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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 4th August 1857.

No. 8. From J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Secretary Mint Committee; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th July 1857, No. 192.

SIR,

1st. I have the honor, by desire of the Mint Committee, to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Acting Assay Master, dated 24th July 1857, No. 410, with its enclosure, an application from Dr. Montgomery, Acting Assistant Assay Master, to be permitted to draw half of the fixed allowances of the Civil Surgeon of Cochin, which post he holds by his appointment on the 24th March last.

2nd. In submitting the above, the Committee desire me to recommend the same for the favorable consideration of Government.

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,
Secretary Mint Committee.

From A. J. SCOTT, Esq., Acting Assay Master; to the Mint Committee, dated 24th July 1857, No. 410.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honor to forward for the favorable consideration of Government a letter from the Acting Assistant Assay Master.

(Signed) ANDREW J. SCOTT,
Acting Assay Master.

From H. B. MONTGOMERY, Esq., M. D., Acting Assistant Assay Master; to ANDREW J. SCOTT, Esq., M. D., Acting Assay Master, dated 22nd July 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to beg that you will be so kind as to submit for the consideration of Government my respectful application to be permitted to draw half of the fixed allowances of the Civil Surgeon of Cochin after the deduction therefrom of such Military pay and allowances as I draw at the Presidency, and that this permission may have effect for such time as I have drawn or may continue to draw only a moiety of my staff, as Acting Assistant Assay Master.

2. I have been prevented by private affairs of a distressing nature from sooner submitting this request.

3. Having on the 1st April, learned from the Fort Saint George Gazette, dated March 24th, that I had been appointed Civil Surgeon of Cochin, I on the 11th day of April received from the Military Secretary to the Right Honorable the Governor, an offer of the appointment of Acting Assistant Assay Master at the Presidency. Accompanying the Military Secretary's letter was a Memorandum to which I would beg to direct attention, a copy is appended.

4. I was not relieved by my successor at Honore until the 5th of May when, the moonsoon having commenced, it was impossible to go to Cochin except by land, a long and very expensive journey. Believing that I was to draw full staff allowance at the Presidency, I proceeded to join at once. I was further induced to do this, as I was aware that the Acting Assay Master was conducting the business of the Assay Office alone; and I found that in case of his illness the public service would be greatly inconvenienced if I did not join without delay.

5. Having reached Madras on the 20th of May, I for the first time learned that the views of the Civil Auditor as set forth in the "Memo." attached to the Military Secretary's letter had been overruled, and that the Acting Assay Master had drawn and was to continue to draw half of the staff salary of the Assistant Assay Master, so long as he drew only a moiety of the staff pay of the superior appointment.

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6. In consequence of this it results that, though I am entitled to fixed pay and allowances at Cochin amounting to Rupees 510-0-0, yet while acting here in a superior appointment I only draw, as such, 400 Rupees a month, so that the Medical Officer acting for me at Cochin draws 110 Rupees per month more than I do and is also entitled to a considerable sum for Head money and other minor items payable from month to month.

7. Under these circumstances I trust the Government will consider it not fair that, in consequence of no fault of mine but in consequence of a misapprehension on the part of the Civil Auditor, I should suffer so heavy a loss as results to me now from my inability to draw half my allowances at Cochin, consequent on my not having joined that appointment.

8. I may further add that if my request is granted the Medical Officer acting for me at Cochin, will draw quite as much as he would have drawn had he continued with the Regiment from which he was removed to act for me. And after the 18th of October he will draw the full allowances of the permanent appointment until I join it.

(Signed) HOWARD B. MONTGOMERY, M. D.,
*Civil Surgeon Cochin and
Acting Assistant Assay Master.*

APPENDIX.

Copy of Memo, enclosed in the letter of the Military Secretary, (dated April 4th 1857.)
(Copy.)

MEMO.

The salary of the Assistant Assay Master is Rupees 350 per mensem.

A Zillah Surgeon Acting as Assistant Assay Master, during the time Dr. Scott, Acts as Assay Master will receive the whole of the above amount and the Regimental allowances of his rank. He will receive no part of the salary of Zillah Surgeon.

The salary of the Assay Master is Rupees 1500 per mensem of which a moiety after deducting Dr. Shaw's regimental allowances will be paid to Dr. Scott, who will receive no portion of his salary as Assistant Assay Master.

The above information has been obtained from the Civil Audit Office.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) HOWARD B. MONTGOMERY, M. D.,
*Civil Surgeon Cochin and
Acting Assistant Assay Master.*

(True Copies)

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,
Secretary Mint Committee.

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J. W. B. B.
By Chief Secretary

To the Military Auditor General. Dated 12th

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favourable consideration of
Government.

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Secretary, Joint Committee

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