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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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No. 69. Read the following letter from the Acting Commissioner of Paper Currency, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 7th October 1871, No. 594 :—

I have the honour to bring to the notice of Government that, since the dismissal of the contingent establishment of assorters reported in this office letter, dated 7th June 1871, No. 237, the demand for silver in exchange for notes has been very much larger than was anticipated.

2. The Bank in the end of June indented for 15 lakhs, and for 4 lakhs on 4th September, and, in addition to the ordinary daily transactions of the public, Indigo and Cotton merchants for remittance to Cuddapah, Bellary, and Kurnool exchanged notes for coin during June, July, and August to the value of upwards of Rupees 2,80,000.

3. The assorted coin was consequently reduced from upwards of 30 lakhs on the 5th June to 10 lakhs upon 7th ultimo, and as the Government balance in the Bank might, at any moment, have been such as to compel the Bank to exchange a further amount of notes, it was deemed necessary to make the Treasury Department work extra hours to increase the assorted coin reserve as rapidly as possible. They accordingly commenced from 7th ultimo to work at 8-30 A.M., in place of at 11, and they continued their work after the usual office hours. In this way the assorted coin reserve, notwithstanding continued heavy demands by the public for remittance purposes, was increased to 16½ lakhs on 30th ultimo.

4. From this, however, a sum of 4 lakhs was taken by the Bank of Madras on 3rd instant, so that, even after working extra hours for a month, the sum available for issue in exchange for notes has been increased by only 2½ lakhs, while shroffage has during this period been entirely in abeyance. Upwards of 14¾ lakhs are now in the Treasury unshroffed, but will not be taken in hand until the assorted coin amounts to at least 20 lakhs.

5. In these circumstances, I have no alternative but to continue the extra hours as at present, and trust that Government will be pleased to grant the establishment compensation in the shape of additional pay for the extra time they are employed.

6. The allowance sanctioned by Government for extra hours' work at the late Mint was 50 per cent. of salary to all members of the department, but I am of opinion that one-third pay extra is sufficient to meet the present case.

7. Accordingly, I solicit authority for disbursement to the men employed of remuneration at the above rate for the number of days during which they have hitherto worked beyond ordinary office hours, and permission to draw additional pay at the above rate for the current month also, as I shall have to continue the extra hours up to 31st instant, by which time I trust the state of the assorted coin reserve will be such as to enable me to relieve the establishment from working extra hours, the nature of the work of assortment and shroffment being such that it is physically impossible for the men to continue working as they are doing at present for any lengthened period.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
14th October 1871.

No. 70. ORDER THEREON, 14th October 1871, No. 560.

The proposed payment for work overtime is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R. E.,
Acting Joint Secretary, P. W. D.,
for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Acting Commissioner of Paper Currency.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Financial 1871 Department

From.

Asst. Commissioner of Paper Currency.

To

The Chief Secretary to Govt. Financial Depts.

Calcutta.

Dated 7th
Recd 9. } October 1871.

No 625. No 5974

Requesting authority for disbursement of extra salary from 7th September to 31st October 1871 to the members of the Treasury Department who are engaged in working extra hours to increase the assisted Govt Reserves.

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With an Order

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FINANCIAL.

To THE COMMISSIONER OF PAPER CURRENCY.

Dated Calcutta, 10th October 1871.

Sir,

I AM DIRECTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER No. 625 OF THE 7TH INSTANT, AND TO REQUEST THAT YOU WILL INFORM THE GOVERNMENT WHETHER THE EXTRA SALARY PROPOSED TO BE GIVEN TO THE MEMBERS OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT WHO ARE ENGAGED IN WORKING EXTRA HOURS TO INCREASE THE ASSISTED GOVT RESERVES, IS TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE ASSISTED GOVT RESERVES OR AGAINST THE GENERAL REVENUES.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT,

No. 69-70.

OCTOBER

Secretary to the Government of India.

Commissioner of Paper Currency.

Calcutta, the 10th October 1871.

No. 5974.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 625 of the 7th instant, and to request that you will inform the Government whether the extra salary proposed to be given to the members of the Treasury Department who are engaged in working extra hours to increase the assisted Govt Reserves, is to be charged against the assisted Govt Reserves or against the General Revenues.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Secretary to the Government of India.

Ostracamund. 14 October 1871. No. 560.

Requesting payment for work executed in Lunatic Asylum Ostracamund during 2 years 3 months ending 31st March 1871.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a bill for Rupees 10,350. Ten thousand three hundred and fifty only, being the amount of work executed in the Lunatic Asylum Ostracamund during 2 years 3 months ending 31st March 1871.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble servant