 one lb tins of opium found concealed in chests with false sides also in tins with biscuits in centre—attempt made to smuggle into Pondicherry for shipment to Mauritius. Board observe that they consider the conduct of "Messrs. Fox and Blake, as brought to notice in this letter highly commendable. They await the Collector's recommendation for rewards." Board's Proceedings No. 5638, 3rd August 1868—value of opium with fine Rupees 4,528 9 3. Board's Proceedings granting rewards No. 8196, 19th November 1868.

3rd December 1868.
Intended smuggling of opium by steamer "Oriental" prevented. "The Board observe that they have no doubt that the intention of smuggling opium on board the Steamer "Oriental" has been thwarted by the alacrity of the Custom House Officers" and "that the offence has been cleverly prevented." Board's Proceedings No. 299 18th January 1869. "The Board as a special case sanction a reward from the General Fund of 1000 Rs. to Messrs. Fox and Blake. Board's Proceedings No. 158 A. 20th February 1869.

13th July 1869.
113 one lb tins of opium found concealed in a barrel of coal tar sent from Madras by Rail to Negapatam and to be shipped thence to Rangoon. Telegraphed information (with name of smuggler) to Negapatam. The smuggler attempted to pass it through the Custom House at Negapatam for shipment, when it was seized. The Board observed on this occasion that "they consider that this important seizure evinced considerable adroitness and that the result is very creditable to the Preventive Department." Rewards granted. Board's Proceedings No. 6962, 17th September 1869, value of opium with fine Rs. 1,081 0 0

23rd October 1869.
203 lbs of opium conveyed by Rail from Madras to Shoranoor, thence to be smuggled into Cochin. The opium was seized on the 27th October when just about to pass into the Cochin State. Report sent to Board. Board's remarks. "The Board consider the results in this case highly creditable to the vigilance of the officers of the Madras Customs. On the period for appeal having expired, the Collector will make his recommendation regarding rewards." Board's Proceedings 11th November 1869.

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

May it please Your Excellency

1. As the period for which Mr. Shaw Deputy Collector of Sea Customs was allowed to continue to hold his appointment will shortly expire, I respectfully beg to submit my application for the post of Appraiser in the Madras Sea Customs Office, in the event of Your Excellency not permitting Mr. Shaw to have a further tenure of his office, and promoting Mr. Blake Appraiser in his place.
2. The major portion of my service under Government has been rendered in the Custom House, where like the late Mr. E. L. Atkinson Deputy Collector, I entered as Manager in 1859.
3. During the whole period of my service I have endeavoured to merit the approbation of my superior officers, and that I have succeeded in doing so, will I trust be apparent from the enclosed Copies of Testimonials.

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4 I have also endeavoured to make myself useful by compiling the "Sea Custom House Manual" of which 3 Editions have passed through my hands, and which under the orders of Government is the text Book for examination of aspirants to appointments in the Sea Customs Department, and for the last 8 years I have been examiner in this subject.

5 I have, I trust, also rendered myself worthy of special consideration by special service in detecting on several occasions Opium Smuggling, by which this contraband trade has been suppressed to a very great extent.

6 I beg further to state that I was recommended by the late Mr. Cochrane for the Post of District Deputy Collector, but I preferred remaining in the Custom House, where I hoped eventually to rise to the Deputy Collectorship, like my predecessor. I would here add that I have acted as Appraiser on several occasions.

7 Under all these circumstances I

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I trust Your Excellency will consider me worthy of promotion in the event of Mr. Shaw's request for a prolonged tenure of office not being entertained, and confer on me the appointment of appraiser or Deputy Collector, whichever of the two Your Excellency may consider me worthy of, and for which I shall feel most grateful

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's
Most obedient Servant

Wm. T. J. J.
Deputy Appraiser.

Maras.
18th January
1875

No. 76.

Sea Customs House
Madras 18 January 1875.

From J. Hunter Blair Esq
Collector of Sea Customs

To
C. G. Master Esq
Secy to Govt
Revenue Department

Sir,

In forwarding Mr Fox's
application for the posts of
Head appraiser or Deputy Collector,
if either of them becomes vacant
shortly, I fully endorse the
opinions expressed by me in
January 1874, regarding his
character and abilities, and
beg to state that I consider
him perfectly fit to perform
the duties of either appointment.

I have the honor to be,
your most obedt Servt.

Hunter Blair
Collr. Sea Customs

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Mr. 80/173

to the California Custom

to the Secretary
of the

Revenue Dept
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Forward me

for application

for the State of New

York or by

Call, if either of
them becomes vacant
shortly
Chas. S. Selden

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