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No. 38. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel J. CARPENDALE, R. E., Mint Master; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Mint, 22nd December 1863, No. 335.

I have the honor to forward, for submission to Government, a letter from Mr. Robert Tindale, Superintendent of the Mint Gate, begging that the salary of his office, Rupees 70 per mensem, may not be subjected to a deduction of Rupees 17-8-0, the amount of his Military pension, which is required by G. O. G. No. 97 of 12th March 1858.

Enclosure 1. Letter.

Official Gazette, page 422.

2. The salary of the Gate Superintendent formed the subject of correspondence some years ago, when Major J. H. Bell, then Mint Master, brought to notice* that the Superintendent was very badly remunerated by the salary which the incumbent at that time received of Rupees 40, in addition to a Military pension of Rupees 30. The Honorable Court of Directors in reply† granted Mr. Englefield as a special case the increased rate of salary of Rupees 70 a month in addition to his Military pension, but did not consider it requisite to raise the salary of the situation permanently, if it was intended when Mr. Englefield vacated it to appoint another pensioner thereto, from which it is to be inferred that the Court's intention was that the aggregate receipt of the incumbent should be Rupees 70, and which salary Mr. Tindale has accordingly been put in receipt of.

* No. 34, 31st May 1856, to Mint Committee.

† Despatch No. 15, 14th July 1857.

3. In submitting Mr. Tindale's application for the favorable consideration of Government, I can urge nothing more than a former Mint Master (Major Bell) brought to notice in his letter quoted above as to the very responsible duty of the Gate-keeper, and the great importance of his being adequately remunerated, and my tenure of office is too short for me to say more of Mr. Tindale's personal qualifications than that he appears well fitted for the post for which he had 6½ years' training as Deputy: and as his salary was then Rupees 57½ including Military pension, I think an aggregate salary of Rupees 87½ (70 + 17½) is a reasonable enough rate of payment for the higher post. Mr. Tindale bears a very high character in the Mint.

From Mr. R. TINDALE, Superintendent Mint Gate; to Colonel J. CARPENDALE, Mint Master, dated Madras, 19th December 1863.

With reference to my late promotion, I beg most respectfully to state that I felt greatly disappointed when it was made known to me that the amount of my pension would be deducted from my Civil salary, as I have always been given to understand that a Military man when in receipt of a small pension for good and faithful service was not to be deprived of any portion of it, should he wish to be employed in any Civil appointment under Government or elsewhere, therefore in order to point out for your information that my hopes were not without some foundation, I beg to refer you to a precedent bearing on my case in the following manner:—For many years there was a pensioned Conductor employed in the Judge Advocate General's office as Manager on a salary of Rupees 250 per mensem, and it is a well known fact that no deductions were ever made on account of his Military pension, although it amounted to eighty-five Rupees a month, and in addition to that Government was pleased to grant him a pension for his Civil service on his resigning his appointment. I therefore most humbly beg that through your kind and powerful influence Government may be pleased to re-consider my case, and grant the same indulgence as my predecessor Mr. T. Englefield enjoyed.

2. For your further information, I beg to state that I entered the Military service in March 1825, and served until the beginning of 1848, during which time I was present in the first Burmah war, and also in that of Afghanistan for which I received medals, as also two for long service and good conduct with a gratuity of five pounds, and since then I was employed in the Government

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office at Fort Saint George as Office Serjeant from 1st January 1855 to 12th May 1857, from which time I was appointed Deputy Gate-keeper at the Mint, and so remained until my late promotion. Trusting you will kindly give my case a favorable consideration.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1864, No. 171.

The question of the salary to be assigned to the post of Superintendent of the Mint Gate will be referred for the favorable consideration of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Mint Master.

Encl. J. Tulloch.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 172.

FROM

A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to submit, for the sanction of the Government of India, the accompanying application in the prescribed form, for an increase in the Establishment of the Mint at this Presidency, by the raising of the salary of the Superintendent of the Mint gate to Rupees 100 per mensem.

2. The question of the salary to be assigned to this official formed the subject of correspondence in 1856, and the Supreme Government, on the recommendation of this Government, then sanctioned Rupees 70 as the permanent salary of the post; but the Court of Directors, though confirming that order in respect to the then incumbent, desired that, in the event of the latter's successor being a Military pensioner, a salary sufficient to raise the Gate-keeper's total income to Rupees 70 per mensem, or assuming, as they appear to have done, that the pension would be Rupees 30,* a salary of Rupees 40 per mensem only should be allowed.

Resolution of 25th July 1856.

* The pension of a Serjeant.

3. The increase of salary recommended for the then incumbent having been sanctioned, there was no immediate necessity for further reference and though the Madras Government adhered to their opinion that a salary of Rupees 40 per mensem was a most inadequate remuneration for the laborious and responsible duties devolving on the Superintendent of the Mint gate, the matter was allowed to drop.

4. Some months ago, however, the Gate-keeper retired, and another representation from the Mint Master of the inadequacy of the pay of Rupees 40, allowed under the order of the Court of Directors, has again brought the subject before the Government. The present incumbent is also a pensioner, but his pension is only Rupees 17-8-0 per mensem. The Governor in Council loses no time, therefore, in submitting the question of the salary to be assigned to the office, to the favorable consideration of the Government of India.

5. The post, as the Government of India are doubtless aware, is one in which the employment of only thoroughly trustworthy and intelligent men is of great importance. The Superintendent has to search everybody and everything that passes in or out of the Mint gate, and it is upon his vigilance and integrity in discharging this invidious and laborious duty, necessitating his attendance during the whole time the Mint is at work, that the security of the Mint property from peculation among the workmen employed in a great measure depends. The Gate-keeper is also responsible that every door and window in the Mint is secured, and that all is left safe for the night with the guard.

6. It is clearly, therefore, for the interests of Government that the man holding this post should be adequately remunerated, and the Governor in Council feels confident that in naming Rupees 100 per mensem as the salary, he is fixing it rather below than above the amount, which, considering the greatly extended operations of the Mint, and the increased price of living, should be deemed sufficient.

7. The Governor in Council would recommend also that this sum may be fixed as the salary of the office irrespective of the amount of pension drawn by the incumbent, and whether the latter be a pensioner, or not. It is not, he thinks advisable to limit the selection of the Mint Master to the class of pensioners; but the office is one in which it is for many reasons advantageous to employ an old soldier of tried character, whose pension is an additional guarantee for his proper discharge of his duties, and in His Excellency's opinion it is neither fair nor politic that when a man of this class is selected, who is in all respects efficient and qualified for the post, his pension for long Military service should be in effect counted as part of his salary.

8. I am to request that, in the event of the Government of India according their sanction to this proposal, it may be allowed to have effect from the 1st November last, the date on which the present incumbent was appointed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Fort Saint George,
15th March 1864.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Fort St. George
19th February 1864
15 March

Financial 18th Departt

No 172

To

The Secretary to the

Govt of India

Fin Departt

No 235

Dd 15th March 1864

Sanction of the Government of India applied to for increasing the salary of the Gate keeper from 70 to 100 Rs

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