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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
27th February 1871.

No. 20. Read the following letter from H. W. GRAHAM, Esq., Assay Master, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort Saint George, 23rd January 1871, No. 267 :—

I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to forward the accompanying letter to the Secretary to Government in the Financial Department at Calcutta.

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(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Assay Master.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of {1871} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE ASSAY MASTER.

Dated February, 27th.

Read.

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FEBRUARY,

Nos. 20-21.

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No. 266

Fort Saint George,
Mint Assay Office,
23rd January 1871.

From

Henry W. Graham Esq.
Assay Master.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Financial Department
Fort William

Sir,

With reference to an Official Visit made by the Chief Secretary, Secretary to Government Public Works department and the Principal Inspector General Medical department, as well as the Medical Storekeeper and Chemical Examiner, on the 20th Instant, to the late Mint buildings, for the purpose of making a part of them over to the Medical Stores department and also of transferring the Assay Work to the Chemical Examiner, I have the honor to request that I may be informed as to the time when it is the intention of the Supreme Government to abolish the Department of which I am the Head in this Presidency.

2. Individually I am perfectly ready at any time to carry out the wishes of Government in any way required of me. I cannot however but feel, that as previous to entering the Department all Assay Officers without exception are required to undergo special training in England and pay

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special fees, and be nominated by the Indian House Authorities, it is rather an Anomaly to have to make over the work to an Officer not in the Department and who is not qualified for Assay work, which is eminently a speciality.

3. It appears to me, although the opinion may be considered gratuitous, it would be far preferable in place of this half measure & in the interest both of Government and the Merchant that the Assay department in Madras be abolished altogether and completely and no bullion be received. The Merchants could then make their own arrangements and would not be in the position to question the Assay reports of an unqualified Officer and Government could be spared all expenses connected with Assay establishment and Apparatus.

4. While applying for information with regard to the Assay Office at Madras, I trust that I as Assay Master, may be excused in expressing anxiety to be made acquainted with the intention of Government with respect to myself, and with my future employment and destination.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Servant
Henry B. Jackson
Assay Master

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Financial Department

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2. The Supreme Govt will doubtless pay due regard to Dr Graham's claims.

To The Assay Master. dated 4/3

I gather from Dr Graham's letter that he has not yet been officially apprised of the intention of the Supreme Govt. I would take him this - and if he knew to what the Supreme Govt was going &c. & declined to forward his letter. He

It will be remembered that it is proposed by the Govt of India, with the concurrence of this Govt, after communication with the Chamber of Commerce, that the office of Assay Master at Madras should be established and that such assays - now very rare, as may be required should be done by the Chemical Examiner to Govt. Dr Graham the

I knew Dr. King holds from the Professor of Practical Chemistry Dublin - a man of very considerable scientific reputation.

It is submitted that this certificate of work I can see a copy is perfectly satisfactory - but if necessary it may be submitted to the Chamber of Commerce. They may be asked if they are satisfied

It is necessary to submit his qualifications to the Chamber of Commerce.

J. D'L.

the present Agent Martin with questionable taste addresses a letter to the Govt of India, in which he describes the arrangement as anomalous and raises doubts as to Dr. King's qualifications as an assayer - Inspector Dr Mackenzie to obtain further information of Govt, the certificate of Dr

daily entitled to know his services to be after his interests but he is not entitled to discuss our plans - nor to make a protest thereof.

J. D'L.

I agree

I think Dr King's certificate is satisfactory that

Army Office.

with D. King's qualifications
The expression of their
opinion may then with
such remarks as the
Govt may wish to offer
be sent to the Govt
of India with Dr
Graham's letter.

RK

I doubt the ex-
-pediency of
this. The in cum-
-bent is also Chemical
Examiner, Professor
&c and he cannot
ask Govt to lessen
qualifications on
account. He has his
head set & will
succeed unless they like.

J. D'L

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Department of Science and
Art.
Museum of Irish Industry
Stephens Green. Dublin.

It gives me very great pleasure
to bear testimony to the high
scientific attainments of Dr
Henry King A.B. & school.
I.C.D.
I first became acquainted
with Dr King in the Session
of 1862-63 when he entered
the Laboratory of this
Institution for the purpose
of pursuing still further
the study of Practical
Chemistry, which he had
studied with much brilliant

success some years previously
in the Laboratory of
Trinity College Dublin
During his stay in this
Laboratory he occupied
himself principally
with the analysis of
highly complex substances,
and with the Assaying
of Silver. Lead and
other ores. he also made
himself acquainted
with the new methods
of instruction which

have been adopted of late
years in the Teaching of
Chemistry
Dr King has knowledge of
Theoretical & Practical
Chemistry is both extensive
and accurate and he
has also a profound
knowledge of the allied
sciences.
I have no hesitation
in expressing my
belief that Dr King
would undertake the
duties of a Chair
of Chemistry with great

credit to himself and
with the greatest advantage
to the institution with
which he may be
connected.

Robert Galloway
F.C.

Professor of Practical
Chemistry

(True Copy)

Ellis
Chairman

25. Aug '71

My dear Ellis

Herewith I
certificate for
which you have
asked.

It appears to me
that he is quite
qualified for assay

work. & that Govt & the Merchants may have every reliance on his results of the analyses of both others & sold.

As he may not have a copy of the certificate will you, please, take care that the documents is returned to him.

Yours sincerely
D. Macadam

Govt. of {187 } Madras.

Judl.

To

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Dated Feby. 27 } 1871., No. 80.
Recd.

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