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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 452.

FROM

R. A. DALYELL, ESQ.,

Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,

Simla.

SIR,

With reference to Mr. Assistant Secretary R. H. Hollingbery's letter, dated the 11th August last, No. 2586, I am directed to transmit copy of a letter* from the Assay Master, Madras, together with a list of East Indian and Native artizans who were thrown out of employ on the closing of the Mint.

* Dated 6th September 1869, No. 283.

2. It will be seen from the Assay Master's letter that five persons, viz., four Moulders and one Die-setter, are willing to proceed to Calcutta, and I am to request that early information may be afforded whether the services of these men will be required, and if required, the rates of pay which will be given, and whether a free passage will be provided for them.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
29th September 1869.

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

From the Assay Master in charge of Bullion Depôt, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 6th September 1869, No. 283.

With reference to letter, No. 2586, dated 11th August 1869, from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, and your endorsement thereon of the 20th ultimo, requesting me to furnish the information called for by the Mint Master of Calcutta, I have the honour to forward a list of all the artizans who were thrown out of employ by the abolition of the local Mint, with columns headed "Qualification," and "Conduct," showing the character of each individual as far as can be ascertained.

2. With regard to the European Engraver, alluded to in paragraphs 4 and 5 of Colonel Hyde's letter, No. 350, dated 31st July 1869, I have the honour to state that Mr. Henegan, late Superintendent of the Die-Cutting Department here, has obtained other suitable employment, and I hear does not seek a situation as Engraver in the Calcutta Mint.

3. There is a Die-hardener, named Chedumbarum, who is willing to go to Calcutta on a salary of Rupees 40 a month ; he is expert at this work, but being aged and sickly, I fear I could not recommend him as likely to prove efficient for the situation vacant in the Calcutta Mint.

4. Most of the native artizans, who were thrown out of work by the abolition of the Mint, have obtained other employment already, and it is the opinion of Mr. Bowie, late Foreman of the Madras Mint, who is intimately acquainted with the character and disposition of these men, that none of them, who could obtain any kind of employment here, would be willing to leave their families, and go to Calcutta, except at greatly enhanced rates of pay.

5. Some delay has occurred in my submitting to Government the list of artizans called for which has arisen from my having to send for each man to ascertain if he desired employment in

the Calcutta Mint. The following East Indians, who were engaged on this establishment, have signified to me their wish to go to Calcutta; they are all young men, and would probably be found efficient if required in the Mint there :—

Name.	Work.	Present salary.	Qualification.	Character.
		Rs.		
D. Barlow	Moulder.	28	Ordinary.	Good.
T. Abraham	Do.	18	Do.	Do.
A. Goudoin	Do.	16	Do.	Do.
H. Kychilly	Die-setter.	25	Do.	Do.
Palfrey	Moulder.	10	Do.	Do.

6. The original letters are herewith returned, and I shall be glad to hear if Colonel Hyde wants the services of any of the five men I have mentioned, and what rate of pay he would be prepared to give them, as they would expect a free passage and some increase to their present rate of pay.

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 29*th September* 1869.

Read. No. 452.
Enclosure.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 79—81.

Transmitting copy of a letter from the Assay Master, Madras, together with a list of East Indian and Native artizans who were thrown out of employ on the closing of the Mint, and requesting certain information with reference to the persons who are willing to proceed to Calcutta.

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H. M's. Bullion Depôt
Madras
No. 283 6th September 1869.

From P. H. Bellew Esqre.
Assay Master
in charge of Bullion Depôt

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

Para 1. With reference to letter No. 2586 dated 11th August 1869 from Assistant Secretary to the Government of India Financial Department and your endorsement thereon of 26th Ultimo requesting me to furnish the information called for by the Mint Master of Calcutta, I have the honor to forward a List of all the Artizans who were thrown out of employ by the abolition of the local Mint, with Columns headed "Qualification" and "Conduct" shewing the character of each individual as far as can be ascertained.

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4. Most of the Native Artizans who were thrown out of work by abolition of the Mint have obtained other employment already & it is the opinion of Mr. Bowie late foreman of the Madras Mint who is intimately acquainted with the Character and disposition of these Men, that none of them, who could obtain any kind of employment here, would be willing to leave their families, and go to Calcutta, except at greatly enhanced rates of pay.

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

W. W. Bell
Assay Master
in charge of Bullion Depot.

No 2586.

To

The Chief Secretary,
to the Government,
of Fort Saint George

Financial Dept.

Sir,

I am directed to forward to you the accompanying extract (Paras 4 to 7) from a letter from the Mint Master at Calcutta No 350 dated 31st July 1869 and to request that the information asked for in paragraph 7 may be furnished to this Department.

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

Simla;
The 11th August
1869

W. W. Williamson
Asst Secy to the Govt of India

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Finance

No 1 Agency (Mint Master
Calcutta) dated 31st July 1869

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Dated 6th
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No 2586 dated 11th August 1869
from Offg Secy to Govt of India
and Chief Secretary endorsement
of 26th ultimo forwards as List
of Orders and Returns ask of
compliance by the abolition
of the Madras Mint.

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Extract of a letter from the Mint Master Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial department, No. 350 dated 31st July 1869.

Para 4. Regarding the European Engraver from Madras. He cannot be qualified for the position of Second Engraver in Calcutta, but I have been unable to fill the post of 3rd Engraver vacant for some time; for this a man is urgently required as I have great arrears of outside work and I was myself intending to write to Madras to ask if a man could be got for this post.—

5. If then the European Engraver who drew at Madras Rs 100 is willing to come to Calcutta I shall only be too glad to get him as 3rd Engraver provided he is qualified. The salary of the post is 100 rising to 150 Rupees but I would point out that the expence of living in Calcutta is more than double that at Madras and that I think if the man knew this, he would hardly come for this pay. My own opinion

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Fin. Dep. Sept 1869 — Despn

From
The Asst. Secy to the Govt of India
Financial Dept. No 2555

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Enclosure one

Forwarding the accompany
ing letter from Calcutta Mint Master
& requesting to be furnished
with the information called for in
the accompanying letter from the Mint Master
Calcutta, as regards Classes
Print &c &c &c.

Forwarded to the Agency Master. He is requested to furnish the information and list asked for by the Mint Master of Calcutta, in paragraph 7 of his letter an Extract from which is Enclosed.

A. Sterling
Under Secretary

Dept. St. George
2d August 1869

To the Agency Master
Madras

dated 26th

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opinion is that an European can barely live on Rupees 150/ per mensem in Calcutta.

6. I would represent to Government that nothing is so unsatisfactory or so injurious to Government work as to convening men to Calcutta who on arrival find they are deceived in their expectations.—

7. I solicit that a list of the Madras Mint Artizans be sent me with qualifications heavy and character and a statement of those that are willing to serve in Calcutta and I will in all cases in which there seems to be a likelihood of the men being fit for the Calcutta work, offer them any vacancy there may be. At present I require a die hardener, the man who did that work in the Mint having left; if a well qualified (we have several inferior hands who can do the work in a way) man can be sent up for this work, it will assist me much.—

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(True Extract)

W W Bellairs Secy

Asstt: Secy: to the Govt of India

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Financial Department 15

No. 452.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

Financial Department
Simla

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× dated 6th Septr. 65 - No 283.

I would send a copy of this letter to the Mint Master at Calcutta.

Yes HDM

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Fort St. George
29 Sep 169

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To

The Secretary to the
Government of

Department

Dated 186 .

1869.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

From

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George,

To

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

Dated Sept. 29. 1869.

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No. 452
Enclosure.

79.81.

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