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Government of Madras.

Finance DEPARTMENT.

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No. 18. TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE G. F. R. LORD HARRIS, GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, FORT SAINT GEORGE, Madras, dated 5th March 1859.

The humble Memorial of Edward Gill, Head Clerk in the Governor's Private Office.

SHREWETH,

1. That your Memorialist entered the Service of Government in the year 1833, as a Clerk in the Office of the Town Major of Fort Saint George, and about five years afterwards, *viz.*, in 1839, during the administration of Lord Elphinstone he was transferred to the Governor's Private Office.

2. That your Memorialist has now served for about 26 years under Government—nearly 20 years in his present Office—the duties of which he has performed to the entire satisfaction of his superiors, as will be seen from the several testimonials* herewith submitted—
* 12. some of which were granted him by the Governors under whom he has had the privilege to serve.

3. It might perhaps be deemed unnecessary for your Memorialist to trouble your Lordship with the particulars of his duties, but as it is likely that your Lordship in Council would deem it necessary to forward this Memorial to higher authority, your Memorialist would respectfully beg permission to state that his duties are of such a nature as to require the strictest integrity of character and unremitting attention—and in confirmation of his statement your Memorialist would respectfully beg here to refer to the recorded opinions of the Marquis of Tweeddale and the late Sir Henry Pottinger, late Governors of Madras.

4. Your Memorialist deems it necessary to state that in his position as Chief Clerk, independent of his immediate duties he is entrusted not only with the ordinary papers of the Office, but likewise with those of a private and confidential nature, for all of which he is individually responsible.

5. That your Memorialist is obliged to attend to the Receipt and Despatch of all papers to and from the Governor, and the Private and Military Secretaries. That he has charge of all the records of the Office—that he is held responsible for its efficient state, which require from him constant superintendence and controul—that he has the keeping of all the Books and Accounts of the Government House Establishment—the general supervision of the public servants—their payment monthly—including the Pensioners of the Government House.

6. That your Memorialist is also, in a great measure responsible for the safe keeping of every article of Furniture, Plate, &c., belonging to the Government House.

7. That your Memorialist has, with great diffidence, gone into the foregoing particulars in the hope that they would convey some idea of what he is required to do; but at the same time he would beg respectfully to submit that from the varied nature of his duties, he is apprehensive he has failed in his attempt to particularize them—and he would only observe that from his position as Chief Clerk and his constant daily attendance at the Government House from an early to a late hour, (earlier and later than any of the public Offices in Madras) his general services were always available, and he invariably afforded them cheerfully and zealously.

8. Your Memorialist would beg to state that upwards of ten years ago, he was offered the appointment of Manager in the Secret and Political Departments of the Secretariat in the Government Office, a situation though of slightly increased emolument, yet one that held out to him the prospect of advancement to the higher and better paid grades in public life—a prospect which does not exist in the Office in which your Memorialist is at present employed, but at the desire of the then Governor Sir Henry Pottinger he was obliged to remain in his present position, with the hope of securing a better appointment at some future time, but in this expectation he has been disappointed not from any want of disposition on the part of the Governor to serve him, but entirely to the want of an opportunity.

9. Your Memorialist now finds himself after so many years of long and approved service in the back ground—inasmuch as several persons who were trained by him in the very Office in which he is at present the Head Clerk, have now got in advance of him in position and salary, and many of his juniors in the service are also now in receipt of pay, double the amount assigned to him, *viz.*, Rupees 175.

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 28th March 1859.

10. With this limited salary (Rupees 175) your Memorialist is obliged, consistently with his position at the Government House, to maintain a decent appearance, and to be prepared to meet the expenses of living separately from his family whenever the Governor proceeds to Guindy—usually from 5 to 6 months in the year—or makes a tour into the Provinces.

11. Your Memorialist does not deem it necessary to trespass any longer on your Lordship's attention upon this point—he trusts he has said enough to satisfy your Lordship in Council how inadequately he is remunerated to meet the necessary wants to which he has presumed to refer, and also how incommensurate it is to the confidential position he has the honor to hold in Government House.

12. Your Memorialist is aware that your Lordship's predecessors* were fully sensible of the inadequacy of his salary and have more than once evinced their desire to better his circumstances. To these testimonials, and to that favored him by the Honorable W. Elliot, Esq., now Senior Member of Council—he would again refer—and your Memorialist at the same time feels that he could confidently depend upon your Lordship's own personal knowledge of him and upon that knowledge he rests his claims for advancement—and he feels perfectly assured that from your Lordship's sense of justice he has every thing to hope for.

13. From the several Testimonials submitted by your Memorialist he trusts that it would be manifest to your Lordship in Council that he has not failed in his desire to give satisfaction to all his superiors. Gratifying as these Testimonials are to your Memorialist—appreciated as they are by him—and anxious as he is to continue in an Office in which he has spent nearly 20 years of his life, and thankful at the same time as he feels for all the kindness evinced towards him by his superiors, yet he cannot divest himself of the feeling that had it been his good fortune to have rendered the same faithful services as he feels conscious he has done in his present situation in any other Public Office of the State—he would long ere this have been promoted and not left, as he is at present, after nearly 25 years of approved public service, on the receipt of only 175 Rupees per mensem.

14. Your Memorialist trusts that your Lordship will pardon him for expressing himself so freely and at such length, and under all the circumstances submitted in his Memorial, your Memorialist earnestly prays that your Lordship in Council would be graciously pleased to improve his position in the Office and assign to him such a rate of salary as would be deemed commensurate with the confidential, responsible and arduous nature of his duties.

15. Leaving his case for the kind consideration of your Lordship in Council—your Memorialist will, as in duty bound,

Ever pray
(Signed) EDWARD GILL.

No. 19. MINUTE by the Right Honorable the President, dated 16th March 1859.

Mr. Gill has been in charge of the Private Secretary's Office, and has had the main control and supervision over the accounts and the management of the Government House establishment.

His conduct has been in every respect most satisfactory; the care, attention and ability with which he has constantly performed the duties devolving upon him have been most marked, and I have every reason for expressing my entire satisfaction with him.

I think it is most important, that a person of trust and ability should be placed and retained in the Office which he holds, as he has charge of Government property to a considerable amount, which might be easily neglected, or made away with, unless given over to the care of a confidential servant.

Mr. Gill's salary is certainly inadequate to his value as a public servant, to the position he holds, and more especially to the opportunities which he has foregone of advancement in the more public Official service.

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 28th March 1859. 2

I would therefore strongly urge, and appeal, for an increase of salary to him on personal grounds, as I feel sure that a change now, which would probably involve frequent changes for the future, in the establishment of the Private Secretary's Office, would not only be a great inconvenience, but might risk considerable loss, or deterioration of Government property.

(Signed) HARRIS.

No. 20. MINUTE by the Honorable W. ELLIOT, Esq., dated 16th March 1859.

I am very glad to support Mr. Gill's prayer. He was brought into the Private Secretary's Office by me, after careful enquiry for a person of trust and ability, when I was Private Secretary to Lord Elphinstone, and I can bear testimony to his good conduct for the four years he was under me, since which he has gained the favorable opinion of every succeeding Governor and his Staff, under the difficult circumstances of having to begin his service on each occasion with those to whom he was a perfect stranger; and this I consider to form the very best proof of his fitness and excellent qualifications for the confidential post in which he has so long been placed.

(Signed) WALTER ELLIOT.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 186; dated 25th March 1859.

Resolved, that copies of the Memorial and of the Minutes recorded thereon be transmitted to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India by the next Mail, with the strong recommendation of this Government that in consideration of Mr. Gill's merits and length of service—the confidential position he holds—and more especially the opportunities of advancement which he has foregone in the Public Service—authority may be granted for raising his salary to Rupees 250 per mensem, the increase of Rupees 75 being granted to him as a personal allowance.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. J. A. Wilson.

GUINDY, 14th February 1848.

The situation of Head Clerk in the Governor's Private Office is of so confidential a nature, that in my opinion the salary should be sufficient to induce a trustworthy and efficient person to retain the appointment—instead of being compelled to seek employment elsewhere, as soon as he has established a character for good conduct and efficiency.

Having had full opportunities of estimating Mr. Gill's qualifications, I bear a willing testimony to the perfect integrity of his character—to the regularity of his official habits,—and to the industry with which he performs his duties.

Mr. Gill is peculiarly qualified for the situation he fills—and as I consider that he would be a great loss to the Governor's Office, I strongly recommend the proposed addition to his salary.

(Signed) TWEEDDALE.

GUINDY, February 23d, 1848.

I have the greatest pleasure in expressing my unqualified approbation of Mr. Gill's conduct since I have been Governor of Madras.

He has been the confidential Clerk in the Private Secretary's Office during that period—and I have never heard a whisper of his talking or in any manner expressing an opinion on circumstances which came under his notice in the situation he held.

I can only add that he should not want a better situation than what he now fills, if I had it in my power to give him one.

Mr. Gill in my opinion is strictly confidential, and equal from his abilities and experience to fill a higher post.

(Signed) TWEEDDALE.

GUINDY PARK, April 24th, 1854.

I have much pleasure in placing on record, the very high opinion I have formed and entertained throughout the whole period of my sojourn at Madras, of Mr. Edward Gill, the Head Clerk in the Private Secretary's Department.

I consider Mr. Gill to have strong public claims both from his talents and qualifications, and that he is likewise eminently suited for the Head of the Private Secretary's Office from his trustworthiness, fidelity and prudence.

I should have had much satisfaction in advancing Mr. Gill to a higher grade had an opportunity presented itself, and I shall be very glad to hear that this testimonial has in any way contributed on some future occurrence, to that object.

(Signed) HENRY POTTINGER.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, September 1842.

Mr. Gill came into the Private Secretary's Office, in 1839, having been previously employed under the Town Major. I have always found him most regular and attentive in his attendance and careful and intelligent in the performance of his duties. I have the highest opinion of his integrity and trustworthiness.

(Signed) WALTER ELLIOT,
Private Secretary.

MR. GILL,

If my testimony as to your merits can be of any use to

you—you have it. I know you had Mr. Lane's full confidence and his entire approbation, and I have only to say that if I have to return to Madras there is no situation in my Office except that of Appraiser, that I would not gladly see you fill, and feel assured it would be for the public service. You have my warmest wishes for your success, and I hope you may meet with confidence in the Office you hold as I believe you deserve it.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) W. E. UNDERWOOD.

MADRAS, 28th August 1837.

I do hereby Certify that during the time I have held the Office of Town Major from November 1831 to the present date, I have had every reason to be well satisfied with Mr. Edward Gill one of the Clerks in the Office. His conduct has been unexceptionable and exemplary. He writes a very good hand and is most attentive to his duties in the Office, it is impossible that any person could have been more so. He is a very clever and promising young man and deserving of any advancement his good conduct and Abilities may gain for him either in the Town Major's Office or in any other.

(Signed) J. K. LIMOND,
Town Major.

MADRAS, September 27th, 1842.

During the period that I have been Military Secretary, I have invariably found Mr. Gill most active and zealous in the performance of his duties as Clerk in the Office, and I

can safely recommend him to my successor as a person in every way well deserving of advancement.

(Signed) FRANCIS VILLIERS,
Military Secretary.

April 14th, 1846.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the efficient and attentive manner in which Mr. Gill performs the duties of his office, and I can confidently recommend him as very intelligent and trust-worthy, and I shall be glad to hear of his advancement.

(Signed) T. CONWAY,
Private Secretary.

GUINDY, 10th February 1848.

Mr. Gill has been a writer in the Governor's Private Office for a length of time and was promoted to the head of it early in 1841. Since I have known him he has been continually employed in it, has had the principal charge of the business of the Office, and his duties have required no ordinary degree of attention and intelligence. It is no more than due to Mr. Gill to state, that he has had much to do, and that he has been considered both by myself and others to have been remarkable for his zeal and quickness in performing whatever has been entrusted to him. I am aware how much Mr. Gill has been trusted, without knowing an instance of confidence being misused, and I therefore believe he may be relied on. I have known him for five years and a half and do not remember that he has been absent from his duty during that time.

(Signed) H. ROWAN.

GUINDY PARK, 23rd April 1854.

I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to that of my Predecessors to the value of Mr. Gill as Head Clerk in the Private Secretary's Office. He is an excellent man of business, very correct in making out the necessary "Returns" of the Office and very accurate in keeping accounts. In addition to his most regular attendance at Office from 8 in the morning till 6 o'clock in the evening, he has frequently, most willingly, worked for several hours when there has been a necessity for such exertion.

I have much pleasure also in stating that Mr. Gill is a most respectable and in every respect a very well conducted person.

(Signed) RICHARD WOOSNAM.

GUINDY, April 24th, 1854.

I have much pleasure in bearing willing testimony to Mr. Edward Gill's exemplary conduct and efficiency as Head Clerk in the Right Honorable The Governor's Private Office, during the whole period of my being His Excellency's Military Secretary, from April 1848 up to this date.

Mr. Gill's most respectful and unassuming bearing at all times, and his unremitting attention to the varied duties of his office have always been conspicuous, and I can therefore most conscientiously commend him to the full confidence, kindness and protection of the Secretaries and Gentlemen under whom he may in future serve.

The many high Testimonials Mr. Gill already possesses

tell strongly in his favor—and more than bears out what I have mentioned, as a positive duty, to say in his behalf.

(Signed) CHARLES COLVILLE YOUNG, Major,
Military Secretary.

Mr. EDWARD GILL,
Head Clerk
of the Right Honorable The Governor's
Private Office.
Madras.

MADRAS, 27th April 1854.

I have the greatest pleasure in adding my testimony as to the thoroughly efficient manner in which Mr. Gill has always discharged the onerous and responsible duties which his situation as Head of the Private Secretary's Office entails upon him. He is a most able, zealous, and faithful Public servant, and the confidence placed in him by Sir Henry Pottinger and his predecessors affords the surest proof of the sterling honesty and integrity of his Character.

(Signed) JOHN W. HAY.

*Trin. L. to Eng. 26th March
No. 7 of 1854.*

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I am very glad to
support Mr. Sells' prayer
He was brought into the
private Sec^y Office
for careful inquiry for a position of Trust & Fidelity
Mr. Sells was Pro Sec^y
to L^d Appleton and
I can bear testimony
to his good conduct
for the four years he was
under his supervision. He has
gained the favorable opinion
of every superior officer
and is the best proof of his
deserving the position.

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Gov. & his Staff and is
the difficult care of
having to begin his service
on each occasion with
those to whom he was
a perfect stranger &

His conduct so far from
the very best proof of
his fitness & excellent
qualifications for the
confidential position
which he has so long been
placed in the midst of

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Dept. of March 59
Financial. 1859. Dept.

Minute by the Honble
W. Elliot Esq

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Supporting the applica-
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of the Private Secretary's
Office, for an increase
of salary.

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Govt House
March 16/59.

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Answer

Mr. G. salary is certainly inadequate to his length
 of service & his qualifications - at the moment to
 apply for an increase to his allowances would be
 as useless - but such applications should be
 made whenever success in looking may appear
 probable - W. C.

Edward G. & Wm. G.
 7th Ld. to Eng. 26th March
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Minute by the R. R. Hon.
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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date 25 March 1859

Read the following
papers:

Memorial of Mr. Edward Gill,
Head Clerk in the Governor's
Private Office.

(Dated 5th March 1859)

Minute by the R.H. the President

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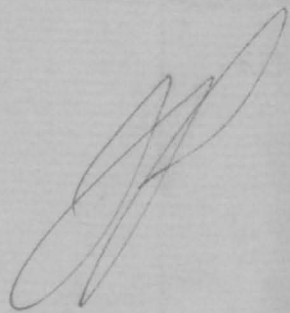
Minute by the Honble W. Elliot Esq^r

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Resolution

Resolved, that
copies of the Memorial
and of the Minutes record-
ed thereon be transmitted
to the Right Honble the
Secretary of State for India
by the next mail, with the
strong recommendation of
this Government that in
consideration

consideration of Mr. Gill's merits
and length of service - the
confidential position he holds -
and more especially the
opportunities of advancement
which he has foregone in
the Public Service - authority
may be granted for raising
his salary to Rupees 250 per
mensem, the increase of
Rs. 45 being granted to him
as a personal allowance.



To the Secy to the Govt. Secy. 29th

1852

Mr. P. to Govt. 26th March
May 1852.

Secretary to the Govt.
Financial Secy. Secy.

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Secretary to the Govt.

26th March 1852