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No. 25. Read the following letter from Mr. A. BOWIE, late Superintendent in the Madras Mint, to the Examiner of Claims, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 23rd February 1870.

With reference to Memorandum, No. 442, of the 8th instant, from the Assay Master in charge of the Bullion Depôt, informing me that Government have granted me a pension of Rupees 83-4-0 monthly, from 15th August 1869, I beg respectfully to request you will do me the favour to lay my case again before the Government, as it appears to me that some facts connected personally with my services have been overlooked in sanctioning a reduced pension to me.

2. From the copies of papers herein enclosed, kindly given me by Dr. Bellew, the circumstances herein-after mentioned will be verified.

3. In the orders of Government sanctioning my pension, my service in the Military Department cannot, it is stated, reckon for Civil pension. While this may be the rule I would solicit attention to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, No. 451, of 21st December 1841, Financial Department, in which my case has been specially disposed of; for it is therein stated that my permanent transfer to the Mint was to be without forfeiture of claim to pension, to which I would be entitled had I continued in the Military branch of the service.

4. It further appears that my services as Head Carpenter cannot reckon towards pension under orders of 13th December 1869, to which retrospective effect is given in my case, as my services were dispensed with on 14th August 1869; but in the Extract from Minutes of Consultation already alluded to, paragraph 2, my case has been also specially settled.

5. In computing even the one-third, I find that the personal allowance of fifty rupees, granted me the last four years or thereabouts, has not been taken to account. In granting this personal allowance it must be remembered that the Mint Master effected a large monthly saving to Government of about Rupees 640, as shown marginally, which the records of the Mint will show. Colonel Carpendale, too, if a reference be made to him, will verify this statement. I trust, therefore, that, under Proceedings of Government of India, Financial Department, 25th June 1869, No. 1422, this allowance may be taken towards the grant of pension to me.

	Rs.
Mr. Clarke's salary	310
,, Scott's do.	380
	690
Personal allowance to me	50
	640

6. My service under the Government ranges over a period of thirty-six years in all; it has been my study to discharge faithfully the duties entrusted to me, and I enclose, for submission to Government, copies of my testimonials in the fervent hope that the pension they have allowed me may be re-considered, as I am certain that, after all my toil, they will grant me the one half of the salary I received during the last five years.

I solicit your support in forwarding this letter.

No. 212.

MEMORANDUM.

Submitted to Government for consideration and orders with reference to Proceedings of Government, dated 7th instant, No. 60, Pension Department, with the intimation that, as the personal allowance of Rupees 50 was paid from the amount sanctioned for the contingent establishment, the same cannot be taken into account when calculating Mr. Bowie's average salary during the five years previous to the abolition of his office.

2. Mr. Bowie's service as Carnatic Ordnance Artificer was thrown out of account in reckoning his service for pension in terms of the Memorandum from the Controller of Military Accounts, dated 13th December 1869, No. 880.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
28th February 1870.

(Signed) W. DONALD,
Examiner of Claims.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

No. 26. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort Saint George, 11th June 1870, No. 267.

I am directed to forward, for the orders of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, an application for increase of pension made to this Government by Mr. Alexander Bowie, late Superintendent in the Madras Mint.

2. Mr. Bowie's service under Government is shown in the margin. On the 16th of August 1869, when the Mint was abolished and his services were dispensed with, he sent in a claim for pension based on the result there exhibited. The first period was then disallowed by this Government, on the grounds that it was Military service and as such could not count as service in the Civil Department; the second period was also disallowed on the grounds that, though the applicant was a Mint Artificer in the terms of Order of the Government of India, dated 9th March 1869, No. 1397, Financial, he was debarred from taking advantage of the Uncovenanted Pension Rules for that period, his appointment in the Mint having been decided by a local Committee appointed by this Government consequent on Resolution of the Government of India in Proceedings, dated 30th July 1869, No. 2324, to be not such as would prejudicially affect the health of the incumbent. For the subsequent service of twenty-three years, six months, and twenty-three days as Superintendent in the Mint, Mr. Bowie was held to be eligible, under Section 9 of the revised Pension Rules, to a pension of one-third of the last salary of his permanent appointment, equal to Rupees 83-4-0 per mensem. This pension was given to Mr. Bowie in February last, with effect from the 15th August 1869.

	Yrs.	M.	D.
Carnatic Ordnance Artificer	8	6	14
Head Carpenter in the Mint	4	0	22
Superintendent in the Mint	23	6	23
Total...	36	1	29
Deduct service before 23 years of age	3	1	3
Result...	33	0	26

3. Mr. Bowie now asks the Government to re-consider its decision as to each of the two rejected periods above mentioned. It will be observed that the concession of either causes his period of service towards pension to exceed twenty-five years, and entitles him to half-pay allowance, under the Uncovenanted Civil Pension Rules.

4. As to the second rejected period Mr. Bowie's plea amounts to this, that as the date of his retirement was the 14th August 1869, and that of the order of the Government giving details as to the distinction between appointments in the Mint, prejudicial and non-prejudicial to health, was the 13th December 1869, the latter should not be applied retrospectively to his case. In answer to this, it is only necessary to point out that the order of the Government of India, enunciating the principle of distinction above mentioned, was dated the 30th July 1869, previously to the applicant's retirement.

5. As to the first of the two rejected periods the applicant cites certain orders of Government passed at the time of his transfer from the Carnatic Ordnance Establishment to the Mint. These are Extract from Minutes of Consultation, No. 4771, dated 14th December 1841, Military, and Extract from Minutes of Consultation, No. 451, dated the 21st December 1841, Financial, herewith enclosed. It would appear that, when the applicant was transferred, for the convenience and advantage of Government, from his appointment as Ordnance Artificer, to which pensionary advantages were attached, to the appointment in the Mint, to which none such were attached, compensation was allowed by an order to the effect that he should not forfeit, on account of his transfer, any "claim to the pension to which he would have been eventually entitled had he continued in the Military branch of the service." It was apparently intended by Government, their final orders in the Financial Department differing in this respect from the view adopted in the previous order in the Military Department, that Mr. Bowie, though about to serve in a civil capacity, should still remain under the operation of the Military Pension Rules. Following this order, Mr. Bowie might have successfully claimed, in August last, to be pensioned according to the rules last mentioned. This, however, would have given him a pension of much smaller amount than the one already passed to him from the Civil Department. Mr. Bowie's object now in quoting the orders above

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
11th June 1870.

mentioned is to obtain such an interpretation of them by this Government as will enable him to add his previous Military service to his recent Civil service, and reckon the whole towards Civil pension.

6. His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that Mr. Bowie's construction of the orders of Government by no means follows from them as a necessary consequence. If the Government permitted him, in 1841, to count his future service in the Civil Department as service towards Military pension under the rules applicable to Carnatic Ordnance Artificers, it does not follow that he was thereby permitted conversely to count his past service as an artificer towards pension under the Uncovenanted Civil Pension Rules. Looking, however, to the spirit of the two orders above quoted, the Governor in Council is of opinion that the only reason why the view contained in the request now made was not adopted in the Financial Order of 1841, as actually suggested in the previous Military Order, was that the contingency of Mr. Bowie's ultimately rising to a pension grade in the Civil Department was not then thought of. The suggestion made in the Military Order would apparently have been put in force, had it not appeared at the time that it would be disadvantageous to the applicant. The Governor in Council sees no reason why Mr. Bowie's case should be regarded less favourably now than it appears to have been in the year 1841. In His Excellency's opinion an equitable claim has been made out for permitting the time spent by Mr. Bowie as an Ordnance Artificer to count as service towards Civil pension, as per margin. I am, therefore, directed to request that, in supersession of the Order of this Government, dated 7th February 1870, No. 60, (Pension,) sanction may be given to passing to Mr. Alexander Bowie a pension calculated upon twenty-nine years and four days of service, or a sum of 125 rupees per mensem, equal to one half of his salary during the last five years.

	Yrs.	M.	D.
Ordnance Artificer, from 1st June 1833 to 14th Dec. 1841.....	8	6	14
Superintendent in the Mint, from 23rd Jan. 1846 to 14th Aug. 1869.	23	6	23
	32	1	7
Deduct service before twenty-two years of age.....	3	1	3
Total result...	29	0	4

7. Mr. Bowie asks, in the third place, that an allowance of Rupees 50, which he drew for four years, two months, and twenty-three days, in the Iron Foundry attached to the Mint, may be included in the emoluments upon which his pension is calculated, that sum being regarded in the light of a personal allowance. This plea is inadmissible, and the Governor in Council does not support it. The salary of Rupees 50 was not a personal allowance, but a sum granted on the contingent list; as such it cannot be included in the emoluments on which pension is calculated.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

1870.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Fort Saint George,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,

Financial Department.

Dated 11th June 1870.

Recd. No. 2067.

Answered.

JUNE.
Nos. 25-26.

Forwarding for orders an application for increase of pension made by Mr. Government Dy. Mr. Powell-late Superintendent in the Madras Mint.

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EXTRACT COPIES OF LETTERS AND MINUTES OF CONSULTATION.

To the Secretary, Military Board.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th Instant, and in reply thereto request that you will do me the favor to represent to the Military Board, that the services of Carnatic Artificer Bowie cannot, without the greatest inconvenience, be spared from the Establishment, and upon his exertions, I am solely dependant for the accomplishment of a task upon which hangs the completion of the most important and essential part of the repairs to the machinery which I am fearful, (if great exertion be not made), may be delayed beyond the period, when the commencement of the coinage may be called *for*. It is true that the above named Artificer has been recently employed at the stone quarry in superintending and assisting the transport of the heavy blocks of granite now being laid down in the Mint Stamping room; but this has not arisen as the Board infer from the circumstance of there being no work for him as a Carpenter, as there is still sufficient of that kind to occupy a number of men for a considerable period, but owing to the extreme urgency of the circumstances under which he was despatched, when, owing to the imperfection of the conveyances, and the disasters and disappointments arising therefrom, it became evident, that unless the transport were superintended by a person competent to meet difficulties, to suggest expedients, and capable of re-constructing or re-fitting the conveyances, the object desired would never be accomplished within a reasonable period of time.

The duty above referred to, requires not merely the skill of a Carpenter, but superior intelligence and energy which it would have been impossible for me to have secured in any native, whom I might have procured to supply his place, and a further most important object was accomplished, by his exercising a control over the advances made to the stone contractors, without which, I feel convinced, much loss would have arisen. This last circumstance adds to the difficulty which would attend his being withdrawn from his duties at present, the advances which have been made through him to numerous parties who are under engagements made with him on the spot, not being capable of being cleared up until the completion of the work, for which they were paid.

Under the above circumstances, I trust the Board will endeavour to make some other arrangements to supply the want expressed in your letter, and in reference to this object, I beg leave to suggest, that a superior Carpenter Artificer Hamilton was returned from the Mint on the 10th April last, and it is probable that he would answer as a substitute on the present occasion.

(Signed) J. T. SMITH,
Mint Master.

29th August 1840.

MILITARY BOARD OFFICE.

To the Mint Master.

SIR,

By desire of the Military Board, I have the honor to request, you will do them the favor to permit Artificer Bowie to attend at the Gun Powder Manufactory for a few days, in order to conduct some necessary repairs to the Machinery at the Powder Mills, in the construction of which he was engaged.

(Signed) T. LAVIE.

11th September 1840.

To the Secretary, Military Board.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, requesting that Artificer Bowie be permitted to attend at the Powder Mills for the purpose of making some necessary repairs.

2. Having already stated in my letter of the 29th ultimo, the great inconvenience such as a measure would occasion, I can only now add that any interruption of the work therein referred to, would be a serious injury to the Public Service, it being most important, that it should be completed before the setting in of the monsoon, and, as upon an inspection of the repairs required to the Powder Mills, it appears that little danger would be encountered by putting them off for a month or six weeks. I beg leave to suggest to the Board that this should be done, in which case Artificer Bowie immediately after the completion of his present employment, could for a few days attend, and supervise the execution of these repairs with comparatively less inconvenience or interruption to his duties at the Mint than at present.

(Signed) J. T. SMITH,
Mint Master.

21st September 1840.

as by the Civil superannuation Pension Rules the appointment held by Artificer Bowie in the Mint would not give him a claim hereafter to a Pension, his Lordship is of opinion that the Military Pension, to which that person might eventually have become entitled, should be debited to the Mint Department.

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the modifications of the Mint Establishment proposed in the letter from the Secretary to the Mint Committee, dated 25th October last No. 46.

(Signed) ROBERT CLERK,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department and
Mint Committee.

To the Accountant General and
Civil Auditor, with the
Mint Committee's letter,
dated 25th October 1841,
No. 46.
(True Copies.)
(Signed) DAVID ROSS,
Secretary, Mint Committee.

To the Mint Master,
For information and guidance with reference to his letter, dated 19th October, and the resolution of Govt. thereon, dated 1st November 1841.
By order.
(Signed) DAVID ROSS,
Secretary, Mint Committee.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS *of the* MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

REGISTER of an Application for a Superannuation Pension on behalf of A. Bowie, late Superintendent of Machinery in the Madras Mint. } Read the following. *Here enter* 16*th August* 1869.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINER OF CLAIMS, No. 41, dated 15th January 1870.

ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1870, No. 60.

Mr. Alexander Bowie served for 8 years, 6 months, 14 days as Carnatic Ordnance Artificer in the Gun Carriage Manufactory, but this service appertaining to the Military Department cannot be reckoned for Civil pension. On the 1st January 1842, Mr. Bowie was entertained as Head Carpenter in the Madras Mint, and served in that capacity for 4 years, 0 months, 22 days, but under G. O. 13th December 1869, No. 438, Pension Department, this service must be excluded. For his subsequent service of 23 years, 6 months, 23 days as Superintendent in the Mint, Mr. Bowie is eligible under Section 9 of the Revised Rules to a pension of one-third of the last salary of his permanent appointment, equal to Rupees 83-4-0 per mensem; and this pension His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction with effect from the 15th August 1869.

(True Extract)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

Under Secretary.

To

The Assay Master.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) P. F. BELLEW,

Assay Master,

In charge of Bullion Department.

To the Secretary, Military Board.

SIR,

With reference to my letters of the 29th August and 21st September, I have the honor to state for the information of the Military Board, that Carnatic Ordnance Artificer Bowie having completed the duty therein specified, his attendance at the Gun Powder Manufactory for the purpose of supervising the repairs required to the Mills, would not now be attended with the extreme inconvenience which would have been occasioned by his removal at an early period. Should his services therefore be still required for the above work, I beg to state that he will be able to undertake the charge of it on the 7th Instant, and to give his almost entire attention to it (with only an occasional absence to direct the progress of work under execution at the Mint) until its completion, if this should not occupy more than a fortnight or three weeks. I beg leave to suggest to the Board that directions may be given to the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, to comply with whatever requisition for materials and workmen he may find it necessary to make.

(Signed) J. T. SMITH,

Mint Master.

5th December 1840.

To the Mint Master.

SIR,

In reference to your letter dated 5th instant, I have the honor by desire of the Military Board to request you will be pleased to order Carnatic Ordnance Artificer Bowie to attend at the Gun Powder Manufactory from the 9th instant, to assist in the repairs required in the Mills.

(Signed) E. W. SNOW.

7th December 1840.

To the Mint Committee.

SIR,

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2nd. Up to the present time Carnatic Ordnance Artificer Bowie has been in the performance of the duties, and his experience in the peculiarities connected with the Mint Machinery and general intelligence and knowledge of the business upon which he has been long employed, render his services so valuable to the Department, that in event of His Lordship in Council being pleased to sanction the proposed salary, I would request permission to appoint him to it under the same conditions as were previously granted to Artificer Christian.

6th. In requesting your Committee to forward this application for the sanction of Government, I beg that you will at the same time solicit the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to direct that Carnatic Ordnance Artificer Bowie may be transferred to the Mint on the same conditions as were previously allowed to Artificer Christian.

(Signed) J. T. SMITH,
Mint Master.

19*th October* 1841.

No. 395.

Before sanctioning the modification of the Mint Establishment proposed in the above letter, it is resolved that the subject referred to in its 2nd para, and in the 2nd and 6th paras of the Mint Master's communication of the 19th Ultimo, do receive consideration in the Military Department.

(Signed) R. CLERK,
Acting Chief Secretary.

1*st November* 1841.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 4771.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation,
Dated 14*th December* 1841.

Read again an extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Financial Department dated the 1st November 1841, No. 395 recorded in Minutes of Consultation of the 9th Ultimo.

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

MILITARY BOARD OFFICE.

No. 516.

To the Right Honorable JOHN,
LORD ELPHINSTONE, G. C. H.,
Governor in Council.

MY LORD,

1. With reference to the orders of Government No. 4267, dated the 9th Instant, requiring a report from us of the services and claims of Carnatic Artificer Bowie, now employed at the Mint, we have the honor to state, that the Artificer was transferred from Pupil on the 1st of June 1833, draws at present 18 Rupees a month, and will be entitled to 25 Rupees on the 1st of June 1843, with a claim to pension after 22 years service, if certified by the proper Medical Officer to be unfit for further duty.

2. The object of granting pensions to Carnatic Ordnance Artificers, is to compensate for the risk and dangers of foreign and field service for which they are always available, the expense and inconvenience of being removed from station to station, and for the moderate pay which they receive, especially during the earlier part of their servitude. It has already been determined by Government, that Artificers on being transferred *at their own request*, from the Ordnance to other Public Departments, shall, as a general rule, forfeit their claims to pension. From the operation of this rule, Artificer Christian was exempted as a special case, and the Mint Master now applies that Bowie should be transferred on the same terms, to whom it is proposed to give a monthly Salary of 50 Rs. retaining for him at the same time his claim to pension.

3. We are very favorable to the transfer of Artificers from the Ordnance to other Public Departments, as the public service generally will thereby be supplied with superior workmen, and the knowledge of being eligible, when duly qualified to situations of greater trust and emolument, will exercise a beneficial influence on the whole of the Ordnance Artificers, and promote improvement and good conduct, but we think the Departments which wish to possess the advantage of such superior servants, should bear the whole of their expense, by holding out sufficient inducements to relinquish their claim to Pension, which we are of opinion ought as far as practicable, to be restricted to men who are liable to be called into the field and sent on foreign service. On this principle, it appears to us, that either a sufficient monthly salary should be given to Artificer Bowie to compensate for his loss of pension, or that his claim to it, if continued, should be borne by the Mint Department, but the former we consider the preferable course.

We have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble servants,

(Signed) WM. MONTEITH,
(,,) JAMES KITCHEN, *Brigadier, Commandant of Artillery.*
(,,) D. SIM.
(,,) B. R. HITCHENS.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 23*rd November* 1841.

The *Right Honorable the Governor in Council* directs, that the foregoing letter from the Military Board be communicated to the *Financial Department in reference to an Extract from the* Minutes of Consultation in that Department No. 395, dated the *1st November 1841*.

2. His Lordship in Council considers, that in lieu of granting a Military Pension to a Carnatic Ordnance Artificer for services performed in a Civil Department, it would be preferable to transfer the individual, allowing him to count his previous Military Service towards any pension to which he would eventually become entitled under the Regulations of the Department to which he is transferred, but as a special case only. The rules laid down for the transfer of Carnatic Ordnance Artificers in an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 1787, 30th April 1840 to continue in force.

(Signed) S. W. STEEL, Lt. Col.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department,
Military Board.

Financial Department.

No. 451.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation,

Dated 21st December 1841.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 14th December 1841, No. 4771.

1. Resolved that the above Extract be communicated to the Mint Committee, in reference to the Orders of Government of the 1st Ultimo No. 395, and that authority be granted as a special case for the permanent transfer to the Mint of Carnatic Ordnance Artificer Bowie of the Gun Carriage Manufactory without forfeiture on that account of his claim to the Pension to which he would have been eventually entitled, had he continued in the Military branch of the service.

2. In making this arrangement for the greater efficiency of the Mint Establishment, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council concurs with the Military Board in thinking, that the Department which deprives another of the services of one of its Members should properly bear the whole expense for such aid; but

DIARY ORDERS, MEMORANDUMS AND CERTIFICATES.

No. 51.

Artificer Bowie is appointed Head Carpenter of the Mint upon the salary of 50 Rupees per month agreeably to the modification of the Establishment sanctioned by Government in their Minutes of Consultation.

(Signed) J. T. SMITH,
Mint Master.

1st January 1842.

No 221.

Mr. Bowie will take temporary charge of the Mint gate during Mr. Edwards' absence.

(Signed) J. T. SMITH.
Mint Master.

15th October 1845.

No 241.

A. Bowie to be Superintendent of Artificers and the Iron Foundry on a salary of 70 Rupees per month.

(Signed) J. T. SMITH,
Mint Master.

23rd January 1846.

No 501.

Mr. A. Bowie, Superintendent of Artificers and Founder, will receive 80 Rupees per mensem.

(Signed) J. T. SMITH,
Mint Master.

29th January 1851.

No 632.

The Mint Master has much pleasure in recording the pleasure he has felt in witnessing the successful performance this day of the Steam Engine constructed by the Mint Artificers under the superintendence of Mr. Bowie. As this is the first Steam Engine yet constructed in Madras, it was necessarily made by parties who had never seen such a machine before, and the Mint Master thinks its successful accomplishment very creditable to Mr. Bowie's skill and perseverance and to the workmanship of Gopaul and Yamacharry, the latter of whom executed the most difficult parts.

(Signed) J. T. SMITH,
Mint Master.

22*nd March* 1854.

No. 699.

In consideration of the considerable additional labour imposed upon the Superintendent of Artificers by the execution of the new building and steam machinery sanctioned by Government, and the skill and industry displayed hitherto by Mr. Bowie in carrying the work into execution, the Mint Master has determined to grant him an allowance of 10 Rupees a month from the 1st May 1854, and to continue the same until the 1st May next (1856) unless there shall in the mean time be reason to believe that the work will not be completed by that date, or that it is likely to exceed the sanctioned amount viz. 3500 Rupees for the buildings, and 4000 Rupees for the steam and other machinery, that is 7500 Rupees altogether.

(Signed) J. T. SMITH,
Mint Master.

22*nd May* 1855.

CERTIFICATE.

Mr. A. Bowie has been employed in the Mint under my immediate orders during the period of 15 years, first as Artificer and Head Carpenter, and latterly for the last 9 years as Superintendent of Artificers. His conduct during the whole of this period has been most excellent, and marked by superior intelligence, punctuality in attendance, and general ability. These added to his activity and willingness to make himself useful, have made him a most valuable public servant.

Should an opportunity occur for his promotion, I have no doubt he would prove himself as estimable for his conscientiousness and integrity in a higher situation, as he already has in that he now fills.

(Signed) J. T. SMITH,
Mint Master.

25*th August* 1855.

No 20.

In anticipation of an order from Government to procure extra bullocks for the purpose of increasing the amount of the daily coinage, the following appointments are made to take effect from the date on which the extra work may be commenced.

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Mr. A. Bowie to be Superintendent of the Laminating Department.

(Signed) J. H. BELL,
Mint Master.

12*th January* 1856.

MEMORANDUM.

No 164.

Lieutenant Winscom, before resigning his temporary charge of the Mint, begs to thank very cordially all the Superintendents of the Departments and Office, for the exertion they have made in carrying on the work effectively under heavy pressure, when all have done so well, it is almost invidious to name any particular individual, but Lieutenant Winscom thinks himself bound, especially to thank Mr. Bowie for the unwearying efforts he has made to forward the heavy work on hand.

(Signed) G. WINSCOM,
Acting Mint Master.

MINT, 9*th July* 1858.

MEMORANDUM.

No 190.

The Mint Master directs Mr. Maddox to assume general charge of the Mechanical Departments and of the works of the Mint, and that Mr. Bowie will for the future confine his attention to the Silver Laminating Department, unless he should receive instructions from the Mint Master to attend to particular duties.

The superintendent of the Copper Laminating Department will place himself under the instructions of the Superintendent of Machinery, and look after the completion of the Furnaces for melting and annealing, and the engine and mill for Laminating Copper Ingots, and when they are ready, he will receive copper scissile from the stores and melt the same for coinage, rendering regular accounts of the expences and results of recoining the copper to the Mint Office for the information of the Mint Master.

In making the foregoing arrangements, the Mint Master has had in view the necessity of placing the Foreman of the works in

the situation corresponding with his appointment, and desires to add that he has not the least dissatisfaction with Mr. Bowie's management of the important duties entrusted to him for upwards of two years, but that on the contrary, he entertains a very high opinion of Mr. Bowie's conduct and qualifications, and feels bound to express his warmest acknowledgments of the value of Mr. Bowie's services.

(Signed) J. H. BELL,
Mint Master.

MINT, 16*th November* 1858.

Extract from a Memorandum on the operations of the Madras Mint, in the years 1856-57 and 58, by Lieutenant Colonel F. C. Cotton, dated Ootacamund, 2nd February 1859.

The suite consisting of the Laminating room, Annealing and Assorting and second cutting rooms, being all under one management, I have spoken of them together. They are all under the Superintendence of Mr. Bowie than whom no one in the Mint has rendered more essential Service in the last two years. Mr. Bowie has been 17 years on the establishment, and has a thorough knowledge of the working of the Iron Foundry, over which he has had a general Superintendence; he has the entire charge of the Mint Buildings, and has had the management, of all the changes that have been made in them in the last two years. Mr. Bowie has been indefatigable in his exertions, coming first to the Mint and remaining till the last every day, and to push on the buildings on which so much depended; he has given up many of the Mint holidays. I consider Mr. Bowie one of the most zealous and efficient men I ever met, and his services to the Mint are invaluable. I was glad to have the opportunity of raising his son to the appointment of Deputy Superintendent in the Laminating Room, and I should be glad to see Mr. Bowie's pay raised to an amount more *adequate* to his deserts.

No 274.

Government having sanctioned increase of salaries to some of the Principal Officers on the Mint Establishment, the Mint Master is pleased to order the same to have effect from the 19th Instant.

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Mr. A. Bowie, Superintendent of the Laminating, Cutting and Adjusting rooms from Rupees 140 to Rupees 180.

(Signed) C. A. ORR,
Mint Master.

27*th January* 1860.

MR. BOWIE.

Sir,

By your constant efforts to carry out my wishes, and as to gratitude, I have at least as much to be grateful for, as you have, for without your services I could not have effected what I did; and I have reason to regret that I could not see those services more adequately rewarded before I left the Mint. You will always have my most earnest wishes for your welfare, and will be clasped in my memory amongst the most zealous and faithful of my fellow servants in India.

Very sincerely your Friend,
(Signed) FRED. C. COTTON.

ADYAR, *February 17th*, 1860.

No. 297.

During the absence of Mr. Maddox on leave, the following arrangements are made from the 4th Instant.

Mr. A. Bowie to act as Superintendent of Machinery.

(Signed) C. A. ORR,
Mint Master.

18*th June* 1860.

No. 456.

The Mint Master directs the following arrangements to be made in the Workshop with as little delay and inconvenience as possible.

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Mr. A. Bowie will be relieved from the immediate charge of workmen, such as Smiths, Filers, &c., and will exercise general supervision over all Workshops, Iron and Brass Foundry in addition of his more regular duty of Superintendent of Machinery.

The Superintendent of Machinery and Superintendent of Artificers will carry out the above arrangement.

All special orders for work to be done in the Foundry or in any shop will go to Mr. A. Bowie, who will exercise his discretion in merely passing them on for execution or in giving special instructions regarding them. Mr. Bowie as Superintendent of Machinery will continue as existing practices of immediately ordering all castings, forgings or other work that is requisite for repairs of Machinery, and when he requires workmen for work on any

Machinery in coinage rooms or elsewhere, he is at liberty to order the workmen to be furnished, detailing them by name if he pleases.

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE,
Mint Master.

1*st April* 1865.

MADRAS, *April 14th*, 1865.

Being about to proceed to England on leave for a limited period, I have not thought it requisite to issue a Diary Order as I should have done if I had been severing my connection with the Mint, but I feel that Mr. A. Bowie, the Superintendent of Machinery and Foreman of the works, merits in an especial degree an expression of my opinion, and it gives me much pleasure to record, that I found him a most valuable Assistant, that he has my fullest confidence, and gave me entire satisfaction during the time I have been Mint Master.

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, LIEUT. COL. R. E.

MADRAS, 16*th April*, 1866.

DEAR COLONEL WILKIESON,

When I thanked you last night, I did not add how much I feel indebted to Mr. Bowie's energy and attention at all times when superintending my work, more particularly when I lost my Windlass in the late Cyclone in Madras.

I shall always be very glad to hear of *his* well-doing, as I think we Ship Masters are much indebted to him.

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I remain, your's very truly,
(Signed) R. DESTEGER,
Commander Darra.

No. 548.

On vacating my appointment as Acting Mint Master, I had intended to have written a Memorandum detailing my opinion of all the principal Officers of Her Majesty's Mint at Madras, but on reconsideration, I think it would be invidious to mention any one by name, where every one has shown so much zeal and attention in carrying on the work in their several departments, and Colonel Carpendale (for whom I have been acting) must

know the exact value of all these Officers. I must however make exceptions in these cases of the Manager, Mr. Scriven, whose untiring energy and exertion for the good of the Mint and the Government he serves. I cannot speak too highly of as well as of Mr. Bowie, Superintendent of Machinery, whose services in his Department are most valuable, and without whom, I am convinced the Government would not be able to carry on the Foundry except by sending home for skilled Superintendance.

I cannot leave this country without recording my sincere and grateful thanks to the Manager Mr. Scriven, the Superintendents of Departments, and others, for the able and zealous assistance that I have always received during the 19 months that I have been in charge of the Mint.

(Signed) C. V. WILKIESON, LIEUT.-COL.,
Acting Mint Master.

12*th November* 1866.

MADRAS, *August* 7, 1869.

Mr. A. Bowie Superintendent of Machinery in the Madras Mint, being about to be pensioned on the abolition of the Establishment, I give him this testimonial as an act of justice for past services, and in hopes that it may aid him in obtaining employment. His services in the Mint extend over a protracted period and have been of a varied and meritorious nature in connection with the coinage in all its branches, but more especially in the Superintendence of the Workshops in the M anufacture and repair of Machinery. He is intimately acquainted with Steam Engines and Steam Machinery for Workshops, familiar with their erection and adaptation to local circumstances.

He is of ready resource, and though for the most part self-taught. I consider him a good Mechanical Engineer, and being moreover a man of the highest respectability of character and integrity, he would be found a most useful man to any Company or firm requiring an Engineer to Superintend and work Steam Machinery.

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, COL., R. E.,
Mint Master.

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MEMO.

I hereby certify, that Mr. Bowie, Superintendent of Machinery of the late Madras Mint, gave me every satisfaction during the period I was in charge of the Mint Master's Office. His services are dispensed with solely on account of the abolition of the Establishment.

(Signed) P. F. BELLEW,
Assay Master, Madras.

1*st November* 1869,
H. M.'s Bullion Depot,
Madras.

Pro Copy

Examiner of Claims
23 Feb 1870

To

The Examiner of Claims,

Sir,

With reference to Above, No. 442, of the 8th inst, from the Assay Master in charge of the Bullion Depot, informing me that Government have granted me a pension of Rupees 83-4 monthly from 15th August 1869, I beg respectfully to request you will do me the favor to lay my case again before the Government, as it appears to me that some facts connected perhaps with my services have been overlooked in sanctioning a reduced pension to me.

To be kindly returned.

2.— From the copies of papers herein enclosed, kindly given me by Dr. Bellew, the circumstances hereinunder mentioned will be verified.

3.— In the orders of Government sanctioning any pension, my service in the Military Department cannot, it is stated, reckon for Civil pension. While this may be the rule I would solicit attention to G. Me of Govt., No. 451, of 21st December 1841, Fin. Dept., in which

my case has been specially brought
for, for it is therein stated that my
permanent transfer to the Staff
was to be without forfeiture of
claim to pension to which I would
be entitled had I remained in
the Military branch of the
service.

4.— If further appears that my
services as Head Constable counted
reckon towards pension under
orders of 13th Decr 1858 & 8th
which retrospective effect in my
case, as my services were dispen-
sed with on 14th August 1859, before
the C. & C. already alluded to
Para 2, my case has been also
specially settled.

5.— In conclusion upon this point
I find that the personal
allowance of 50 Rs. granted me
the last 4 years or thereabouts has
not been taken to account in
granting this personal allow-
ance it must be remembered
that the Asst Master of Lascars
a large monthly income
Government of about Rs. 640
as shown in my book
the records of the Asst and
shew. Col. Cornwallis to
a reference be made to

Rs	
310	Mr Blackes salary
385	Mr Scotts — do
695	
160	Personal Allowance to me
540	

I trust therefore that under Govt. of Govt. of India, Fin. Dept. 25th June 1869, No. 1422, this allowance may be taken towards the grant of pension to me

6.— My service under the Govt. ranges over a period of 36 years in all; it has been my study to discharge faithfully the duties entrusted to me and I enclose for submission to Govt. copies of my testimonials in the present hope that the pension they have allowed me may be reconsidered, as I am certain that after all may be they will grant me the one half of the salary I received during the last five years.

I solicit your support in forwarding this letter and

Beg to remain
Your most Obedt and
Humble Servant
A Bruce

Madras.
23rd July 1875

Accountant General's Office
Recd 23 2 1875
Ansd

dated 17/11/70
with Encl. Nos. 4791 & 4513

Financial Department

No. 67

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

Financial Department

Sir,

I am directed to forward, for the ~~perusal~~ orders of His Excellency the Governor General in Council an application for increase of pension made to this Government by Mr. Alexander Bowie, late Superintendent in the Madras Mint.

2. Mr. Bowie's service under Government is shewn in the margin. On the 16 of August 1869, when the Mint was abolished and his services were dispensed with, he sent in a claim for pension based on the result there exhibited. The first period was then disallowed by this Government, on the grounds that it was Military service and as such could not count as service in

	yrs.	mo.	days.
Carnatic Ordnance Artificer	8	6	14.
Head Carpenter in the Mint	4	0	22
Superintendent in the Mint	23	6	23.
Total	36	1	29
Deduct service before 22 years of age.	3	1	3.
Result.	33	0	26.

on the Civil Department, the second period was also disallowed on the grounds that though the applicant was a Print Artificer in the terms of order of the Government of India dated 9th March 1869 No. 1397, Financial, he was debarred from taking advantage of the Uncovenanted Pension Rules for that period, his post in the Mint appointment having been decided by a local Committee appointed by the Government consequent on Resolution of the Government of India in Proceedings dated 30th July 1869, No. 2324, to be not such as would prejudicially affect the health of the incumbent. For the subsequent service of 23 years 6 months, 23 days as Superintendent in the Mint, Mr. Bowie was held to be eligible under section 9 of the revised Pension Rules, to a pension of one-third of the last salary of his permanent appointment, equal to Rupees 83-4-0 per

per measeles. This pension was given to Mr Bowie in February last, with effect from the 15th August 1869.

3. Mr Bowie now asks the Government to reconsider its decision as to each of the two rejected periods above mentioned. It will be observed that the exercise of either, causes his period of service towards pension to exceed 25 years, and entitles him to half pay allowance, under the Uncovenanted Civil Pension Rules.

4. As to the second rejected period Mr. Bowie's plea amounts to this, that as the date of his retirement was the 14th August 1869, and that of the order of the Government giving details as to the distinction between posts in the Mint, prejudicial and non-prejudicial to health was the 13th December 1869, the latter should not be applied retrospectively to his case. In answer

The word "post" meaning strictly an office or appointment is of Mint not of place in Official correspondence.
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to this, it is only necessary to point out that the order of the Government of India enunciating the principle of distinction above mentioned was dated the 30th July 1869, previously to the applicants retirement.

5. As to the first of the two repeated periods the applicant cites certain orders of Government passed at the time of his transfer from the Carnatic Ordnance Establishment to the Mint. These are extracts from Minutes of Consultation No. 4771 dated 14th December 1841 Military and Extract from Minutes of Consultation No. 451 dated the 21st December 1841, Financial herewith enclosed. It would appear that when the applicant was transferred, for the convenience and advantage of Government, from his post as Ordnance Artificer, to which pensionary advantages were attached, to the post in the Mint, to which none such were attached, compensation was allowed by an order to the effect that he should not forfeit on account of his transfer any "claim to the Pension to which he would have been eventually entitled had he continued in the Military branch of the service". It was apparently intended by Government, their final orders in the Financial Department differering in this respect from the view adopted in the previous order in the Military Department, that Mr. Bowie, though about to serve in a Civil Capacity, should still remain under the operation of the Military Pension Rules. Following this order Mr. Bowie might have successfully claimed in August last, to be pensioned according to the rules last mentioned. This however would have given him a pension of much smaller amount than the one already passed to him from the Civil Department. Mr. Bowies object now in quoting the orders

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Orders above mentioned is to obtain such an interpretation of them by this Government as will enable him to add his previous Military Service to his recent Civil Service, and reckon the whole towards Civil Pension. His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that Mr. Bowie's construction of the Orders of Government, by no means follows from them as a necessary consequence. If the Government permitted him in 1841 to count his future service in the Civil Department as service towards Military pension under the Rules applicable to Carnatic Ordnance Artificers, it does not follow that he was thereby permitted Conversely to count his past service as an Artificer towards pension under the Uncovenanted Civil Pension Rules. Looking however to the spirit of the two orders above quoted. His Excellency

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Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the only reason why the view contained in the request now made was not adopted in the Financial order of 1841, as actually suggested in the previous Military order, was that the contingency of Mr. Bowie's ultimately rising to a pension grade in the Civil Department, was not then thought of. The suggestion made in the Military order would apparently have been put in force, had it not appeared at the time that it would be disadvantageous to the applicant. The Governor in Council sees no reason why Mr. Bowie's case should be regarded less favourably now than it appears to have been in the year 1841. In Government's his opinion an equitable claim has been made out for permitting the time spent by Mr. Bowie

as an Ordnance Artificer, to
count as service towards Civil
Pension as per margin. ~~I beg~~
~~therefore to recommend~~ that in
supersession of the order of this
Government, dated 4th February
1870, No. 60, Pension sanction may
be given to passing to Mr. Alexander
Bowie a pension calculated
upon 29-0-4 of service, or a
sum of 125 Rupees per annum,
equal to one half of his salary
during the last 5 years.

Mr. Bowie asks in the
third place that an allowance
of Rs. 50 which he drew for
4 years 2 months and 23 days
in the Iron Foundry attached
to the Fort, may be included
in the Emoluments upon which
his pension is calculated, that
sum being regarded in the light
of a personal allowance. This plea
is inadmissible, and the Governor
in Council does not support it.

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Ordnance Artificers
From 1st June 1833 to 22nd Jan. 1838 ... 4-6-14
Superintendent in the Mint
From 23rd Jan. 1838 to 16th May 1869 ... 23-6-23

32-1-7

Deduct service before 22 years of age ... 3-1-3

Total result ... 29-0-4

The Salary of Rs. 50 was not a personal allowance, but a sum granted on the contingent list; as such it cannot be included in the Emoluments on which pension is calculated.

Private & Confidential
Public Department
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Memorandum for Orders.

Mr A Bowie late Supt. of the Madras Mint was pensioned on G.O. 7th Feby: 1870 No 60, and granted Rs 83-4-- per mensem being one third of his salary. His service was as follows.

Carnatic Ordnance Artificer	}	8-6-14
Mint Artificer		4--22
Mint Superintendent		23-6-23
		36-1-29

The first period was rejected, on the report of the Controller of Military Accounts, on the ground that the service was Military, the second period was passed in the grade of Head Carpenter, a class of artificers not eligible to pension, and the third period entitled Mr Bowie to

I think this is a case which should be liberally dealt with. Mr Bowie has served for 36 years of which 32 were in grades to which pensionary advantages were attached - the 4 turned adrift - who is still fit for further service - for any consequence advantage - at an age which precludes his re-employment in the public service and renders his chance of obtaining employment elsewhere almost hopeless. I direct the new letter by the Under Secy of St

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To

The Secretary to the
Government of
Department

Dated 186 .

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to a one third pension which he got.

2. Mr Bowie has now petitioned citing certain orders of Govt passed at the time of his transfer from the Carnatic Ordnance Establishment to the Bmt; under which he claims to include for pecl pension his service in the former. If this be allowed Mr Bowie will be eligible to half pension,

3. Carnatic Ordnance Artificers after 22 years service are entitled to a pension of 2/3rds of their pay on certificate of good character and of unfitness for further duty. When transferred from the Ordnance to other Public Departments at their own request they ordinarily forfeit their

order of Dec 7/41
ht I am directed from
its tenor that if Artificers
had been eligible to
pension. Mr Bowie would
have been allowed to reckon
two years that pension
his Military service to
Sept 30 as commencement
in the Madras Dt. The order
in point allowed him
to add Civil service
to Military service to
the converse held good
but in a case of this
kind pt should not
I think stick to
his letter - but treat a
pt Sergeant in a
Military way N.

L. O. L

I agree with Mr Sir
but we must refer the question
to the Govt of India L. O. L

× This man was pensioned on Medical Certificate on 1865, one half pay after serving in eligible grades upwards of 27 years. So he got the maximum pension allowed under the Civil rules no question was raised as to his service as an Ordnance Artificer, which was rejected as of course. His case therefore furnishes no precedent for decision on Mr Bowie's claim. The phraseology of the order in his case (E. M. C. Mil. Dep. 1st July 1841) is much clearer than that relating to Bowie. Christian was transferred "without forfeiture on that account of his claim to the regulated pension in the Military department."

× not unsuccessfully

A. J. A.

their claims to pension: Bowie and a man named Christian were about the same time specially exempted from this rule, and it is under the orders of exemption that he now claims to reckon his Ordnance service for Civil pension.

4. The Orders cited by Mr Bowie are not sufficiently precise in their terms to warrant the interpretation put upon them. The fact seems to be that the case, which subsequently arose viz- Mr Bowie's promotion to a post carrying right to pension under the Civil superannuation rules, was not contemplated when the orders were passed in E. M. C. 14th Dec. 1841 No. 4771 Mil. Dept. It was considered that in view of granting a Military pension

pension to a Carnatic Ordnance Artificer for services performed in a Civil Depart.t, it would be preferable to transfer the individual allowing him to count his previous military service towards any pension, to which he would eventually become entitled under the regulations of the department to which he is transferred but as a special case only." This was the opinion of the Military Deptt and had this order stood alone then would be some grounds though not very strong grounds, for allowing Lr. Bowie's construction. The final order was however passed in the Financial Deptt E. I. C. 21st Dec.r 1841 (No 451) and under the authority was granted,

The use of *would* instead of *might* shows that the Ordg. Deptt believed that as a Limit Artificer Bowie could get pension, and under this belief the suggestion was made. The belief was a mistaken one, as was pointed out by the Financial Deptt Order.

granted as a special case for the permanent transfer to the limit of Carnatic Ordnance Artificer. A Bowie without forfeiture on that account of his claim to the pension to which he would have been eventually entitled had he continued in the military branch of the service." The order goes on to remark that the appointment held by Lr Bowie in the Limit would not give him a claim to supernumerary pension and lays down that "the Military pension to which that person (Bowie) might eventually have become entitled should be debited to the Limit Deptt." This clause of the order has obvious reference to the suggestion of the Military Department and amounts to a rejection of it. The instruction

intention & undoubt clearly was that Bowies service as Fmk Artificer should be added on to his service as Ordnance Artificer and that for his combined service he should be granted a pension under the Military pension rules applicable to Carnatic Ordnance Artificers. The Order seems distinctly to disallow the application of Civil pension rules to Bowies Ordnance service.

5. Mr. Bowie may therefore have the option of making his claim for pension under either the Civil: or Civil rules in the one case as an Artificer and in the other as an uncovenanted servant. His claim would

i.e. that if after 22 years combined service, he became unfit for further duty, he would be granted a pension at the military rates, which however would be debited to the Mint.
HSD

It is plain from the terms of the order in Christian's case that this was what was intended in his case.

I do not see why he should receive this extra pension

But are we not abolishing him?

would be rejected under the former rules; for he has not been declared unfit for service, nor does his whole service as an artificer amount to 22 years. It is also unquestionable that it is most to his advantage to choose the Civil rules.

6. I submit for these reasons that Mr. Bowie's claim to Civil half pension, based on the inclusion of his service as Carnatic Ordnance Artificer should be rejected.

7. In his petition he in the second place urges that it is unfair to reject his service as Head Carpenter by giving retrospective effect to an order (G.O No 438 dated 13th Dec 1869). His retirement took place on 14th Aug. 1869.

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The retrospective effect is only apparent. On January 1869 last, the Secy. of State sanctioned the admission of Hindu Artificers to the benefits of the new pension rules and in July 1869, before Mr. Bowies retirement the Govt. of India, in explanation of the Secy. of States Despatch, declared that only Artificers engaged in employments of a nature calculated to prejudice their health should be admitted to pension. A committee was therefore convened to classify the Hindu Artificers occupations with reference to this order; and the order of this Govt. which

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This rule has so far as this Govt. were concerned been interpreted in the case of Mr. Schwanke but Mr. Schwanke would have had no pension under the rule of the Govt. of India Mr. Bowie in any case gets 1/3 pension. HLD

is complained of as ex-post facto, merely adopted the classification effected by the Committee. The case as regards this service is precisely similar to Mr. G. A. Schwankes.

7. In the third place Mr. Bowie claims that an allowance of Rs. 50 which he drew for 4 years 2 months and 23 days in the Iron Foundry attached to the Mint shall be included, as a personal allowance, in the emoluments on which his pension was calculated. This is inadmissible. The Salary was not a personal allowance but a sum granted on the Contingent list, and cannot therefore be so included as it is only permanent emoluments which can be taken into account.

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Fort St. George
11 June 70.

Ch. J. St. Marie - Late
Superintendent in the Fiji Islands

1870.

Financial DEPARTMENT

From

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India
Financial Department.

Dated June 11 1870.

Read.

No. 267
Enclosure.

Nos. 25. 26

Forwarding for Order, an application for increase of pension payable to this Govt. by Bo. & Baroda, late Resident in the Travancore State.