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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 263.

FROM

R. A. DALYELL, ESQ.,
Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Referring to paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Proceedings of this Government, dated the 4th February last, No. 49, a copy of which was transmitted with my letter, dated the 16th idem, No. 100, I am directed to forward, for submission to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State, a petition* from Mr. J. C. D'Silva, late Superintendent of the Copper Melting and Laminating Rooms in the Madras Mint, praying that he may be granted a pension equal to a moiety of his average salary, or Rupees 70 per mensem, in lieu of the pension of Rupees 46-8-0 per mensem, to which he was considered by this Government to be eligible under the Uncovenanted Civil Service Pension Rules.

* Dated 7th June 1869.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
17*th June* 1869.

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

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

Exd. J. Wright.

1869.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From
The Actg. Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George,
To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated 17th June 1869.
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No. 208.
Enclosure.

JUNE.
No. 31.

Forwarding petition from Mr. J. C. D'Silva late Superintendent of the Copper Mohur Laminating Rooms, Madras Mint, soliciting a pension equal to half instead of one-third of his salary.

Madras.
7th June 1869.

To,
The Honble R. S. Ellis, C.B.,
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Petition to the address of His Grace the Duke of Argyle, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for India, and to request that you will be so good as to lay the same before Government, with the view to its transmission to its address. Supported by the recommendation of Government which I earnestly trust will be accorded upon the grounds and for the reasons set forth in my appeal.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obdt. Servt.

J. D'Silva
Late Supt. of the Copper Mohurs &
Laminating Rooms of His Mn. Royal
Madras

(Triplicate.)

TO

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ARGYLE, K.T.,

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for India,

LONDON.

The humble Petition of J. C. D'SILVA, late Superintendent of the Copper Melting and Laminating Rooms in H. M. Royal Mint, Madras.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That on a reduction of the Mint Establishment in October 1868, your Petitioner, among others, was thrown out of employ, and a pension granted him of Rs. 46-8 per mensem, that is one-third of his salary Rupees 140. That the Mint Master recommended as a reward for the peculiar services rendered by your Petitioner, that an application should be made to the Government of India for the grant of a Special Pension. The Government of Madras in their Proceedings No. 49, dated 4th February 1869, extract from which is hereto appended marked **A**, having declined to comply with this recommendation, your Petitioner feels aggrieved, and therefore respectfully solicits permission to appeal to your Grace, and to crave favorable consideration of his case.

That your Petitioner entered the service on the 24th June 1845 as a writer and accountant on a salary of Rs. 20 per mensem. That in consequence of ill-health your Petitioner, after a service of one year, six months and nine days was obliged to resign his appointment; that after a break of eighteen months, your Petitioner was re-entertained as Head Storekeeper on a salary of Rs. 35 per mensem, and that after a period of twenty years' service your Petitioner, by gradual increments, rose to a salary of Rs. 140 per mensem, and that during that period your Petitioner was employed in various duties in the Mint. Your Petitioner was Acting Book-keeper twice, Acting Bullion-keeper and Treasurer once, and Acting Superintendent of the milling, cleaning and stamping rooms and Superintendent of the copper melting, laminating, cutting and milling rooms; but that irrespective of these duties your Petitioner performed other works, for which your Petitioner had frequently to attend earlier and later than the regular working hours at the Mint, and for which he received no extra remuneration, and that in consequence of your Petitioner having thus made himself useful he actually forfeited promotion on more than one occasion, because it was inconvenient to remove him from the post he held, and it was in consideration of that circumstance the Mint Master recommended your Petitioner for a pension equal to half his average salary Rs. 140, vide annexed extract from the Register of Uncovenanted Servants in the Mint establishment, marked **B**.

That when your Petitioner was appointed Storekeeper there was a person in charge of the Acid manufactory, that a short while afterwards the health of this person failed and as there was no other person to undertake his duties, your Petitioner volunteered to do so for the benefit of the public service, and he devoted his utmost attention to the work, introducing important improvements and reducing the cost of the out-turn. This is testified to in the annexed extract from a memo. by Lieut.-Colonel F. C. Cotton, Acting Mint Master to Government, dated 2nd February 1859.

"Mr. D'Silva the storekeeper has had charge of the Acid manufactory, and has in this, as in every other work he has undertaken, made important improvements. The Sulphuric Acid which was before supposed to cost four annas a pound, does not now cost above two annas, though the price of the materials used is not reduced."

That when storekeeper your Petitioner turned his attention to the manufacture of Black-lead Crucibles and that he was so fortunate in turning them out at a greatly reduced cost, as is borne testimony to by the annexed extract from Lieut.-Colonel F. C. Cotton's memo. alluded to above:—

"Mr. D'Silva the storekeeper having by his admirable care reduced the cost of the Black-lead Crucibles very much, we were able to employ them and use any required heat without risk of their cracking in the fire."

"The following statement of the cost of these crucibles from the time they were imported from England will show how well Mr. D'Silva the storekeeper has succeeded in this another of his several manufactures."

Cost of blacklead crucibles received from England.	R.	A.	P.	Cost of blacklead crucibles made in the Mint.	R.	A.	P.
1 doz. of 10lbs. crucibles...	9	8	1	1 doz. of 10 to 20lbs. crucibles	1	0	3
1 „ of 25lbs. „ ...30	5	11		1 „ of 30 to 50lbs. „ ...	2	14	6
1 „ of 50lbs. „ ...65	9	5		1 „ of 60 to 100lbs. „ ...	4	2	0

That in consequence of your Petitioner's usefulness as storekeeper and the manufactures connected with the stores your Petitioner was kept in his place to his detriment and others promoted over his head, because in the event of his promotion no one could be found to fill his place, this is testified to by Lieut.-Colonel F. C. Cotton in his letter to the Mint Committee, No. 345, dated 9th March 1858 :—

Extracts from a letter of Lieut.-Colonel F. C. Cotton, R. E., Acting Mint Master, to the Mint Committee, dated 9th March 1858.

"2nd.—Mr. D'Silva who has had charge of that department of the Mint has served on the establishment ten years and has carried the highest character for integrity and efficiency and unfortunately for him, he has been so much required in the stores, that others who have been a much shorter time in the Mint have been promoted over his head. This is so unfair to Mr. D'Silva, and so objectionable in principle, that I cannot allow him to be again superceded, now that there is an appointment open for which he is well qualified.

"3rd.—If the storekeeper's pay which is 50 Rs. a month is not increased, I must appoint Mr. D'Silva to the Office of Treasurer the pay of which is 100 Rupees, but I hope that I shall be allowed to keep him in the stores, with a salary equal to that of the Treasurer, and I can safely say, not only that he deserves this addition to his income, but that the office of storekeeper in the Madras Mint ought under present circumstances to receive the pay of a Superintendent.

"4th.—When the salary of the storekeeper was fixed, the duty was very trifling to what it is now, and the importance of the charge is every month increasing. Under the present system, which is one that could not be altered without a still greater expenditure in superintendence, the storekeeper has in addition to all stores received from England, or purchased in the country, charge of the copper imported for coinage, and the metal returned as scissile. He has also the management of the manufactures of Sulphuric, Nitric and Hydrochloric acids as well as the preparation of crucibles from the blacklead obtained from Ceylon.

"5th.—There is no office in the Mint more open to temptation than the storekeepers, and in addition to perfect integrity, it is essential that he should be capable of distinguishing the quality of all the articles used. In both these points, Mr. D'Silva has in a service of ten years proved his fitness for the office he held, and he has in the last year since he took up the manufacturing of the acids had an opportunity of showing his skill in that operation by reducing the cost of sulphuric acid to half of what it was, and I may here observe that the sum he has saved in this one article in the last year is 673 Rs. equal to the whole additional pay I wish to obtain for him.

"6th.—If a comparison is made with the storekeeper's pay in Calcutta, it may be thought that the present pay is sufficient, but the duties are altogether different, we have not in the Madras Mint a resident European who is in charge of the stores, nor has the storekeeper so called there any of the manufactures under his control that are altogether dependent upon the storekeeper here. The appointments agree in name only, there is no one here between the Mint Master and the Officer in charge of the stores, who is, as I have said, also entrusted with the copper for coinage and scissile restored.

"7th.—After enumerating the present duties of the storekeeper, I am sure your Committee will agree with me in thinking that we could not expect to obtain a *man suited* to the situation under 100 Rupees a month, and there can be no doubt that if the extent of the Mint operations had been foreseen, a more suitable salary would have been assigned to the office when the establishment was formed.

"8th.—I would now ask your Committee to support my recommendation; that the salary should be made equal to that of a second class Superintendent, viz., 100 Rupees a month, and that permission should be granted for my discharging the additional 50 Rupees a month as a contingent charge till sanction is obtained from Calcutta; as unless that is done another storekeeper must be appointed and one who will have to learn his duty at considerable risk to the Mint."

That when your Petitioner was Acting Treasurer he introduced some very necessary reform and reduction, and this is borne testimony too by Lieut.-Colonel F. C. Cotton in his memo. dated 19th April 1858.

Extract from a Diary Order by Lieut.-Colonel F. C. Cotton, R. E., Acting Mint Master, date Mint, 19th April 1858.

"The Acting Mint Master cannot close this order without noticing the efficiency of Mr. D'Silva in the capacity of Treasurer. During the short period he held the office a very necessary reform has been made by him in the Treasury, and as the task was an unpopular one he deserves the greater credit for undertaking it."

That when your Petitioner was in charge of the Copper Melting Department he introduced a most economical reform by constructing four-pot furnaces, the furnace hitherto in use being only on one-pot furnace—and thereby your Petitioner effected a large saving in the consumption of fuel.

That at a time when Spirits of Wine for the manufacture of Percussion Caps could not be obtained of the necessary strength, your Petitioner undertook to rectify Spirits of Wine for this purpose and which afforded highest satisfaction.

That by undertaking the manufacture of the various acids employed in the Mint and other Departments of Government, viz. Sulphuric Acid, Nitric Acid and Hydrochloric Acid, your Petitioner greatly injured his health and damaged his constitution rendering him unfit now to earn by hard labor any thing in addition to his small pension so that he may pass the remaining days of his life at least free from poverty and pecuniary distress, and as this has been occasioned by his devotion to the public interests, he trusts his present appeal will meet with favorable consideration.

That your Grace will thus observe that your Petitioner lost promotion in consequence of his usefulness as storekeeper; that he introduced very necessary reforms and reductions in an important Department of the Mint Treasury; that he reduced the cost of manufacture of acids; that he was able to supply locally, at a greatly reduced cost, Blacklead Crucibles which were formerly supplied at a high price from England; that he supplied Spirits of Wine of the necessary strength when it could not be procured elsewhere for the manufacture of an important portion of the ammunition of the Army; that he reduced the expenditure of fuel in the melting of copper; and that throughout the whole of his career he has earned for himself the highest character for integrity and efficiency; and he therefore submits that his case should not be dealt with under the ordinary rules of the service, but should receive special consideration, and consequently earnestly prays that your Grace will be graciously pleased to accord sanction to the recommendation of the Mint Master and grant him as a special case in consideration of his valuable services and the disadvantages he labored under in consequence of his promotion being kept back to meet the convenience of the Government service, to grant him a pension equal to a moiety of his average salary for the last 5 years Rs. 140, viz. Rs. 70 per mensem, for which as in duty bound,

Your Petitioner will ever pray.

MADRAS, *7th June* 1869.

J. D'Silva Late Supt. of the Copper Melting & Laminating Rooms Madras Mint

A.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Pension Department, dated 4th February 1869, *No.* 49.

"Mr. J. C. D'Silva Superintendent of the Copper Melting and Laminating Rooms is shown to have completed service qualifying for pension 20 years, 3 months, 24 days, and the average pay during the last five years of his service Rs. 140. Mr. D'Silva is therefore entitled under the rules to a pension equal to one-third of his salary that is to say to Rs. 46-8 per mensem."

"The high terms of praise in which the Mint Master speaks of the service of this Superintendent, enables the Governor in Council readily to sanction payment of the above pension, which is the highest that can be granted under the rules; but he is unable to adopt the recommendation of the Mint Master, that an application should be made to the Government of India for the grant of Special Pension."

B.

Extract from the Register of Uncovenanted Servants on the Mint Establishment of the Madras Mint.

Name J. C. D'Silva, age when first entertained 30 years.

Establishment.	Date.	Appointment.	Salary.	Period of service in each appointment. Ys.	Ms.	Ds.	Remarks regarding punishments severe and formal reprimands and all special commendations or marks of approbations.
1	2	3	4	5			6
Mint Office	24th June 1845	Writer and Accountant	20	1	6	9	Resigned 2nd Jany. 1847 as per Certificate, No. 325.
Store Room	1st July 1848	Head Storekeeper.	35				
Store Room	1st April 1851	do.	38				
Store Room	1st May 1851	do.	50				
Mint Office	1st Sept. 1853	Acting Book-keeper	70				
Store Room	10th May 1854	Head Storekeeper	50	14	14	0	Has borne the highest character throughout his service which has been varied and always most efficient. Always ready to make himself useful in any way, he actually forfeited promotion on more than one occasion, because it was inconvenient to the service to remove him from the post he held, and now that circumstances require his being dispensed with, he is highly deserving of the favorable consideration of Government, and I respectfully beg to recommend him for a pension equal to half his average salary, his service being in all over 21 years.
Mint Office	13th Sept. 1854	Acting Book-keeper	70				
Store Room	1st Novr. 1854	Head Storekeeper	50				
Mint Treasury and Bullion Room	25th Jany. 1858	Acting Bullion keeper and Treasurer	100				
Store Room	19th April 1858	Head Storekeeper	100				
Copper Melting and Laminating Rooms	7th Sept. 1863	Superintendent	140				
Milling, Cleaning & Stamping Rooms	16th June 1868	Acting Superintendent	140	5	1	24	
Copper Melting & Laminating Rooms	8th Sept. 1868	Superintendent	140				
		Served up to 31st October 1868 on which date he was dispensed with owing to reduction of establishment as per G. O. No. 471, 15th October 1868, Financial Department.		21	10	3	

(True Extract.)
(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, *Mint Master.*

24th February 1869.

(Certificate.)
Entered in Service 1/6 June 1831.
Left the Service 7th Sept. 1863.
Retired from the Service 8th Sept. 1868.
Age 68 years.
Served 37 years 3 months.
Certificate for Pension.

Certificate against the decision of the Board of Madras which denied him Half Pension on the ground that he was entitled to the Special Consideration, and that he was not on account of his Special Services to be granted Half Pay Pension.

Written on 2 Memorials

Financial Department.

No. 268

To The Secretary to the Govt of India
Financial Depart.

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Petition of Lieut Wilson
late a Servant in
the Militia

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Financial DEPARTMENT.

From
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated June 7. 1869.
Recd.

No. 260
Enclosure.

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31. 22.

Forwarding Petition from
Wm J. C. D'Silva late Supt:
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