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Read the following papers:—

No. 28. From Major CHARLES A. ORR, Mint Master; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 18th July 1859, No. 99.

* *Mint Committee Establishment.*

Mr. A. N. Harley, Manager.....	101	Para. 1st. With reference to the
C. A. Sabaputhey Moodely, Accountant	50	Orders of Government, under date the
A. Condaloo Naidoo,..... Writer	32	8th instant, No. 370, I have the honor
C. Vuradarajooloo Naidoo, ... do.	30	to report that I have taken over charge
Mr. J. Brock,..... do.	25	of all the Books, Records, &c., be-
P. Toolasingum Pillay,..... do.	18	longing to the Office of the late Mint
P. Teroovengadasawmy Moodley, ... do.	14	Committee, and that I have given the
C. Vencatakistnah,.....Moochie	12	Members of the Establishment* at-
Soobaroyloo,.....Head Peon	8	tached to it notice that their services
Moonesawmy,.....Peon	7	may probably be no longer required.
Sabapathay, ...Gollah	5	
Toolooaunum,.....Sweeper	2	
Total Company's Rupees	304	

2nd. The duties of the late Committee were, I believe, the supervision and control, on behalf of the Government, of the operations of the Mint, but they practically consisted of a purely routine examination, by means of its Establishment, of all the reports, returns, and other documents forwarded through it for the information of Government, of a personal inspection, by the Secretary and one or other of its Members of the Mint, and of the balances in its cellars at the termination of each settlement, and lastly of the selections of the Coins for the Pyx Assays in this Country and in England.

3rd. As the Mint Master is now authorized to communicate direct with the Government, no intermediate scrutiny of his Returns can, nor need be made, and the Establishment maintained solely for that purpose may, without the slightest inconvenience, be entirely dispensed with at the pleasure of Government. The Statements and Accounts furnished by the Mint Master to the Accountant General keep that functionary fully acquainted with the progress of the Coinage and with the state of the balances in the Mint Cellars, and if it be still considered advisable periodically to verify the latter by the inspection of an Officer unconnected with the Mint, that duty, as well as the selection of Coins for the Pyx, which it would be anomalous to entrust to the Mint Master, might be assigned to the Sub Treasurer.

4th. Hitherto the Silver coinage has been subjected to three separate tests, the Assay Master selecting two trial pieces from the presses daily, or an average of one in 15,000, and the Mint Committee taking from every remittance to the Treasury one in every 5,000 Single Rupees Half Rupee and Quarter Rupee pieces, and two in every 5,000 Double Annas for another local Assay, and setting aside two in every 25,000 for the Home Assay, one being transmitted for the purpose, and the other preserved till the report upon its duplicate is received from England.

5th. This double local Assay does not appear to be at all requisite as a means of ensuring the regularity and closeness to standard for which the Coins of this Mint are remarkable, and causes the waste of a number of good pieces, and entails much labor, and consequent expenditure, on the Assay Department. I would therefore suggest that the selection of Coins at the General Treasury from Mint remittances should be limited to the two per 25,000 required for the Home Pyx, and that in lieu of the further selection of from 1 to 2 in 5,000 for local trial, the Assay Master should increase his daily Assays from the presses to not less than one in 10,000.

6th. There being several members of the Establishment of the late Committee, whose length of service appears to entitle them to consideration, I forward a document addressed to me by them for submission to Government, pointing out their respective services, and praying that their claims of pension or gratuity may not be overlooked, and that those of them who are still qualified for active employment may be re-engaged without undergoing the ordeal of the uncovenanted service examination.

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7th. The Manager, Mr. Harley having the option of permanent employment as teacher in the Madras I-Azum in Triplicane, may be considered provided for. The Accountant and Acting Manager, T. A. Sabapathy Moodelly, has completed a service of nearly 17 years, and appears to be an intelligent man. He hopes to be granted a pension of $\frac{1}{3}$ his present salary of Rupees 50 per mensem, or the usual gratuity of Six months' pay, in either case being declared eligible for re-employment without examination. N. Condaloo Naidoo, the Record keeper, being an old man of 32 years actual service, appears to be deserving of the Pension he prays for, his permanent salary having been Rupees 32, but having received a gratuity of Rupees 126 on the temporary abolition of the Mint Committee in 1837, he must refund that sum before he can be entitled to Superannuation Allowance. Of the others the only two having any very strong claims are C. Vencatakistnah, the Moochie, on a pay of Rupees 12, and Peon Soobroyloo on a salary of Rupees 8, the former having served 19 the latter 27 years. They seem well entitled to the customary gratuity of six months full pay, or respectively to Rupees 72 and Rupees 48. The rest have not served, I think, long enough to give them any right to expect any thing more than the favorable consideration of their claims for re-employment in this or some other of the Government Departments, on opportunities offering.

To Major C. A. ORR, Engineers, Mint Master.

We the undersigned clerks in the Mint Committee Office beg most respectfully to submit the following representation for the favorable consideration of the Mint Master, with a view to its being transmitted to Government, and in the hope that the Head of the Government, who has deemed it to virtually cancel our appointments, will not withhold from us a liberal decision in this our time of distress.

T. A. Sabapathy Moodely, the present Acting Manager; but whose permanent situation is that of Accountant has served the Government, as may be proved from the Public records, for a period of 17 years all of which saving an interval of a few months when his services were engaged in the Accountant General's Office has been passed in the Mint Committee Office. He has thrice, during his career acted as Manager. The salary of his permanent post is Rupees fifty. His prayer is that he may either be pensioned on $\frac{1}{3}$ of his present permanent salary, or that the usual gratuity being awarded him, he may be declared eligible for re-admission into the Public service without undergoing the ordeal of the Uncovenanted Service examination. There are precedents for granting one or other of these petitions. He has only further to state that Messrs. Prendergast Roberts and Breeks will certify to his General Office qualifications and he holds a public Certificate granted to him by the Secretary of the old Madras College for his proficiency while a student in that Institution.

N. Condaloo Naidoo, Record-keeper, has served 32 years in the Mint Committee Office and according to the superannuation pension rules he is entitled to a Moiety of his salary as pension. His present age is nearly 60. He prays that he may be accordingly pensioned having during his period of service faithfully discharged his duties.

C. Vurdarajoolo Naidoo clerk has served nearly 5 years in that capacity his present pay is Rupees Thirty Mr. J. Brock clerk has served for nearly four years his present pay is Rupees Twenty-five. P. Tooloosingum Pillay clerk has served upwards of 6 years his present pay is Rupees Eighteen and P. Teeroovengadasawmy Moodely clerk has served two years his present pay is Rupees fourteen. These last named four Individuals most earnestly pray that the usual gratuity be awarded them, and, that they may be declared re-admissible into the Public Offices under Government from this date without undergoing the Uncovenanted Service Examination.

(Signed) H. SABAUPUTY MOODELLEY,
(„) N. CONDALOO NAIDOO,
(„) C. VARADARAJOOLOO NAIDOO,
(„) P. TOOLASINGUM PILLAY,
(„) P. TEROOVANGADASAWMY MOODELLEY,

P. S.—C. Vencatakistnah Moochie has served in the Mint Committee Office for a space of 19 years his pay is Rupees 12.

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Soobroyloo Head Peon has served for 27 years his pay is Rupees 8.

Moonesawmy Peon has served more than 6 years his pay is Rupees 7.

Sabapathy Gollah has served 2 years his pay is Rupees 5 and Tooloocanum Sweeper has served 13 years her pay is Rupees 2.

The above named individuals respectfully pray that they may be granted the usual gratuity and be declared fit to be for re-employment in the Public Service.

(Signed) C. VENCATAKISTNAH,

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(„) X Mark of TOOLOOCAUNUM,

No. 29. From Major CHARLES A. ORR, Mint Master; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 26th July 1859, No. 109.

With reference to para. 5 of my letter of the 18th Instant, No. 99, I have the honor to forward copy of a Communication of this day's date from the Assay Master, bringing to notice that since the dissolution of the Mint Committee under the orders of Government of the 8th July 1859, No. 370, no Pyx Coins had been received by him for Assay, and recommending that, as I have already suggested, the local Pyx trials should henceforth be confined to Coins taken daily from the Presses during the progress of the Coinage, at the rate of say, 1 in 10,000, which he considers will be a sufficient test of the integrity of the Coinage.

From G. J. SHAW, Esq., Assay Master; to Major C. A. ORR, Mint Master, dated 26th July 1859, No. 345.

Para. 1st. I have the honor to intimate that, since the dissolution of the Mint Committee by Government order dated 8th July 1859, No. 370, no Pyx Coins have been transmitted for Assay from the Treasury.

2nd. I would therefore suggest, that a larger number of Coins be taken daily for examination, from the Stamping Presses, say 1 in 10,000, which I think will be a sufficient test of the integrity of the coinage, and render any local Pyx Assays unnecessary for the future.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 29th July 1859, No. 420.

The Mint Committee having been dissolved, the Governor in Council now directs that their Office Establishment, no portion of which is required by the Mint Master, be discharged from the 31st Instant. The saving resulting from this measure will, it is observed, be Rupees 304 per mensem or Rupees 3,648 per annum. The Civil Auditor will be desired to report on the claims preferred by the servants of the establishment to pension or gratuity, and on the recommendations submitted by the Mint Master in the last two paras. of his letter, with reference to the treatment of similar cases of servants discharged from the Government Office Establishment on the introduction of Printing.

2. All the servants now discharged will be eligible for re-employment without passing the Uncovenanted Service examination, if their period of service has been in excess of 5 years.

3. The Government resolve, as suggested in para. 3, to assign to the Sub Treasurer the duty of periodically verifying the state of the balances in the Mint Cellars, as well as the selection of Coins for the Pyx. Concurring also with the Mint Master that a double local Assay of the Silver Coinage is not requisite, and entails much wastage and labor, they direct that the se-

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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(Dated 18th July 1859. No. 120.)

Order thereon 29 July 1859. No. 120.

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3. The names and periods of service of those who are eligible for reemployment should be published in the next Gazette with an intimation that as well out of regard to their just claims of service,

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expense of granting to them pensions or gratuities, the Government expects that Public Officers having ~~to~~ ~~to~~ to make appointments to vacant situations for which any of these persons are qualified, will select them in preference to others ~~persons~~ not having equal claims - reporting their having done so to the Government.

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5. The whole of the Papers on this subject will be reported to the Secy of State with an intimation that, considering that the time had arrived for placing the Master of the Mint in direct

To the Mint Master.
Assay Master.
Acct. General.
Civil Auditor.
Sub Treasurer.

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relation with the Government,
as in the Royal Mints
in London and at
Sydney, we have
given effect to that
arrangement - ~~taking care to~~
~~the~~ making other provision
for such of the existing checks as
it was desirable to maintain -
that the whole of the establishment
of the ^{late} Mint Committee, amounting
to 3640 rupees a year, will be saved.

This, however, is the smallest
of the advantages of the arrangement,
the principal benefit of which is
the saving of an entire stage of
official communication, whereby business
will be expedited and responsibility
fixed - To be omitted - it having been
explained that the matter

had been reported home
already. Jp Compt
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