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Dated 6 July

1878.

FOR ORDERS.

I think that the
Chief of the S. is not
satisfactory -
I do not agree with
Mr. Oliver in respect to
Deputy Commissioners -
Temporary quorance
of the language of the
for more serious draw-
back in Dept. Coll. to
be assist. Comptroller.

The Govt of India
with provision made
in the Madras Salt
Dept for some of
the inland Customs
Officers who have
been thrown out
by recent changes.
It appears from
Mr. Halsey's enclosure
that 24 men have
recently been abo-
lished -

They specially
name Mr. R. H. Adams
for a Deputy Com-
missioner-ship,
casually observing
that a permanent
unconvenanted
Deputy Commis-
sioner will prove
It is not stated that
he has been abolished.
Further than in Deputy Com-
missioners who practi-
cally will not know all
the language of the people
they will have to deal
with - I am inclined

more useful that to recommend Dr. Adams
 a Covenanted Officer & Halsey's attention. He
 was one of the men chosen
 for the same position as being done in the Salt
 Commission. It is
 less likely to change is an evidence of appreci-
 and that he should be
 have a moderate
 increase to his present pay - Rs 1000 rising to Rs 1200

The recommen-
 dation which has
 lately gone to the
 G. O. was for 2
Covenanted Deputies - * on Rs 1200 rising
 to 1400 -

The same extract
 from the Delhi
 Gazette which
 Mr Halsey quoted
 had already at-
 tracted Mr Bliss's
 attention as will
 be seen from the
 enclosed D. O. note
 & newspaper slips.
 Mr Bliss does not

I think the action
 of Mr. Halsey in
 sending on a newspaper
 cutting to the G. O.
 of this forwarding it
 has. is indecent
 & undignified -
 but as regards Mr.

THE SALT DEPARTMENT.—A Correspondent of the Delhi Gazette writes:—"It is stated that Mr. Bliss, the Salt Commissioner, Madras, has submitted a scheme for organizing an office establishment for himself, and that he is to have two Deputy Commissioners, and as considerable reductions are now being effected in the establishment of the Inland Customs' Department in Upper India, cannot our R. A. C. Department in communication with the Madras authorities, provide for some of the officers and officials brought under reduction? The case of the officers brought under reduction in the Inland Customs' Department is really pitiable. The letters lately published in the columns of the Delhi Gazette sufficiently show the hardships of men with family and children, when thrown out of employ and I hope the liberality of Lord Lytton's Government will be extended towards the unfortunate officers of the Inland Customs' Department. If Mr. Bliss requires good office hands why not ask him to indent on Mr. Halsey for as many hands as he can spare? Government would lose nothing by the measure, and the unfortunate officers would be saved from being removed from the service. If it be in contemplation to bring under reduction the appointment of the Deputy Commissioner of Inland Customs' in Upper India, I think it would be nothing but just to provide the N. W. P. and Punjab Deputy Commissioner of Customs with one of the Salt Deputy Commissionerships in Madras, and as Mr. Adam was for some time on special duty in Madras he might be selected for that presidency with advantage. The present officiating Deputy Commissioner of Customs is also an officer of very high administrative abilities and is very energetic, and if he is preferred, he will be a very valuable acquisition to the Madras Salt Department, but a great loss to Mr. Halsey, who however has a very clever and experienced Personal Assistant to manage his office and assist him in his administrative work."

more useful than I recommend Dr. Adams
in connection with H. P. & H. P.'s attention.

The enclosed slip from a newspaper will show you that other people have been struck by the same idea as I wrote to you about the other day. Of course men from the Island Customs Line would not do as Deputy Commissioners as they know neither the languages nor the ways of this Presidency, but they would probably prove valuable as De Collectors (or some of them might) and might be appointed.

in preparation conditionally
 on passing in the language
 in a given time. The Rev.
 I'd have now before them
 proposals of genuine which
 will, I don't doubt, and
 if approved by Govt, to the
 necessity of entertaining
 some fresh hands of their
 trade, both to fill new posts
 & to take the places of existing
 by others who, if allowed their
 choice, will elect to leave
 the salt & go to peopled rather
 than to continue in it for
 the rest of their off. lives, a
 condition essential to be made
 binding on salt officers if the
 salt is to be efficiently worked.

Adams really in
 our salt Dept. I
 don't trust that the
 arrang. wd. be a
 good one. & I wd.
 commend the suggestion
 to H. R. consideration
 in substitution for
 one of the Govt. Dept.
 Comrs. I don't see
 contemplation to
 appoint -

It doesn't appear
 that H. R. has been
 put out of sympathy in
 the abolition of the
 England Customs
 line. so that the
 proposal wd. apparently
 merely operate to
 vacate a place in
 H. R. for the substitution

approval of his De-
 puties being import-
 ed from the North
 West but thinks he
 might find 20 or
 eventually for some
 of these men as As-
 sistant Commissioners
 etc.

Should the pres-
 ent paper be sent
 for his remarks &
 the observations of
 the Revenue Board?
 of H.

former displaced
 man. but we need
 not be on the outside
 at that. H. R.
 must have acquired
 much inform. at
 our salt works. &
 ought to be a valuable
 acquisition to us.

It is known to be
 reported that some
 of the gentlemen
 who were in the line

have been in the
 spot to be examined
 & apt. by the way. Mr.
 Lottok at Vigianad
 The Mr. might ask
 him D.O. but Mr. A
 looked in the Com.
 for H. in form.

I should be glad to
 see the letter -
 because I was afraid
 under the language
 of the election of
 the Council in 1877
 N. 117

C. 16-7-78
 B. 19-7-78
 H. 16-8-78.

FOR ORDERS.

No. 178.

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FROM

A. O. HUME, Esquire, C.B.,

Secretary to the Government of India,
 Department of Revenue,
 Agriculture and Commerce,

TO

The Secretary to the Government of Madras

Salt

Enula, dated the 6th July 1878.

SIR,

I am directed to forward copy of a
 letter and its enclosure from the Official
 - ing Commissioner of Inland Customs
 H^o 131 C. dated the 28th ultimo, suggesting
 the employment of some of the officers of the
 Inland Customs Department in the Salt
 Department at Madras which is being organ-
 - ized under Mr. Bliss. -

2. The abolition of the Customs line
 now in progress has rendered it necessary
 to dispense with the services of a large
 number of trained Customs officers, many
 of whom have done excellent work for a
 long

long series of years. Much personal hardship is necessarily involved in this measure and the Governor General in Council would be much gratified if His Grace the Governor in Council could arrange for the employment of some of these officers in the Madras Salt Department. Every care will be taken by the Government of India that only good men are sent.

3. I am to add that if the Government of Madras contemplate the employment of a permanent uncovenanted Deputy Commissioner, and this will probably be found necessary as repeated changes in the Covenanted Head of the Department are unavoidable, the Government of India can confidently recommend Mr R. M. Adam, who is probably known to some of the Members of the Madras Government as that gentleman served on the Salt Commission.

4. Mr Adam is at present on furlough, and is expected to return in October next, but would doubtless return earlier if his services are required. His present pay is Rupees 1000/- rising to Rupees 1200/- with the usual travelling allowance, but in transferring him to Madras, the Government of India would prefer a moderate increase to his pay, as his previous wide experience in Salt matters in India, and the further experience that he has acquired whilst on furlough in Europe, will render him an exceptionally valuable officer.

5. I am to observe in conclusion that apart altogether from the hardship to the officers whose services will not be required in consequence of the reductions now being carried out, financial considerations as set forth in Rule 1, under Section 50 of the Civil Pension Code and

the other rules following imperatively demand the employment of discharged officers rather than the enlistment of new men, and I am again to express the earnest hope of the Governor General in Council that, with the permission of His Grace the Governor in Council, such measures may be taken as will ensure the employment of as many officers as possible from the Inland Customs in the Madras Salt Department.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. D. B. S. S.

Secretary to the Government of India.

N^o 131C.

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From,

W. S. Halsey, Esq., C. S.
Offg. Commissioner Inland Customs.

To

The Secretary to the Govt of India.
Dept. of Reve. & Agr. & Commerce.
Simla.

Dated Aggra, the 28th June 1878.

Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to the enclosed extract from the Delhi Gazette, and to request you will show the Government of India to address the Government of Madras, informing them, I have lately had to bring twenty four officers under reduction consequent on the abolition of the Sugar duties. I have not yet been able to find service for them in other Departments, and if Mr. Bliss' scheme has been sanctioned, it

it is just possible that he might be able to take some of them off my hands.

2. I beg that it may be understood that I do not wish to make over to him only the most inferior officers in my Department. On the contrary, I will undertake to supply him with thoroughly efficient officers from my staff, replacing them by men now brought under reduction.

3. In this way I could supply him with one Deputy Commissioner, and officers of various grades all thoroughly efficient, if he will only let me know how many men he can find employment for.

4. I would strongly recommend that Mr. Adam should be sent to Madras as a Deputy Commissioner, he has been ... all through the salt manufactures of Madras, having been one of the members of the late salt Commission

Commission and you are yourself aware how thoroughly competent he is on all matters connected with salt.

I have &c.

D/William Synnott.

Personal Asst.

For Offg. Commissioner Inland Customs

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selected for that Presidency with advantage.
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(True copies)

A. K. Wilson

Registrar

Dept. of Revenue, Agri. & Commerce.

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