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Government of Madras.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 474.

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,

I am directed to state that Dr. P. F. Bellew, Officiating Commissioner of Paper-Currency, Madras, and Acting Assay Master, has forwarded to this Government a copy of his letter to you, No. 1175, dated 15th September 1869; and also to submit the enclosed copy of a letter from Dr. Bellew to this Government, soliciting extra remuneration for the charge of the Bullion Depôt and Stamping-presses of the Stamp Department, which, since the abolition of the Mint, have been placed under his orders.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is unable to support any of the requests preferred by Dr. Bellew in the letters above referred to; and he regards Dr. Bellew's attempt to obtain his confirmation in an appointment held by another officer, and his allusions to that officer's state of health, as extremely unbecoming.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
12*th October* 1869.

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

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

From P. F. BELLEW, Esq., Assay Master and Commissioner of Paper-Currency, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 11th September 1869, No. 287.

With reference to the accompanying G. O., No. 2504, of the 3rd instant, I shall feel much obliged by your kindly arranging with the Government of India at what rate my salary is to be fixed in consequence of the extra labour and responsibility that will devolve on me from the charge of the presses of the Stamp-Paper Department of this Presidency and Mysore.

2. On appointing me recently as Commissioner of Paper-Currency the Supreme Government have also confirmed my appointment as Assay Master of Madras: this has been done by the Financial Secretary with a view no doubt to prevent the confusion and derangement that would now result from any change, as my duties here are materially different from those of the Assay Masters of Calcutta and Bombay. Moreover it had been the rule of the Assay Department for many years past that Officers were not to serve in the Mints of the Presidencies to which they belonged, in consequence of which Surgeon-Major Shekleton, a Bombay Officer, was appointed Assay Master at Calcutta; Surgeon-Major Shaw, a Bombay Officer, Assay Master of Madras; and Surgeon Kane, a Madras Officer, Assay Master of Bombay.

3. The salary sanctioned for the Assay Master of Madras is Rupees 1500; that for the Commissioner of Paper-Currency in this Presidency Rupees 250, or total Rupees 1750 per mensem. In addition to which I have also the charge of the Bullion Depôt and Stamping-presses of Stamp-Paper Department, or all four offices of the late Mint here which it has been found necessary to maintain centered in one head.

4. Considering that the Government derive a revenue of about forty lacs of rupees annually from the stamps impressed by these Stamping-presses now placed under my charge, and that, besides the convenience to the public and the security for the faithful performance of the work which will result from this arrangement, there will also be a great saving of expense, as the same forge and

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5. It might also be desirable, as the Bullion Depôt and Paper-Currency are centered in the same head, that the designation of my appointment, which is now quite different from that of the Assay Masters of Calcutta and Bombay, should be changed to Commissioner of Currency for Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

1869.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From The Acting Secretary to Govt.,
Fort Saint George;

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

Dated 12th October 1869.

Read.

No. 474.
Enclosure.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 23–26.

Addressing the Government of India with reference to certain letters from Dr. Bellew, Officiating Commissioner of Paper-Currency, Madras, and Acting Assay Master, applying for extra remuneration, &c.

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H. M's Bullion Depot
Madras
11th September 1869.

No. 287

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Assay Master and
Commissioner of Paper
Currency - Madras.

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H. Bellew
Assay Master and
Commissioner of Paper
Currency.

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Officiating Secretary
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Dated 11 October 1869
Rec'd 13 October 1869

Requesting that sanction of Supreme Government to attached Salary being fixed at Rs 1800 per annum from 2nd Inst. the date of Mr Graham's assumption of the responsibility that devolved on him.

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From P. F. Bellew Esquire, Assay Master and Commissioner of Paper Currency Madras to R. B. Chapman Esquire, Secretary to Government of India, Financial Department, Simla dated 15th September 1869 No 1175

With reference to the order of Government No 3137 of the 3d instant appointing Surgeon H. W. Graham Assay Master of Madras, on leave to be Commissioner of Paper Currency for this Presidency, I have the honor to submit copy of a letter† forwarded to Chief Secretary Fort St George

× No 287.

on the 11th instant in the last paragraph of which I state that under the present altered circumstances consequent on the abolition of the Mint, and Mint Master's appointment at Madras, it might be desirable to change the designation of my Office to that of Commissioner of Currency for this Presidency.

2. On that date seeing that my Officiating appointment of Assay Master at Madras had been confirmed in the Gazette of India of 27th ultimo and believing that this had been done purposely in consequence of Mr Graham's unsatisfactory state of health, with a view to prevent any further change I addressed the Chief Secretary pointing

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out the altered nature of my duties and responsibilities from those of the other Assay Masters at Calcutta and Bombay. I may state that Mr. Graham left Madras in November last with a large abscess of the liver burst through the right lung in a most precarious state of health and all the medical gentlemen who attended him gave it as their opinion that if he ultimately recovered by the change to Europe, the damage already done to the liver and lungs would incapacitate him from further active Service in India.

3. Under these circumstances I beg respectfully to suggest for the consideration of the Supreme Government the desirability of making some arrangement by which Surgeon H. W. Graham would retain his appointment as Assay Master at Madras so that in the event of his ever being able to return to India to duty he could draw his full salary either at Calcutta or Bombay, for it is hardly possible that he would venture to return to Madras which never agreed with him, without cancelling the previous order appointing me to be Commissioner of Currency for this Presidency.

4. This order having appeared in the Gazette of India, and in the Fort St. George Gazette of 17th August 1869, Currency Notes of this Presidency have already been issued to the extent of 18 lacs of Rupees signed "P. F. Bellew Commissioner", if therefore

therefore the signature is now altered to "P. F. Bellew Officiating Commissioner" doubt and uncertainty might be produced as to whether these Notes were genuine or not.

5. Moreover on the faith of my having been appointed to be Commissioner of Paper Currency on the 16th ultimo the Local Government have appointed me permanently to the charge of the Presses of the Stamp Paper Department from 3rd instant with neither of which Offices or the new Bullion Depôt has Surgeon H. W. Graham as Assay Master ever been in any way connected.

6. In conclusion therefore I beg respectfully to suggest that I may be appointed Commissioner of Currency for this Presidency and Officiating Assay Master at Madras which appointment would hereafter lapse into that of Commissioner of Currency on the occurrence of a permanent vacancy.

(Signed) P. F. Bellew
Assay Master and
Commissioner of Paper Currency.

(True Copy)

P. F. Bellew
Commissioner of
Paper Currency.

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Paper Currency Office

Madras Mint, 16th September 1869

No. 1176.

From

P. F. Bellew Esquire

Commissioner of

Paper Currency.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Local Government copy of a letter addressed by me to the Secretary to Government of India, Financial Department, to the details of which I beg to request the favor of your early attention.

I have the honor to be.

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

P. F. Bellew

Commissioner of

Paper Currency

Enclosures to letter from the Commissioner of Paper Currency to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 16th September 1869 No. 1176

Read 21st Sept 69

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

From the Comm.r of Paper Currency Madras, to the Chief Sec.y to Govt. } Recd 11th Oct. 1869 No. 287.

From Do. to Do. } Recd 16th Sept. 1869 No. 1176.

Order thereon. No 473 – 12 Oct. 1869.

Resolved that the following letter be despatched, and a copy of it furnished to Mr. Bellew.

(Recd entered letter to Sec.y to the Govt. of India Fin. Dep.t No. 474 dated 21 Oct. 1869.

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To The Hon.ble Board of Paper Currency dated 21/10

Recd 13th Oct. 1869 & Shd returned.

From

Commissioner of Paper Currency Madras.

No. 473 3/74

The Chief Secretary to Government Fort St George.

Dated 16th Sept. 1869

Rec.d 13th Do.

No. 1176.

Enclosures Nil.

Nil. LESD.

Forwarding copy of a Letter to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Financial Department with reference to his application to Government as Commissioner of Paper Currency and requesting an allowance to the above.

P. Ad. 14 Oct. 69.

Part II Pro. 29 Oct. 69. No. 327

Part II Pro. 29 Oct. 69. No. 1-4

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Nil.

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Govt. of 186 } Madras.

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Dated 15 Sept 69
With a Copy of Res No 2504

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Financial Department

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H.C.

Perhaps "indecent" is too strong a word for the letter I would say "as extremely unbecoming."

H.S.

Ft. St. George
12 Oct/69

Financial Depart.t (21)

From The Assay Master & Commissioner of Paper Currency Madras.
Dated 11th & 16th Sept.r 1869 Nos. 287 & 1176.
Rec.d 6/67 & 6/76

For orders

It appears from the notification of the Govt. of India in the Supplement Gazette that Dr Bellew has by mistake been gazetted Offg Commissioner of Paper Currency instead of Offg Cons.r only. He has endeavoured in this way to get himself confirmed in the appointment which I fancy will make him little

I must call the Govt.s of India and the Madras Govt are under the impression that Dr Bellew is an appointment held by another Officer and his allusions to that Officer's state of health

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Seniors in the Dept.
If the Salary of the
Assay Master & Cont. of
Paper Currency at Madras
is to be fixed at Rs 1750
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to a Senior Officer and
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was formerly here, and
senior to F. Bellew, would
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own Presidency is ingenious
but hardly likely to be
upheld by the Govt of India.
Orders are requested as
to any allowance being
granted for charge of
the Stamping Presses.
The charge was undertaken
by the Mint Master
without any extra allowance
Probably the Rs 250 for the
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To

The Secretary to the
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1869.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

From

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

To

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

Dated Oct. 12th 1869.

Rec'd.

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Addressing the Govt. of India with reference to certain letters from Dr. Balfour, Offg. Commr. of Paper Currency, Madras, and Offg. Assay Master, applying for extra remuneration, &c.