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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 4-11- 1869.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 4th November 1869.

No. 22. Read the following letter from the Acting Assay Master in charge of Bullion Depôt, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 18th October 1869, No. 338.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, paragraph 2, G. O., No. 441, of 24th ultimo, dispensing with the services of the Superintendent of Machinery, Store Conicopoly, filers, &c., from the 1st September, I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of Government, the circumstances of the case, from which it will be apparent that, for the safe custody of the machinery, correct delivery of the stores, and completion of work on hand of the late Mint, I could not have discharged these contingent servants till the receipt of the above Order, which did not reach me till quite the end of last month; however, immediately on its receipt the men were discharged from 1st instant, and in accordance with G. O., No. 445, of 27th September 1869, the Mint Machinery from that date has been made over to the care of the Storekeeper of Machinery, Public Works Department.

2. The establishment sanctioned for the Bullion Depôt is very limited, and the *employés* in it were already overworked, owing to the serious illness and absence of the Manager during the greater part of last month. Moreover the stores of the late Mint being very extensive, and of great value, their transfer to the Ordnance and Public Works Department, in conformity with G. O., No. 342, of the 2nd August, necessitated for the security of this office the exclusive attention of at least one extra man, like the Store Conicopoly, who had been accustomed to that work.

3. The filers, carpenters, &c., were retained to complete the two Stamping-presses ordered for the Office of the Superintendent of Stamps, (*vide* G. O., No. 250, of 2nd June 1869). Under these circumstances I have the honour to request that the Examiner of Claims may be authorized to pass the accompanying Contingent bill for Rupees 511-3-10; the salaries of the two Accountants, Nos. 1 and 2, being already sanctioned in G. O., No. 441, of 24th ultimo.

4. For the Stamp Paper Department the services of an engine turner and filer are provided on the fixed establishment, their ordinary duty being to keep the dies and stamping-presses in repair and working order. But with the new Stamp Act, which comes into operation from 1st instant, upwards of 200 new die-plates are required, which the two above-mentioned men are quite incapable of making without contingent assistance. I have, therefore, to solicit the sanction of Government to my entertaining from 1st October, for this purpose, three filers, one moulder, one assistant engine turner, and one cooly, at a total monthly cost of Rupees 115, who have been engaged since 1st instant at this work, and that the Examiner of Claims may be authorized to pass a similar Contingent bill of Rupees 115 for the next two or three months, till the dies required by the new Stamp Act can be completed.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1869, No. 528.

The Governor in Council resolves to forward a copy of the foregoing letter to Colonel Carpendale, the late Mint Master, with a request that he will favour Government with any explanation he may have to offer regarding the establishment recommended by him, and sanctioned in G. O., dated the 31st August last, No. 395, for the Bullion Depôt, being "very limited," and "already overworked."

2. Colonel Carpendale will also be requested to report whether the 200 new die-plates, referred to in paragraph 4 of the letter, could not be made up in the Public Works Department at a less cost than the establishment proposed to be employed by the Acting Assay Master for two or three months.

3. Pending the receipt of Colonel Carpendale's report, the Accountant-General is authorized to pass the Contingent bill for Rupees 511-3-10, being the wages paid to servants in completing two Stamping-presses for the Office of the Superintendent of Stamps.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
4th November 1869.

4. The Governor in Council directs that the Acting Assay Master be informed that no servants should be employed in future, or charged for in the Contingent account without the previous sanction of Government.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To Colonel J. Carpendale.
To the Accountant-General, with bill.
,, Acting Assay Master.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

COLONEL J. CARPENDALE.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 4th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 4th November 1869, *No.* 528.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 22-23.

Requesting Colonel Carpendale to furnish certain explanation in regard to the establishment for the Bullion Depôt, &c., and authorizing the Accountant-General to pass the Contingent bill for Rupees 511-3-10, being wages paid to servants in completing two Stamping-presses for the Office of the Superintendent of Stamps.

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Ag Assay Master in charge
of Bullion Depôt.

(Here Enter, 18th October 1869, No 3385)

Order thereon, No 528. 4 Nov/69.

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in G. O. dated the 31st August
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From Assay Master in charge of Bullion Depôt
Madras
Dated 18th October 1869
Received 23rd October 1869

Subject Establishment for the Assay Office

Refers to the Order of Government in Public Department No 3385 dated 31st August 1869 directing the Assay Master to examine the claims of the Establishment of the Assay Office to the Consolidated Allowance sanctioned by the Government of India in their Financial Department Letter No 5711-3-10 dated 30th December 1868 and to report whether the Establishment entertained is in excess of the requirements of the Office

From Assay Master in charge of Bullion Depôt
To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George
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Encloses Statement of Establishment entertained under Head A of Schedule B Appendix to Financial Department Letter No 5711-3-10 dated 30th December 1868 for the Assay Office

Rec'd 16th Nov 69

Financial Department.

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Financial Department
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No 338

The Actg Ayay Master
in charge of Bullion Depot

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Dated 18th
Rec'd 23rd October 1869

No 338

Duplicates that the Copy of
Proceedings, Mint Committee,
Fallen 8th ult were discharged
from Office on October ult in accordance
with G.O. No 445 of 27th Augt
1869 and requests that the
Examination of Claims may be
authorized to Sign the Accountant
to Govt Contingent Bill Abstract
No 511-3-10 - also solicits
the sanction of Govt for the
entertainment

Ent 16th Nov 69

Order No 528.

Read 4th Nov 1869

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To The Actg Ayay Master
in charge of Bullion Depot

Fort St George
Dated 4th November 1869

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2. Colonel Carpendale will also be requested to report whether the 200 new die plates referred to in para 4 of the [illegible] letter could not be made up in the Public Works Department at a less cost than the establishment proposed to be employed by the Acting Assay Master for two or three months.

3 Pending the receipt of Colonel Carpendale's report, the Accountant General is authorized to pass the Contingent Bill for Rupees 511- 3-10 being the wages paid to servants in

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Memorandum on a letter from the Acting Assay Master, dated the 18th October 1869, N° 338.

In Order dated the 2nd August last, N° 342, this Government approved of the Establishment proposed by Colonel Carpendale for the Bullion Depôt, Paper Currency Office and Stamp Department, and called for a Tabular Statement for submission to the Government of India.

2. The Tabular Statement was accordingly submitted, approved of by this Government, and submitted for the confirmation of the Government of India on the 31st

Letter N° 396.

31st August last.

3. Subsequent to this the Acting Apay Master submitted an un-audited Bill for Rs 279-1-10 on account of servants entertained in the months of August. In sanctioning the payment of the Bill, the Government Remarked as follows –

G.O. d/24 Sept. Rg. No 441.

"But Sanction having been accorded on the 31st Ultimo, for an Establishment expressly for the Bullion Depôt, the necessity for retaining the services of the Superintendent of Machinery, Coinwoply, Filers, Carpenter, Lascar, and Coolies in addition thereto, is not apparent. Their services ought

ought to have been dispensed with on the 1st instant."

4. Adverting to these remarks, the Acting Apay Master, in his letter herewith circulated, states that he could not have discharged these contingent Servants till the receipt of the Order which did not reach him till quite the end of last month; however immediately on its receipt, the men were discharged from the 1st instant." He brings to notice that the Establishment for the Bullion Depôt is very limited; that the Employés in it are already overworked owing to the serious illness of the Manager

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during the greater part of the month; that the filers, carpenters, &c., were retained to complete the two stamping Presses ordered for the Office of the Superintendent of Stamps; and requests that the Examiner of Claims may be authorized to pass the accompanying Contingent Bill for Rs 511-3-10.

5. The Acting Apay Master further represents that the ordinary duty of the Engine turners and Filer provided for the Stamp Paper Department is to keep the Dies and Stamping Presses in repair and working order, and that since the new Stamp Act which came into

into operation from the 1st instant, upwards of 200 new die plates are required which the men referred to are quite incapable of working without assistants; and solicits the sanction of Government to his employing from the 1st instant,

3 Filers
1 Moulder
1 Apt. Engine Turner
and
1 Cooly - at a monthly cost of Rs 116. for the next two or three months.

6. Colonel Carpendale having recommended the Scale of Establishment for the Bullion Depôt, it is suggested that the remarks of the Acting Apay Master,

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as to the insufficiency of the Establishment, be referred to him for any explanation he may have to offer. Had the Acting Apay Master submitted his remarks when the Tabular Statement was sent in, the Establishment might have been revised, and the sanction of the Government of India solicited at once for what was necessary. To go up with a revised scale so soon after, would naturally lead to the supposition that the original scale was not prepared with due care.

7. Under the explanation afforded by the Apay Master there seems no alternative but to sanction the Contingent Bill

Bill for the further sum of Rs 511-3-10.

8. It will also be necessary to sanction the Temporary Establishment required in the Stamp Paper Department, at a monthly cost of Rs 115. There are no means in this Department of ascertaining whether so large an Establishment is necessary, or whether the 200 new die plates might not have been made up in the Public Works Workshop at less cost than the Acting Apay Master proposes to incur.

9. It has always been the custom of the Officers in charge of the Mint to employ such servants as were required, and to debit

debit the charge to what was termed the "permanent contingent," but it is desirable that this "custom" should be authoritatively put a stop to, and that the Acting Apay Master be interdicted from employing any "Contingent Servants" without the previous sanction of this Government.

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4. The Governor in Council directs that the Acting Apay Master be informed that no servant should be employed in future, or charged for in the Contingent Account without the previous sanction of Government.

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To,
Col. J. Carpendale.
The Accountant General with Bills dated 8th inst.
" Acting Apay Master.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

Financial

To

Col: L Carpendale.
&c.

Dated Govt 7 Dec 1869

Recd. 1869, No. 5728.

Nos. 22 & 23.

Requesting Col: Carpendale to furnish certain explanation in regard to the establishment for the Bullion Depôt, &c, and authorizing the issue of Govt. Press the Contingent Bill for Rs 511—3—10, being wages paid to Servants in Commencing two Stamping Presses for the Office of the Supdt of Stamps.

Fd 16 Dec 69