

Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 476

DATED 19th June 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Security

Approving the Board's proposal that Inspectors of the Salt, Akhari and Customs Department, when appointed to be Custom Superintendents, should be exempted from furnishing—, requesting the Board to amend the Standing Order on the subject accordingly.

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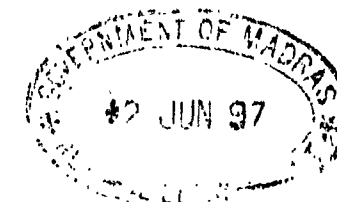
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Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 11635



From

The Secretary to the Commissioner of
Salt, Miskari & Sepanra Revenue
Madras

His No. 2198

Order

Dated 25th May 1897

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SUBJECT.

Recommending to Government
that Sub Inspectors be exempt
from furnishing security & or
Bonds Standing order No 255 (old
edition) when they are appointed
as Sea Customs Officers.

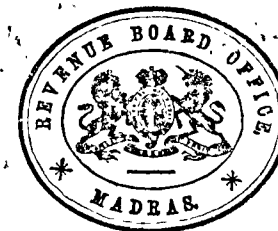
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue.)

Dated 25th May 1897.

Ms No. 2/98.

Resolution.

The Board begs to bring to the notice of Government the desirability, under present circumstances of amending para 2 of Board's Standing order No 255 (Old edition) extracted in the margin under which Sea Customs Superintendents are required to furnish Security for the due performance of their duties

Para 2. Security is also to be taken from Deputy Tehsildars & Sea Customs Superintendents, the amount of Security to be taken from them being calculated on the average monthly transactions & stamps and money, as fixed according to the following scale

For Transactions	Rs
Below Rs 1000	100
Between Rs 1000 & Rs 5000	500
" 5000 & - 10000	1000
" 10000 & - 20000	2000
Above Rs 20000	3000

2. Government has now in the concluding portion of para 2 of its order No 475, Revenue dated 18th September 1896 directed that Customs Superintendents drawing Rs 30 and over should be graded with Sub Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors of the Salt, Alkali & Customs Department. Assistant Inspectors have been exempted from furnishing Security in Government order No 31 Revenue dated 9th January 1882 but no such

such exemption has hitherto been granted in the
case of Sub Inspectors and it would appear, therefore,
that such officers when appointed to be
Sea Customs Superintendents will have to furnish
security under the rules quoted above. The
Board is of opinion that, if these rules are insisted
upon, the greatest difficulty will be felt in
filling up appointments, that the Superintendents
will remain as at present permanent incumbents
of their posts and that the advantage
gained by grading them with Sub Inspectors
will be lost. There is one great difference between
Sea Customs Superintendents and other officers entrusted
with money viz the fact that it is much simpler
and safer for a dishonest Superintendent to combine
with the merchants of his port and omit to collect
duty than to remove it from the Treasury after
it has been entered in the accounts. This
is the sort of fraud which is most to be feared
and is one which is enormously favoured
by the fixity of tenure of appointment which
follows

follows existence on furnishing security.
Board is strongly of the opinion that it is
better to rely on the honesty which may be
expected from men having good prospects of
promotion and who are liable to transfer
at any moment than to gain a certain
amount of immunity from improbable
defalcations at the cost of inefficiency and highly
probable connivances at unrecorded frauds on
the Customs Revenue. It believes that if the recovery
under the Security System in all Revenue Departments
for the last 10 years were examined the total
sum would be found to be ridiculously small
compared with the actual expense which it
has entailed on the subordinates who fall
under its provisions and thinks that for the
reasons given above it is peculiarly unsuited
to the Sea Customs Department
(True Echo)

Recommended
Secretary to Government, Revenue Department

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The Hon. Mr. Bliss C.S.E.
The Hon. Mr. Grose C.S.E.

FOR ORDERS.

Co. No. 476 of 19th June 1897.
The Board's. Pres.

proposal that Sub Inspectors
of the salt, abkari & custom
Dept., when appointed to be
Sea Customs Supts., should
be exempted from furnishing
security, is approved.

The Board's standing order
on this subject ~~with~~ ~~shall~~ be amended
accordingly.

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Secy. Govt. does not amend the S.O. but the Bd.
submits that the word "shall" should stand
the Bd. will then make the necessary
correction before issuing the S.O.

Office.
Show this to the Under Secretary
who is dealing with the standing order
on Public servants

Submitted to the Bd.
The draft order on the revised
chapter on Public servants
is now in the Press.

The Board of Rev. Secy. Rev.
The Board of Revenue Land Revenue
note Para 2 of the S.O. clearly
explains the necessity for
exempting the sub Insps. in
charge of custom offices
from furnishing security.
The Chapter of the Board's standing order
relating to Public servants, in which

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subject of security the furnished by
which classes of officers is dealt with,
under revision. Proof copy of the revised
chapter has been received in the office & is
being drafted on. If the Bd's proposal is
approved, the alteration may be embodied
in the revised chapter.

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Security.

Approving the Bd's proposal that Sub-Inspectors of the Salt, Abkari and Customs Department, when appointed to be Sea Customs Superintendents, should be exempted from furnishing —, and requesting the Board to amend the Standing Order on the subject accordingly.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 2198, dated 25th May 1897:—

Resolution—Mis. No. 2198, dated 25th May 1897.

The Board begs to bring to the notice of Government the desirability, under present circumstances, of amending

Paragraph 2.—Security is also to be taken from Deputy Tahsildars and Sea Customs Superintendents, the amount of security to be taken from them being calculated on the average monthly transactions in stamps and money, and fixed according to the following scale:—

For transactions—	RS.
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" " 5,000 " " 10,000 ...	1,000
" " 10,000 " " 20,000 ...	2,000
Above Rs. 20,000 ...	3,000

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(True Extract.)

(Signed)

EDMUND MILLETT,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

ORDER—No. 476, Revenue, dated 19th June 1897.

Separate Rev. No. 53.

The Board's proposal that Sub-Inspectors of the Salt, Abkari and Customs Department, when appointed to be Sea Customs Superintendents, should be exempted from furnishing security, is approved. The Board's Standing Order on the subject should be amended accordingly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).
" the " (Land Revenue).

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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