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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 263.

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 to forward, for the consideration and orders of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council, the annexed copies of a letter from Surgeon H. B. Montgomery of the Madras Medical Service, inquiring whether, in the event of a permanent vacancy occurring in the appointment of Assay Master, he is entitled to succeed to it by virtue of his seniority in the Department, and of one from Assistant Surgeon Busteed, Acting Assay Master, urging objections against Dr. Montgomery's claim.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
18*th June* 1867.

Chief Secretary.

From Surgeon H. B. MONTGOMERY, M. D., Madras Army, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 18th March 1867.

With reference to the Financial notice by the Government of India, dated Simla, 16th October 1866, I have the honor to solicit that His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council may be pleased to refer to the Supreme Government for a decision as to the effect of that rule upon my claims to senior appointments in the Assay Department.

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5. The order of rank in the Department as to seniority of qualification of the three Officers, alluded to in paragraphs 3 and 4, is as follows :—

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* * *
Dr. A. J. Scott.
* * *
Dr. Graham.
Dr. Aitken.
Dr. Montgomery.

It would appear, therefore, that seniority of qualification has given the right to dispossess juniors of any claims founded upon having previously acted; for Dr. Aitken, who had never acted in a Government Mint in this country, was appointed to act, although it was known that not only had I done so, but that I was willing to act again, and, further, that I would probably return before the post became temporarily vacant.

6. I should now add, that on 31st May 1864, owing to the departure to Bengal of Dr. Graham (Dr. Aitken being at the time on furlough in England), I was ordered by Government to undertake the duties of Assistant Assay Master (then a full vacancy) without prejudice to my other duties.

Notwithstanding my objection to this arrangement, which imposed on me a very onerous amount of work, I was obliged to comply with these orders until 1st September 1864, when I was relieved, being about to proceed up-country on duty.

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8. I have no wish to interfere with existing arrangements, nor to prejudice unduly the prospects of any Officer similarly qualified to myself; but I would feel obliged if I may be informed on the following subject:—

Should a vacancy in the office of Assay Master occur as a permanent vacancy, am I entitled to succeed to it by seniority in the Department?

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I append copy of the Proceedings of Government referred to in this communication.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 2823.

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Resolution.—The appointment in the Assay Department of the Indian Mints have hitherto been ordinarily confined to Officers of the Medical profession, but a modification of this practice having, on the recommendation of this Government, been sanctioned by the Secretary of State, the Governor General in Council is prepared to declare that any candidate who can produce the necessary certificate from the Secretary of State of his qualification as an Assayer, and who may be otherwise duly qualified, will be eligible for employment in the Assay Department.

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Deputy Assay Masters, Calcutta and Bombay, each ...	750 0 0
Deputy Assay Master, Madras	606 10 0

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Order.—Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be published in the *Gazette of India* for general information.

(True Copy).

(Signed) H. B. MONTGOMERY,
Surgeon, Madras Army.

From Assistant Surgeon H. E. BUSTEED, M. D., Acting Assay Master, to Colonel J. CARPENDALE, R. E., Mint Master; dated Fort Saint George, 22nd March 1867, No. 239.

Dr. Montgomery has been good enough to forward officially, for my information, the accompanying copy of a letter he has addressed to the Chief Secretary to Government on the subject of his claims to the superior appointment in the Assay Department. As one of those more immediately affected by Dr. Montgomery's reconnection with this Department, I have the honor to request you will do me the favor of laying before the Chief Secretary to Government the observations I have ventured to make on Dr. Montgomery's letter.

2. In the first place, I take the liberty of saying that the grievance set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 of Dr. Montgomery's letter may fairly be shown to be more apparent than real. He shows that, when a temporary vacancy in the Assistant Assay Mastership occurred, during 1857* and 1858 he was nominated to act, and when a vacancy occurred a second time (in January 1862), he, although arriving in India on the day of Dr. Scott's sailing, was not offered the temporary vacancy, but Dr. Aitken was nominated to act; from this Dr. Montgomery infers that he, although having already acted in the appointment, was set aside for Dr. Aitken, *because* the latter was the senior on the list of qualified Assayers in India.

* Additional appointments held at the same time.
26th May 1857, Acting Secretary Medical College Council.
8th July 1857, Acting Professor of Botany and Materia Medica.

3. A reference to the actual dates concerned helps to elucidate matters. On the 6th December 1861, Dr. A. Scott, the Assistant Assay Master, was gazetted for 20 months' leave on Medical Certificate; on the 5th December Dr. Shaw, the Assay Master, wrote a letter (copy appended) urging Government to appoint an Officer to act, and suggesting Dr. Aitken as being then the only qualified Officer in the Presidency. Accordingly we find Dr. Aitken gazetted on the 10th December to the acting appointment, or fully three weeks before Dr. Montgomery's arrival,† who was coming out in a sailing ship, a fact which rendered the time of his arrival the more uncertain. Doubtless some of these circumstances have escaped Dr. Montgomery's recollection, otherwise he would have recognized, at least *one* reason, why he was not appointed, viz., that he was not present, and that Dr. Aitken was.

† Dr. Montgomery did not arrive in India till 4th January 1862.

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5. But taking a broader view of the matter Dr. Montgomery, I submit, can hardly be said at present to be "in the Department," though doubtless qualified to become reconnected with it. He now fills an appointment totally unconnected with the one to which he was never permanently attached, and in fact in which he only temporarily officiated in the junior grade while holding other appointments.

6. I entered the Department as Assistant Assay Master with the natural expectation that, *cæteris paribus*, the only obstacles I should find in rising would be the presence of my seniors then in it, and it would be most discouraging, not only to myself but to others similarly situated, to find that the option was still left to those who had severed their connection with the Department for other employment to revert to it, whenever the vacancies they might feel inclined to fill were sufficiently lucrative to induce them to do so.

7. Without pretending that my qualifications are superior to those of Dr. Montgomery, I beg to submit that my period of service in the Department is longer than his‡ (I have been altogether two years in it), and that now, for many months, I have officiated in the higher appointment of Assay Master. Under these circumstances, I respectfully submit that Dr. Montgomery is *not* entitled by seniority to the appointment of Assay Master should a vacancy occur, and that, for the reasons above stated, his qualification alone for the duties of the Department, which he has ceased to be connected with, cannot be held to give him a lien on the appointment he apparently wishes to obtain.

‡ From 20th May 1857 to 6th July 1858.
From 6th June 1864 to 31st August 1864.
16 months in all.

From Assistant Surgeon H. E. BUSTEED, M. D., Assay Master at Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 5th December 1861, No. 312.

I have the honor to forward the accompanying letter from Dr. A. J. Scott, Assistant Assay Master, giving cover to a Medical Certificate, recommending that he should proceed to Europe on leave of absence for twenty months.

2. As Dr. Scott is anxious to be relieved, as soon as possible, from his duties in the Assay office, I shall be obliged by your making the necessary arrangement for the appointment of an Officer to officiate. I believe Dr. Aitken, who was provisionally nominated to the Department, is the only qualified person at present in this Presidency.

Submitted to Government, March 23rd, 1867.

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE,
Mint Master.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Financial Department

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No. 2825.

Simla the 16th October 1866.

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True copy

Surgeon Madras Army

Ans. Financial Dept 16th/67

No.

Madras, 18th March 1867.

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[signature]
M.D. &c
Surgeon Madras Army.—

HER MAJESTY'S ASSAY OFFICE MADRAS

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Fort St George,
Assay Office,
5th December 1861

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(Signed) G. J. Shaw M.D.
Assay Master at Madras.

True Copy.

A. E. Wallace Jun.

Acting Assay Master.

Financial Dept
From Govt. St George
Dated 5th Dec. 1861
Rec'd 20th Dec.
Assay Master
Mint Madras
Forwarding letter
Recommending
Furlough

Dated 5th
Rec'd 20th } March 1862

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claims to Gratuity
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Madras 18th [illegible] 1867

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Office of Sanitary Commissioner
Madras 19th March 1867

My dear Sir,

Mr. Montgomery desires me to request you will kindly get one slight alteration made in his letter of yesterday's date regarding his claims to higher Appointments in the Straits in India. Will you therefore be so good as to have it done?

The alteration is simply the insertion of "In 1857-58", in para 3, before the words "During the absence from Madras of Dr. G. J. Shaw &c."

Trusting you will oblige,

Yours faithfully
J. D'Rozario

To
Wm. R. Upshon
Esq

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Madras 18th March 1867.

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True Copy
Edward Thornton Surgeon
in charge
Surgeon Madras Army.

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To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Dated 18th
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Solicits reference to the Supreme Government for a decision upon his claim to Senior appointment in the Assay (Department.-

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general information.-

True Copy
/Signed/ H.B. Montgomery M.D
Surgeon, Madras Army.

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From H B Montgomery M D
Sanitary Commissioner for
Surgeon, Madras Army

To
A. E. Bushnell Esqr
Offg Secy Govt

Dated 19
Received } March 1867

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Your — No. — dated

Forwards for information
Copy of letter addressed
to Chief Secretary to Govt
regarding application
to various appointments
as Assts in Indn

H B Montgomery
M D
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Army

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general information.-

No 239

Fort Saint George
H. M's Assay Office
22nd March 1867.

From,

H. E. Busteed Esq. M.D.
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To,

Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Mint Master

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Para. 1st

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for

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H. R. Bustead Jnr.
Acting Assay Master.

Submitted to Government March 23rd 1867.
J. Ashmead
Mint Master.

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Fort St George
18th June 1867.

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Fort St. George
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Dr Montgomery & Rogers
Grant the Assignment

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