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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
for the month of March 1860.*

No. 13. Read the following letter from Major CHARLES A. ORR, Mint Master, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 22nd March 1860, No. 437.

Paragraph 1st. As, since the abandonment of the purpose of establishing a Foundry at the Gun Carriage Manufactory, requisitions for castings by that, and other Departments, have been made upon the Mint Foundry far beyond what the capabilities of the only partially trained moulders attached to it can enable it to meet within reasonable time, excessive labor is imposed upon the European Foreman, Mr. Scott, and I fear that the great exertions he is called upon to make for the instruction of his workmen, and in urging on operations, in a temperature almost beyond endurance, will, in this climate, soon so affect his health as to incapacitate him for duty altogether, unless some relief be given him by the employment of a competent Assistant.

2nd. For the operations of Founding, on the scale they are assuming at the Mint, East Indian and Native lads, although very teachable and neat handed, are physically so far from well fitted that it is not only impossible to obtain from them, unless closely supervised, a tolerable out-turn of work, but also difficult to induce them to face the heavy labor pertaining to the process of pouring and managing the molten metal in large masses, and hence skilled European tuition and example are especially needful.

3rd. There happens to be in the Detachment of the 1st Dragoon Guards under orders for China a Private of the name of Grant, who having served an Apprenticeship of four years in a Foundry, is thoroughly qualified as an instructor and helper, and I would strongly recommend that his services may be applied for to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and if obtainable, that they may be placed at my disposal for employment in the Mint Foundry under Mr. Scott, with whose father, a Master Founder in Manchester, the young man Grant acquired the knowledge of his trade which can be so usefully applied here.

4th. I have ascertained that the Officer Commanding the Detachment to which Private Grant belongs will not object to parting with him, and I believe His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will accede to his transfer.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1860, No. 120.
Referred to the Deputy Adjutant General Queen's Troops.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Secy of Govt 34 Avenue
Commercial

1860 Department

From the Mint Master

To the Chief Secretary

to Government

Wm. S. George

Date 22nd

Recd. 23rd March 1860

No. 437.

States that requisitions
on the Mint Treasury being
made beyond the capabilities
of the partially trained workers
attached to it and fearing lest
the excessive labor imposed upon
the European workmen may
affect his health as to
incapacitate him for duty
altogether applies for the
transfer to the Mint Treasury
of Private Grant of the Chinese
assistants of the Treasury
for China, who is thoroughly
qualified as an instructor and
William S. George

Recd.

Referred to the Deputy Adjutant
General's Room.

To W. S. George &
26 March 1860.

D. A. J. General's Room
Recd. 23rd March 1860

Chief Secretary
D. A. J. General's Room

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that his services may be applied for
to this Excellency the Commander
in Chief, and, if obtainable, that
they may be placed at my disposal
for employment in the Mint & Mint
under Mr. Scott, with whose father,
as Master of the Mint, I have acquired the
knowledge of his trade which can be
so usefully applied here.

I have ascertained that

the Officer Commanding the
Detachment to which private
Grant belongs will not object to
parting with him, and of course
this Excellency the Commander
in Chief will accede to his transfer.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours most obedient servant,

Wm. A. R.

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