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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 1. Read the following letter from the Acting Assay Master, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 27th September 1870, No. 84:—

I have the honour to state that, in compliance with the Order of Government, No. 384, dated 14th September 1870, arrangements will be made, from 1st proximo, for the reduction and amalgamation of the Assay Office and Bullion Depôt Establishments under my charge. I beg to observe that, in the new establishment provided, no allowance is made for an Accountant, which is indispensable. After careful consideration, I find the following establishment absolutely necessary for the reduced Assay Office to be retained, and shall feel obliged, therefore, by your obtaining the sanction of Government to its entertainment in place of the one mentioned:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Accountant and Superintendent of Laboratory...	200	0	0
Writer	30	0	0
Weighing-man and Muster Cutter	35	0	0
Melter	15	0	0
Hammerman	10	0	0
Two Coolies, at 7 Rupees each	14	0	0
Sweeper and Scavenger	3	8	0
Total...	307	8	0

2. The ordinary duties of the Assay Office, in addition to the chemical testing of all bullion bought by Government, are the checking and correcting of all weights and measures used for the Commissariat Department, the lettering and mending of all silver medals for the Adjutant-General's Department, and the preparation of mineral acids as required by the Arsenal and other Government Offices at the Presidency.

3. So long as the Paper Currency reserve, amounting to fifty-six lakhs of rupees in coined money, and the silver and copper bullion, amounting to upwards of ten lakhs of rupees, are kept here, no reduction is possible in the Bullion and Treasury Room Establishment.

4. No reduction either is possible in the Gate Establishment if the dies and presses of the Stamp Paper Department are to be retained and worked here.

5. Without trustworthy and competent establishments for the safe custody of the coin, bullion, and stamps, it would be dangerous for me to undertake the responsible charge of such valuable property.

BULLION AND TREASURY ESTABLISHMENT.

	RS.
1 Treasurer and Bullion Keeper	200
1 Shroff and Weighing-man	14
1 Maistry	14
4 Gollahs, at 8 Rupees each	32
5 Assorters and Coolies, at 8 Rupees each	40
Total...	300

GATE AND STAMP WARDER ESTABLISHMENT.

	RS.
1 Superintendent and Stamp Warder	100
8 Gollahs, at 8 Rupees each...	64
Total...	164

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

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1870, No. 410.

The Government will be prepared to reconsider the reductions prescribed in the Departments under the Assay Master in their Order, dated 14th September last, No. 384, after an experience of six months.

2. The additional duties of the Assay Office, described in paragraph 2 of the letter above recorded, will be performed at the Workshops of the Department of Public Works.

3. It is observed that the Paper Currency reserve has been ordered to be transferred to the Fort.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Assay Master.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Gobt. of {1870} Madras.

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To

THE ASSAY MASTER.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 4th.

Recd. *Encl.*

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The Actg Assay Master

To The Chief Secretary
to Govt
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Dated 27
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States in compliance with
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reduction & Amalgamation
of the Assay Office & Bullion
Depôt & proposes establish-
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to conduct the Assay
Office Treasury & Gate.

William Aden.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

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To

The Assay Master

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Dated 6th 4.

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