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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 62.

FROM

THE HONORABLE R. S. ELLIS, C. B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to re-transmit the petition returned with your letter, No. 3858, and dated the 30th of December last, together with a letter* from the Mint Master, Madras, reporting thereon.

* Dated 15th January 1869, No. 355.

2. I am also to state that the Madras Government, on reconsidering the matter with the additional information now before them, have arrived at the conclusion that their former order should be cancelled, and that petitioner's claim to pension may be admitted.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
27th January 1869.

Chief Secretary.

From the Mint Master, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated 15th January 1869, No. 355.

I have the honor to return the letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 3858, 30th December 1868, with the petition of G. Annamalay Chetty, late Bullock Superintendent of the Mint, and to report as follows.

2. It appears, by the records of this office, that G. Annamalay Chetty was a Conicopillay in the Mint Treasury, from 1st March 1850, to 30th November 1856, on a salary of Rupees 12 and 14, a situation which gives a claim to pension under the Rules, dated 15th May 1851, which specially mentions Conicopillais, if drawing more than 10 Rupees a month, and he was promoted to the post of Superintendent of Bullocks, on the 1st December 1856, on a salary of Rupees 20 a month, when the establishment consisted as follows :—

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1 do. Head Driver, do. do.
33 do. Drivers { 8 Drivers, Establishment, reduced to two in December 1867.
{ 25 do. Contingent, dispensed in December 1860.
8 Pairs Mint Bullocks, reduced to two in December 1867.
16 do. hired do. dispensed in January 1858.

3. This office, although styled Superintendent, was certainly not on a par with the Superintendents of other Departments of the Mint, yet it was never regarded as a menial employment, and required the same extent of education as the ordinary run of Conicopillais, in keeping the daily registers of attendance, and of employment of the carts and bullocks.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 355 15th January 1869.

From

Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Mint Master

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

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

J Arbuckle
Mint Master

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No 3858.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of
Fort Saint George.

Fin[l] Depart[t] Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No 549 dated 30th November 1868, and its enclosed Petition to the Secretary of State for India, from G. Appanna Chetty, late Superintendent of the Establishment of the Madras Mint on the subject of his claim to pension, I am directed to invite attention to the allegations in clauses I & II of para: 6 of the Petition, viz: that the duties of the Petitioner in the office held by him were more those of a clerk than of an inferior servant, and that he was promoted to that office from an appointment, that of Sircopilly which is eligible for pension, and to request that this Department may be furnished with a Report thereon &c.

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Fin[l] Depart[t] 1869 Depart[t]

Mr Shaw

The Board of Revenue
Madras,

No 3858 Dated 15th Dec[r] 1868

From The Chief Secretary to Government Fort St George

Rec[d] 18th Dec[r] 1868

No 313 & No 3355

Enclosure 2

Petition Letter from the Commander Secretary Govt of India &c Dated 30th Sept[r] No 3858

Petition of the late Bullock Capt[n] of the Mint and Report upon the case of his Petitioner

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2. Petition referred to is herewith returned, for facility of reference, and I am to request the Return mentioned in this Letter.

I have the honor to be,
&c.;
your most obdt. Servant,

Fort William
the 30 December
1868

J. M. Batten
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India

Ans 1/30/69

Forwarded to the Mint Master for report.

Fort Saint George
18 January 1869

Chief Secretary

To the Mint Master - dispd 13/1

Financial 1869 Feb 1 No 31 Copy forwarded for information to Fort St. George Pro 5 Feb

Petition of Ex Mint Peon Annamalay Chetty praying for a Certificate of his having served in the Mint for the period mentioned in the Return called for in Mr Batten's letter of 30 December 1868 to the Govt of India

Ex 1869 Feb 1

Mint Master's Report

Ex 1869 Feb 1

Ins No 1945/68.

28th March, 1868.

This is to Certify that G. Annamalay Chetty was employed as a Contingent Assistant in the Mint Treasury from January 1806 to March 1850 when he was brought on the Establishment as Conicopoly and was subsequently appointed Superintendent of Bullocks which he held since December 1856, during which time he discharged his duties satisfactorily and was regular in attendance. His services were dispensed with owing to reduction of Establishment.

[Signed] J. Carpendale
Mint Master.

Inv No. 1947/68

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To,

His Excellency
The Right Honorable
The Secretary of State for India.

The humble Petition of
G. Annamalay Chetty
late a Bullock Superintendent
on the Establishment of
the Madras Mint.

Most Respectfully Sheweth,

1. That your humble Petitioner begs, with the utmost deference, to submit to your Excellency's benign consideration the following circumstances.

2. That your Excellency's Petitioner was until lately employed on the Establishment of the Madras Mint as the Bullock Superintendent.

3. That on a reduction of the strength of the Bullock Establishment your Petitioner was thrown out of employ.

4. That the Mint Master, Colonel Carpendale, proposed to the Madras Government to retain your Petitioner in the post of Superintendent until he could otherwise provide for him on the occurrence of a vacancy, but that the Madras

Government

Government declined to sanction this proposal on the ground of the number of Bullocks at the Mint having been reduced to two pairs, and directed that unless your Petitioner could at once be provided with other employment, an application should be submitted on his behalf for a pension or gratuity.

5. That the Mint Master accordingly sent in an application to the Madras Government for a pension on behalf of your Petitioner; but on the report of the Examiner of Claims who declared your Petitioner to be entitled to no more than a gratuity on the ground that the office held by your Petitioner, viz Bullock Superintendent, is not among the Class of Servants who are eligible to pension, the Madras Government granted your Petitioner a gratuity of Rs 100 for a service in various grades aggregating to 14 years and 10 months.

6. That on receiving this Order your Petitioner respectfully memorialized the Madras Government begging a reconsideration of his case, but that authority having maintained its original decision, your Petitioner begs most deferentially to appeal to your Excellency for the grant to him of a pension on the following grounds:

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1st That the post held by your Petitioner having been that of Superintendent brings him within the Class of Mint Servants who are eligible to pension, the list of such Servants, as given in the Civil Auditor's Manual, embracing the Superintendents of all Departments of the Mint. your Petitioner therefore respectfully submits that the objection taken by the Examiner of Claims is not valid; but on the contrary opposed to a distinct provision entailing a pension to Servants in the Mint in the position of your humble Petitioner. Nor is the basis on which the objection proceeds, viz the menial nature of the duties of the Post of Bullock Superintendent at the Mint, a correct one. Compared with the duties of the other Superintendentships in the Mint, those attaching to the appointment of your Petitioner might have been of inferior importance, but certainly not of the menial nature which the Examiner of Claims has pronounced them to be. If your Petitioner had to see to the feeding and cleaning of the Bulls, he had equally to perform the by no means menial duties of keeping the attendance Rolls of the Drivers, receiving and attending to all requisitions for Bullocks, keeping the Accounts of the Bullock Establishment

and

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and other duties appertaining to a Clerkship.

II. That your Petitioner was promoted to be Bullock Superintendent in the Madras Mint from 1st December 1856. For 6 years and 9 months previously he held the appointment of Conicopilly. As Conicopilly, your Petitioner stood entitled to a pension. There was no reason for him to apprehend that in giving up that post for the higher one of Superintendent higher both in designation and amount of Salary - he was debarring himself from a future pension - This could never even have been contemplated by the Mint Master who when he conferred the post of Bullock Superintendent on your Petitioner conferred it upon him as a promotion - which of course it could not be if it were known at the time that in placing your Petitioner in an apparently higher position he was inflicting a positive injury on him in reference to his prospects of a pension.

III That your Excellency's humble Petitioner begs also to urge the fact that he lost his post thro' no fault of his own - Throughout his long service, your Petitioner's conduct has ever been such as to merit the approbation of his Superiors, in corroboration of which he begs to enclose herewith a Certificate granted

Superiors

granted to him by the Mint Master, Colonel Carpendale, dated 28th March 1868, marked A - His deprivation of Office is entirely owing to a public exigency. And your Petitioner claims for himself no higher consideration than what is generally shown to public servants who lose their appointments under such circumstances, viz the most liberal treatment consistent with the rules of the service.

IV That in appealing to your Excellency your Petitioner does not so much desire that his case should be exceptionally treated, as that it may be decided on its merits - especially with reference to his promotion to the post of Bullock Superintendent which to all intents and purposes, as your Excellency will not fail to perceive, was a bona-fide promotion. It is evident that the Mint Master would never have given the appointment to your Petitioner, nor declared it to be a promotion, if he had the remotest idea that it would eventually have entailed upon your Petitioner the loss to him of a pension - and your humble Petitioner would certainly not have accepted it, had he been aware (and there was nothing in the

circumstances to justify the supposition but rather the opposite - since he was in a pending grade in his former post, viz that of (unico pilly) that it would have involved such a serious consequence to himself.

8. Your Petitioner would only add that his family for three generations has been employed as servants in the Madras Mint, his grand father having served as Bullion Keeper and his uncle as Deputy Bullion Keeper.

9. Your Excellency's humble Petitioner, under the circumstances above set forth, earnestly hopes that your Excellency will be pleased to take his case into your Excellency's favorable consideration, and to grant him some monthly pension; in lieu of the gratuity which has been accorded to him by the Madras Government in order that now in the decline of life he may possess, a sure tho' small support - your Petitioner was all along led to expect this boon whenever circumstances may have demanded his retirement from the service and now that his services have been dispensed with, your humble Petitioner throws himself upon the liberality of the British

British Government for a small provision for his remaining days.

And as in duty bound your humble Petitioner

Shall Ever Pray.

G. Annamalay Chetty

Madras,
5th September 1868

Petitioning Memorial returned 25/2/69

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Financial Department.

No. 62.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

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Fort St. George
27 January 1869.

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In a letter from Madras
Fin. Dept. No 62, dated 27 Jany 1869.

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Claim of a Servant to pension

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To

The Secretary to the
Government of
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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
Recd. January 27 1869.

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Enclosure.

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Nos. 102 - 106.

Retransmitting Petition from the late Bullock Supt. of the Madras Mint together with a letter from the Mint Master reporting thereon.