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No. 3. Read the following letter from Assistant Surgeon A. J. SCOTT; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 24th* December 1861.

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2. I also beg you will do me the favor to allow these papers to remain in your Office in order that they may be produced and laid before His Excellency the Governor in Council if occasion occurs.

MEMORANDUM.

1. Was appointed Deputy Assay Master of the Madras Mint in March 1853, and am now Senior Deputy Assay Master in the Indian Assay Department.

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3. Having heard that Dr. Shekelton, Deputy Assay Master of the Calcutta Mint, had stated, both here and in Calcutta, that he had been promised the reversion of the appointment of Assay Master of the Calcutta Mint, addressed the Financial Secretary to the Government of India on the subject, and the following are true copies of my letter and his reply.

From Assistant Surgeon A. J. SCOTT, Deputy Assay Master, Madras Mint; to C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Financial Secretary to the Government of India, dated 15th October 1861.

Adverting to my letter to your address of the 11th January 1860, and being about to leave India for a time on Medical Certificate, I am anxious that my exact position in the Indian Assay Department should be distinctly understood.

2. I had hoped, from the last appointment made in the Department, that, for the future, vacancies would be filled up according to seniority in it, and as the Calcutta Assay Mastership is so much better than the other in respect to salary that it would be offered to the Senior Assay Master of the other Presidencies, the Senior Deputy Assay Master in the Department succeeding to his place. I have reason to believe however that Dr. Shekelton has announced that he has been promised the reversion of the Calcutta appointment, and I beg respectfully to point out that should such an arrangement be made, it will have the effect of undeservedly superseding others, myself among the number.

3. I believe that Dr. Shekelton's name preceded mine in the list of those provisionally appointed by the late Court of Directors to succeed to vacancies occurring in the Department, but owing to his being absent from India on leave I was appointed to the first vacancy which subsequently took place, and joined the Madras Mint in March 1853, whereas Dr. Shekelton did not return to India and did not join the Department until towards the end of 1854 on the next vacancy occurring which happened to be in the Calcutta Mint, I think therefore it cannot be denied that I am his Senior in the Department, having served in it upwards of a year longer than he has done.

4. I request you will oblige me by bringing [this matter to the notice of His Excellency the Governor General and beg that should a vacancy occur during my absence from India, my claims may meet with due consideration.

From C. HUGH LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to Dr. SCOTT, Deputy Assay Master, Madras, dated Calcutta, 25th November 1861.

Having laid before His Excellency the Governor General your letter of the 15th ultimo, relative to the appointment of Assay Master in Calcutta, I am directed to inform you in reply

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that no promise whatever has been given to Dr. Shekelton on the subject, and that your claims to promotion will be duly considered in the event of the appointment becoming vacant.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) A. J. SCOTT,

No. 4.

ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1862, No. 4.
To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Madras Oct 15, 1861.

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/Sig/ A. J. Scott.
Dy. Assay Master
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True copy of Mr. Lushington's reply.
Calcutta 25 Nov. 1861.

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To Dr. Scott
Dy. Assay Master,
Madras.
W. Marshall

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From
Asst Surgeon
A. J. Scott

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