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Government of Madras.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
19th June 1871.

Read the following papers :—

No. 35. From H. W. GRAHAM, Esq., Assay Master, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 27th May 1871, No. 25.

I am about to give over charge, to the Chemical Examiner, of the Madras Assay Office—a department with which I have had the honour of being connected on and off since December 1863,—and I feel bound in justice to the establishment (for I fear most, if not all, of the employés may be dispensed with) to lay before His Excellency the Governor in Council the services of the principal subordinates, and respectfully solicit favourable consideration on their behalf. I feel it the more incumbent upon me to take up their case as, on my departure, there is no one so qualified to represent their merits and claims.

2. Mr. John Duarte, the present Manager, has been twenty-three years in Government employ, and has earned for himself a high character for steadiness and efficiency, as will be seen on reference to his late memorial which justly deserved and received the consideration of Government. He entered Government service at the Mint in 1847 as Accountant, Writer, and Draughtsman. In 1856 he was transferred to the Revenue Board Office as Teloogoo Translator, Lithographer, Draughtsman, &c. In 1859 he joined the Assay Office as Deputy Manager. In 1866 he was made Superintendent of Die-cutting Room in the Mint, and in the same year was appointed (on the demise of the late Manager) Manager and Head Accountant of the Assay Office. During all these twenty-three years he has zealously carried on his duties, and has been absent only one month (in 1855) on privilege leave. He is still strong and active and capable of serving Government for many years to come. His father served in the late Mint forty years.

To Government, 21st November 1870.
From „ 6th January 1871, No. 5.
„ „ 16th „ „ „ 25.

3. Rungasawmy, Writer, has been on the Mint Establishment and worked zealously when the Currency and Stamp Paper Departments were being organized. He has always been most assiduous and attentive to his work, and is a steady, plodding man. During the time he has been under me he has ever given satisfaction. A statement of his services, which extend over twenty-one years, will be seen in the memorial forwarded by me to Government on the 14th March 1871.

4. Next comes " Soobaroyaloo," the Head Weighman; he has been upwards of sixteen years on the Assay Office Establishment; a quiet, honest, steady, working servant of Government; true, zealous, and efficient; deserving particular attention as he is not a pushing man. He is the third in the same family who was so employed; he holds the same appointment his grandfather and father held successively before him in all respect and honesty.

5. " Chinnapen," the Assistant Weighman or " Maistry," is a most active, useful, and intelligent servant of Government, having served nineteen years in various appointments in the Mint, and was picked out to serve in the Assay Office because he could and would put his hand to anything. He is comparatively young, and there is much good work in him yet; and I consider any scientific or mechanical department would be lucky in obtaining his services.

6. I hold my hand here, and will not trouble Government with any other names or special descriptions, but the others are all old trusty servants who have

rendered right good service to Government for many years, and it would be hard to turn them adrift on to the world to seek ungenial employment.

7. While they seek other employ, it seems little to ask for them that they may be exempted from all examination tests, similar favours having been accorded to mere copyists and writers in other offices. But these men have already performed years of peculiar and responsible work with steadiness, fidelity, and devotion, two or three of them very probably with injury to their constitution, for formerly they were all more or less exposed to the deleterious fumes of lead, and latterly to those of sulphuric, muriatic, and nitric acids, which it has been their business to manufacture in considerable quantity for Assay Office and Ordnance purposes.

8. If it is the intention of Government to abolish the establishment *in toto* in consequence of the stagnation in the bullion trade, I trust His Excellency the Governor in Council will direct that these men may be drafted into other suitable departments, and that they may remain on the same footing as regards salary; it would be but simple justice in return for their long and faithful services and excellent character.

9. I beg, herewith, to append a list of the Assay Office Establishment as it at present exists, with their salaries and length of services, for ready reference of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

List of Servants on the Establishment of Her Majesty's Assay Office, Madras.

No.	Designation of Office.	Salary.			Length of service.
		RS.	A.	P.	Years.
1	Assistant, J. Duarte	200	0	0	23
2	Writer, T. Rungasawmy	30	0	0	21
3	Weighman, B. Soobaroyaloo	35	0	0	16
4	Assistant Weighman, T. Chinnapen	15	0	0	19
5	Head Laboratory-man	15	0	0	13
6	Melter and Fireman	12	0	0	20
7	Moochie	12	0	0	16
8	Hammerman	10	0	0	14
9	Gollah	8	0	0	15
10	Do.	8	0	0	13
11	Cooly	7	0	0	20
12	Do.	7	0	0	15
13	Sweeper and Scavenger	3	8	0	20
	Total...	362	8	0	

Fort St. George,
27*th May* 1871.

(Signed) HENRY W. GRAHAM,
Assay Master.

Referred to the Chemical Examiner, for report on the establishment he would require in connexion with the work entrusted to him.

Fort St. George,
2*nd June* 1871.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
19*th June* 1871.

No. 36. From the Chemical Examiner, in charge Assay Office, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Medical College, Madras, 7th June 1871, No. 44.

With reference to your memorandum of 2nd instant, on the subject of establishment necessary for the Assay Department, I have the honour to state that I am unprepared at present to offer any opinion, having had as yet no experience of the working of the office. Mr. Graham lately put on record his opinion that the establishment as at present sanctioned was not in excess of the work which might have, at any time, to be done.

2. At present, the manufacture of acids for the public departments is carried on by the Assay Establishment. I hope that this duty will soon be transferred to the Principal Medical Storekeeper, as it forms no part of the assay work which I undertook. When this transfer has taken place I shall probably be able to suggest an experimental reduction of the Assay Establishment, and I shall then have the honour to address you again on the subject.

No. 37. Order thereon, 19th June 1871, No. 240.

The Government await the Chemical Examiner's promised report.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Chemical Examiner.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE CHEMICAL EXAMINER.

Dated June, 19th.

Read.

G. O., 19th June 1871, No. 240.

JUNE.
Nos. 35–37.

Awaiting the Chemical Examiner's promised report regarding the establishment necessary for working of the Assay Department.

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No. 25.

Fort St. George,
H. M's. Assay Office
27th May 1871.

From

H. W. Graham Esq.
Assay Master

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

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Month (in 1855) on privilege leave - He is
still strong and active and Capable of serving
Government for many years to come - His
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To Govt
21st Nov. 1870.
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To Govt 16 Jany 71. No 25.

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ever

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his services which extend over 21 years
will be seen in the Memorial forwarded
by me to Government on the 11th March
1871.

4. Next comes "Soobroyloo" the
head Weighman he has been upwards of
16 years on the Assay Office establish-
:ment - a quiet honest steady working
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Henry W. Jackson
Assay Master

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3	Weighman	35 " "	16 "
4	Assistant Weighman	15 " "	19 "
5	Head Laboratory Man	15 " "	13 "
6	Melter & Fireman	12 " "	20 "
7	Moochie	12 " "	16 "
8	Hammerman	10 " "	14 "
9	Gollah	8 " "	15 "
10	do	8 " "	13 "
11	Cooly	7 " "	20 "
12	do	7 " "	15 "
13	Sweeper & Scavenger	3 8 "	20 "
	Total Rupees	362 8 "	

Fort St. George,
H. M's Assay Office,
27th May 1871

Henry W. Parkman
Assay Master

No. 44.

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To The

Actg Chief Secretary
Fort St George.

Sir,

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2. At present the manufacture of acids for the public Departments is carried on by the Assay Estab-

Referred to the Chemical Examiner for report on the Establishment he would require in connection with the work entrusted to him.

Fort St George
2nd June 1871.

J. Andrews
Ag. Chief Secy

To the Chemical Examiner.

Rec'd 3rd June 1871
Ans. 16th January 1871. No. 25
Rec'd 6th January 1871. No. 5

Ex. 1871 Default

No. 240

From
The Acting Auditor
Accounts

To Mr Ellis, Secretary
to Government

No. 221. Fort St George

Dated 27th May 1871
Rec'd 27th May 1871

No. 25.

Bringing to the notice of Govt the Notice issued by the Chemical Examiner, inviting all Claims of the Public Departments to Assay Office free of charge, requesting the favorable consideration of Govt to the issue of an order to their long and faithful Servant, publicly thanking him for all Examinations, tests and Certificates he may be required to furnish, gratuitously, the Public Departments.

Assay Office in connexion with the Auditor's Office

Bullion trade.

No. 35

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transferred to the Principal
Medical Storekeeper, as it
forms no part of the As-
say work which I under-
took. When this transfer
has taken place I shall
probably be able to sug-
gest an experimental re-
duction of the Assay Es-
tablishment; and I shall
then have the honor to
address you again on
the subject.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obt. servant,
Henry Trimble
Chem. Exam.
In Charge Assay
Office.

Med. Coll.
June 7. 1871.

Rec: 6th January 1871 No: 8-9.
Ans: 18th January 1871 No: 25
Rec: 25th March 1871 No: 40-41.

Finance 1871 Dept. &
From Chem. & Exam.rs
To, Chief Secy to
Govt.
Dated 7th June 1871.
Read 12th
No. 248
No. 44.
With One Enclosure

Finance 1871 Dept. &
From Chem. & Exam.rs
To, Chief Secy to
Govt.
Dated 7th June 1871.
Read 12th
No. 248
No. 44.
With One Enclosure

State, that he is quite unprepared to offer an opinion with regard to the Establishment necessary for the Assay Dept. but when the said work is transferred to Mr. C. Storekeeper the will probably be able to suggest an Experimental reduction.

With One Order

Read 3rd 22nd & 24th June 1871 No. 240

To Chief Secy to Govt.

From Chemical Examiner & Assayer to Govt.

Chemical Examiner's Office 23rd June 1871

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Govt. of {1871} Madras.

Financial

To

The Chemical Examiner.

Dated June 19.

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 19 June 1871, No. 240.

Nos. 35. 37.

Awaiting the Chemical Examiner's promised report regarding the Establishment necessary for working of the Assay Dept.