

Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 178.

DATED 11. Jan'y. 1897.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Caution to the Bd of Rev (Dep. Rev) Despatch
from the Secretary of State regarding
the appointment of Mr. Bennett as
Supervisor of Madras Distilleries.

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Revenue (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 9175

Order No. 1787/11⁵ Jan 1897
 Communicated to the Board of Rev.

From Govt of India
 In & Com Dept

No. 5190-S.2

To the Board (S.O.) Dec. 21. 1896
 with despatch in original.

Dated 10th
 Received 14th
 Registered 14th
 Enclosures
 Spare copies

If Mr. Bennett is in
 Madras, please ask him
 to call on me some morning
 about 9 A.M.

has is aimed a report himself
 at the Govt. office. And him
 in connection with it.

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Please see d.O. put up for approval.

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 9/1/97

SUBJECT.

For forwarding copy of a despatch
 from the Secretary of State
 regarding the appointment
 of Mr. E. Bennett as
 Supervisor of Madras
 Distilleries.

7th 16/12

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
	30612008		26-10-96
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	45508		12-11-96
	47918		25-11-96

FURTHER PAPERS.

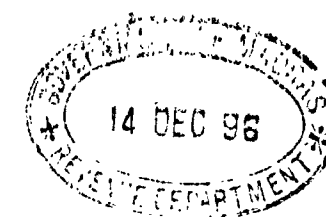
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No. 5190-S.R.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Calcutta, the 10th December 1896.



Read-

Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No.149 Revenue, dated the 12th November 1896, received on the 1st December 1896.

Ordered that a copy of the despatch with its enclosures be forwarded to the Government of Madras, in continuation of endorsement No.4899-S.R., dated 14th November 1896; and that a copy be also forwarded to the Accountant General, Madras.

R. M. D. A. S.

Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

INDIA OFFICE,
London, 12th November 1896.

Revenue,

No. 149.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

Appointment of Mr. E. Bennett
as Supervisor of Madras
Distilleries.

* From Board of Revenue, dated
21st October 1896, and enclosure.
To ditto, dated 4th November 1896.
From ditto, dated 5th November
1896, and enclosure.
Agreement with Mr. Bennett.

My Lord,

With reference to my telegrams
of the 22nd October and 10th instant,
copies of which are herewith enclosed
I forward, for the information of your
Excellency's Government, copy of the
papers noted in the margin, from which
it will be seen that Mr. E. Bennett
has been selected to fill the post
of Supervisor of Distilleries in the
Madras Presidency under conditions
which are explained in detail in the
correspondence now forwarded. It was
not found possible to obtain a
qualified officer on the terms
suggested in your Letter in the
Finance and Commerce Department, No.
233, dated 18th August 1896, and the
Board of Inland Revenue were not
disposed to allow Mr. Bennett to
revert to his post in this country
at the end of a year as suggested by
the Madras Board of Revenue.

I have the honour to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient humble
servant.
(Sd) GEORGE HAMILTON.

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Enclosures.

No. 1.

Telegram to Viceroy, dated 22nd October 1896.
Your Commerce Despatch, No. 233, dated 18th August 1896.
Madras distilleries. Inland Revenue report suitable officers
rare. Officer recommended ask for Rs. 800 to Rs. 1300. Please
telegraph your wishes as quickly as possible.

No. 2.

Telegram to Viceroy, dated 10th November 1896.
Your telegram of 28th October last. Bennett appointed Super-
visor, Madras distilleries; leaves 4th December next. A Des-
patch on the subject will follow.

No. 3.

R.E. 9715/1896.

Inland Revenue,
Somerset House, London, W.C.,
21st October 1896.

The Board of Inland Revenue understand from personal
communications, which ~~has~~ ^{have} passed between this department and
Mr. Wollaston of the India Office, that the Secretary of State
for India is desirous of obtaining for the service of the
Madras Government an officer in this employ who is acquainted
with the Chemistry of distillation, and with all the details
of the measures taken in this country for the protection of
the Excise Revenue on spirits.

Owing to the slowness of promotion which for several years
past ~~has~~ ^{has} prevailed in the Excise service, the Board have had
or ^{great} difficulty in finding an officer of the requisite expe-
rience, and of a suitable age.

They, however, now recommend the appointment of ^{Mr.} ~~Mr.~~
Bennett, who is employed as Chemical ~~Revenue~~
Revenue Officer at Burton-on-Trent.

E. Bennett.

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object to certain modifications as to salary and pension.

The Board think it essential, not only in the interest of Mr. Bennett himself, but also to avoid questions which might arise between the Government of India and this Board when the time came for his retirement, that his position as to pension should be clearly laid down.

As Mr. Bennett has served the Inland Revenue for 17 years, the Imperial Treasury would under the rules laid down by Treasury Minute of 4th August 1892, on his eventual retirement be liable for a contribution of ¹⁷--- 173 L.1s.2d. (average salary for last three years) = 49 ⁶⁰£. But, as Mr. Bennett asks to receive 10 years of added service (which 10 years would presumably count as service even should his health break down before the minimum of 10 years has expired), the Board would suggest that the preferable plan would be to transfer to India Mr. Bennett's entire service of 17 years; and, when he eventually retires, the pension payable from Indian revenues should as far as he is concerned, include the above amount of 49 ⁶⁰£., which latter sum would be paid by the Imperial Exchequer to the India office in ^{his}discharge of the expenditure involved by Mr. Bennett's retirement.

The Board presume that the Indian pay would commence on the ^{date} on which his employment in this department ceases, which the Board suggest might be the 3rd of November. Thus the Indian pay would commence on the 4th November.

The Board also presume that Mr. Bennett would be allowed 100 ⁶⁰£ for outfit and passage.

I have etc.

The Under Secretary of State
for India.

W.H. Heberden,

Secretary.

Enclosure in No. 3.

Chemical Laboratory, Inland

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that both the salary and ^{the} terms offered for addition of existing service to that under the India Office are inadequate when all the circumstances are taken into account.

In the first place- as to climate. This is admittedly trying to Europeans and especially so when as in my case, acquaintance is first made with it when early middle age has been reached. Personally I have no fear of it, but the contingency, remote though it may be, of a break down in health has to be faced, and I feel that the salary should be so settled as to enable provision to be made in the event of the contingency arising.

In the next place, it can hardly be expected that, starting an Indian career at so comparatively late a period and under the conditions named, I should be likely to remain in India sufficiently long to reach the full limit of service counting for pension, unless I should be liberally dealt with in the matter of the years to be carried on to the new office.

I beg, therefore, most respectfully to ask your kind consideration of the terms which I feel would meet the case satisfactorily, and, which I now state. I would propose that the initial salary should be 800 rupees per month, rising as proposed by 25 rupees monthly to 1,000 then by annual increments of 50 rupees per month to 1,300 rupees monthly. This would enable the maximum to be reached in the same time as it would under the original scheme. As to the question of service, I feel that I am justified in asking that at least 10 years should be carried on to my time for India service.

I must ask you to lay this request before the authorities concerned should ^{the} choice of the Honourable Board fall upon me.

H.H. Heberden, Esq.

I am etc.

F. Bennett.

India Office,

4th November 1896.

E. & S. 1258.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Heberden's letter of the 21st October, and in reply to inform you that Lord George Hamilton is prepared to offer Mr. Bennett, with effect from 4th November, the post of Supervisor of Distilleries in the Madras Presidency under the conditions mentioned in the above quoted communication, on a salary of 800 rupees per mensem rising by annual increments of 25 rupees per mensem to 1,000 rupees per mensem, and thenceforth by increments of 50 rupees per mensem to a maximum of 1,500 rupees per mensem.

Mr. Bennett will also, according to the present regulations be entitled to exchange compensation allowance, which is an additional amount sufficient to enable him to remit to England one-half of his salary at 1s. 6d. per rupee.

A free first class passage to Madras will be granted to Mr. Bennett, who is to proceed to India by the mail steamer of the 4th of December, and an outfit allowance of 50. He will be entitled to leave under the European Services leave rules, and his pension will be governed by the rules in Part IV of the Civil Service Regulations; the present scale is given in Article 518. Briefly, the scale is 1/60th of the average emoluments during the last five years of service, subject to a maximum of £200 for each year up to 25 years.

Pensions are now paid in this country at the official rate of exchange, subject to a minimum of 1s. 9d. the rupee.

Travelling allowance will also be granted under the usual rules in force in India.

I am to request that you will convey to the Board of Inland Revenue Lord George Hamilton's thanks for the trouble they

they have taken in this matter.

The Secretary,
Board of Inland Revenue.

I have &c.,

A. Codley.

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DEPARTMENT

No. 5.

E. 9715, E.

Inland Revenue,
Somerset House, London, W.C.,
5th November 1896.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant (E. & S. 9715, E.) I am directed by the Board of Inland Revenue to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a communication which they have received from Mr. E. Bennett, intimating his willingness to accept the post of Supervisor of Distilleries in the Madras Presidency on the conditions proposed by the India Office.

The Under Secretary of State
for India.

I am &c.,

W. B. Heberden,
Secretary.

J. A. H.

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Enclosure in No.5.

Government Laboratory,
Somerset House, London, W. C.,
4th November 1896.

Honourable Sirs,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your ^{letter} ~~letter~~ of to-day's date, embodying the terms under which the appointment of Supervisor of Distilleries for the Madras Presidency is offered for my acceptance by the India Office.

Those terms I accept without reserve, and I am prepared to take up the appointment at the pleasure of the India Office under the conditions named.

In doing this, I cannot allow the opportunity to pass of expressing my most cordial thanks for the great kindness and uniform courtesy which have been extended to me, both by your Honours and the officials of the India Office during the ~~the~~ conduct of the negotiations now concluded, also for the considerable concessions made in the original terms as to salary and the carrying forward to my Indian service of the years served under your Honours.

I can assure your Honours that no efforts will be wanting on my part to do credit to your choice and recommendation of me for this position, or to make it a success by placing the spirit revenue of the Madras Presidency on a thoroughly satisfactory basis.

I am &c.,

The Honourable Commissioners
of Inland Revenue.

F. Bennett.

(True Copy)

M. J. Mousal
18905
Assistant Secretary.

15-11-96