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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 82.

FROM

THE HON. R. S. ELLIS, C.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Referring to the Despatch from the Secretary of State, dated 22nd July 1870, No. 2080, I have the honour to forward, herewith, a memorial from Mr. Alexander Bowie, late Superintendent of Machinery in the Madras Mint, requesting that his pension may be raised from Rupees 100 to Rupees 125.

2. Although the Secretary of State has already passed orders on the case, fixing Mr. Bowie's pension at the former amount, I am to adopt the regular course of transmitting this, his first direct appeal to the Secretary of State.

3. The nature and merits of his claim are fully explained in a letter from this Government, dated 11th June 1870, No. 267. His Excellency in Council still adheres to the recommendation made therein, that a pension of Rupees 125 per mensem should be passed to Mr. Bowie.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
27th February 1871.

Chief Secretary.

TO

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR IND[I]A,
...ion.

The humble Memorial of ALEXANDER BOWIE, late Superintendent of Machinery of the Madras Mint,

HUMBLY SHOWETH,

That your Memorialist, while gratefully acknowledging the receipt through the Madras Government of your Grace's Despatch quoted in the margin, begs most respectfully to urge his claim to a higher rate of pension, viz., a moiety of his pay (Rupees 125), on the following grounds.

"I have considered in Council your Financial letter, dated the 22nd July last, No. 174, recommending that, under the circumstances therein stated, the pension of Rupees 83-4-0 per mensem which has been granted to Mr. Alexander Bowie, late Superintendent in the Madras Mint, be increased to Rupees 100 per mensem.

2. The grant of the increased pension is sanctioned."

2. That your Memorialist's transfer to the Superannuation List was not a voluntary act of his own, but that, while possessing health and strength for the continuance of his services for a longer period, they were cut short by an unforeseen and accidental circumstance, to wit, the abolition of the Madras Mint.

3. That your Memorialist dates his service from 1st June 1833 to 14th August 1869, making a period of thirty-six years, two months, and fourteen days. For the first eight and a half years and fourteen days, your Memorialist served Government in its Military Branch, in the capacity of a Carnatic Ordnance

Artificer, and did *bona fide* Government duties in the Civil Branch also—*vide* extract of letter from the Mint Master to the late Military Board, dated 29th August 1840, quoted in the margin. Here your humble Memorialist would, with all deference, represent that he was then only a Carnatic Ordnance Artificer; still his energy and skill, and, to use the words of the Mint Master, "superior intelligence," were exercised for the Madras Mint, which your Memorialist believes is purely a Civil Department, and begs, therefore, that those services may be recognized by a humane and charitable Government in calculating the total period on which the claim to full pensionary grant is based.

"That the services of Carnatic Artificer Bowie cannot, without the greatest inconvenience, be spared from the establishment, and upon his exertions I am solely dependent 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."

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

4. That your Memorialist, on the 1st January 1842, was transferred to the Madras Mint as Head Carpenter, on a salary of Rupees 50, by Order of Government in its Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 451, dated 21st December 1841, Financial Department—*vide* extract in the margin. On the good faith of this order, and encouraged by the hope of a future benefit, your Memorialist relinquished the Military Service and served in the capacity of Head Carpenter for a period of four years and twenty-two days. Referring to paragraph 106, Chapter III. of the Civil Auditor's Manual (published by authority), and the orders marginally quoted, your Memorialist would respectfully submit that it is stated therein that the period for pension of an Uncovenanted Assistant from the State is reckoned from the *earliest* date of public service; in conformity with these orders, your humble Memorialist is of opinion that his service as a Carnatic Ordnance Artificer counts for pension from the date of his first enlistment in the establishment of the Grand Arsenal, viz., 1st June 1833.

"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."

Honourable Court to Government of India, 27th August, No. 78 of 1856, Financial.
Paragraph 8, Government of India, 29th October 1856, No. 49, Financial.
Madras Government, 20th November 1856, No. 579, Financial, Note, page 303.

5. That your Memorialist, with regard to his service as a Head Carpenter, would humbly represent that, agreeably to Clause I., paragraph 138, page 264 of the Pay and Audit Regulations, a provisionary clause favouring an Uncovenanted Servant circumstanced as your Memorialist is will be found. The portion runs thus:—"But claims barred by this Rule will be specially considered if the promotion from "an ineligible to an eligible grade was bestowed as a reward for meritorious service "or for other good conduct." Even admitting that the designation of Head Carpenter was ineligible, although the duties were *bonâ fide* those of an Uncovenanted Servant, it would doubtless appear obvious to your Grace that your Memorialist's advancement from grade to grade (from ineligible to eligible) was the inevitable result of his *meritorious service and good conduct.* Your Memorialist would take the liberty to quote in the margin one of the many testimonials in his possession for the information of your Grace, and invite special attention to one fact to which Colonel Smith bears testimony,

25th August 1855.

"Mr. A. Bowie has been employed in the Mint under my immediate orders during the period of fifteen years, first as Artificer and Head Carpenter, and latterly for the last nine 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."

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7. That your Memorialist begs to be pardoned the liberty of prominently bringing to the notice of your Grace that the first Steam Engine yet manufactured in Madras was, through the superintendence of your Memorialist, constructed at the Madras Mint; and in the margin is annexed a laudatory expression of opinion of Colonel J. T. Smith, Mint Master, under date 22nd March 1854, in confirmation of the fact. That your Memorialist has devoted his whole time and attention to the service of Government, and cared very little about his own private interests and comforts, are borne out in the annexed Extract from a Memorandum on the operations of the Madras Mint in the years 1856-57-58, by Lieutenant-Colonel F. C. Cotton, dated Ootacamund, 2nd February 1859. This Officer was of opinion that your Memorialist's pay was inadequate to his deserts, but it bears still harder if, after his health has failed him and his strength decayed, his pension should be inadequate to his period of service.

"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."

"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 should be glad to see Mr. Bowie's pay raised to an amount more *adequate* to his deserts."

8. That while your Memorialist held the employment of Head Carpenter he was Superintendent of the Foundry also, which latter charge devolved on your Memorialist by order of Colonel J. T. Smith, Mint Master. Your Memorialist may, perhaps, add, in support of his claim to a moiety of pension, that, on reference to the Records of the Mint Office, it will be seen that your Memorialist had neither a month's privilege leave nor was he ever absent for a single day by being sick in hospital.

9. That your Memorialist would humbly take leave to mention that, on Mechanical Engineer Clarke's decease, your Memorialist was appointed to take charge of the Iron and Brass Foundry by Colonel Carpendale, which duties he performed for a period over four years, by which arrangement a very considerable saving was effected to credit of the State; and for the manner your Memorialist conducted such duties, it need only be stated that an extract quoted in the margin from a testimonial granted by Lieutenant-Colonel C. V. Wilkieson, dated 12th November 1866, will, it is hoped, suffice.

"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 superintendence."

10. That your humble Memorialist, in conclusion, would, for the sake of argument, cite the cases of two late fellow employés in the Mint, Mr. J. Schwanke, and Yamacharry. The former was a Head Turner and afterwards Superintendent of Artificers, and the latter a Head Filer, which capacities, so to speak, are equally as ineligible as the services of your Memorialist for four years and twenty-two days. Theirs were considerately recognized, and the individuals are now on the receipt of their respective pensions. Your Memorialist with all deference submits that his case having been considered as an exceptional one bears very hard upon an old and tried servant of Government.

That your Memorialist, therefore, respectfully prays that, in consideration of the circumstances detailed above, the higher rate of pension of Rupees 125 may now be accorded to him, and for which

Your Memorialist, as in duty bound,
Shall ever pray.

MADRAS,
11*th January* 1871.

(Signed) ALEXANDER BOWIE.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

1871.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Fort Saint George,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,

Financial Department.

Dated 27th Feb. 1871.

Recd.

No. 62.

Enclosure.

Forwarding, with recommendation, memorial from Mr. A. Bowie, late Superintendent of Machinery in the Madras Mint, praying that his pension may be raised from 100 Rupees to Rupees 125.

Pol & Sec Letter 1870. No 53-4.
Rec'd 11th June 1870 — No. 267

Financial Dept.

From The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

To The Secretary to the Govt. of India
Financial Department.

Dated 13th January 1871.
Recd. 23rd January 1871.

No. 262.

Political & Secret Letter from Fort St. George.

No. 23.

Forwards a Memorial from Mr. A. Bowie late Superintendent of Machinery in the Madras Mint to be granted the benefit of the Rules for Pensions of State for Madras Servants, under Section 2 of Act 100 of 1859, and recommends that his pension may be raised from Rupees 100 to Rupees 125 per mensem.

Recommends that Mr. Bowie's Memorial may be favourably considered by Government.

No. 24

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with the favorable Consideration
of Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Servant
Amory W. Graham
Essay Master.

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Madras
11th January
1871

No 262 17th

Fort Saint George
H. M's Assay Office
11 January 1871.

From
Henry W. Graham Esq
Assay Master
To
The Chief Secretary to
Government
Fort St George

Sir,

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in triplicate

2. Mr Bowie's pay previous to the abolition of the Mint was 250 Rupees per mensem, he applies for one half as pension viz Rs 125 instead of only the Rs 100 which have been sanctioned on the plea that all his service should be counted towards his pension inasmuch as it has a precedent in other cases which he mentions in his Memorial.

3. I trust that this may meet with

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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.

To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

LONDON.

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HUMBLY SHEWETH,

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

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* 14*th*, 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 annfacture 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.

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 Yamscharry, the latter of whom executed the most difficult parts.

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

22nd 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,
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22nd 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.

25th August 1855.

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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.

12th 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, *9th 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

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 16th 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.

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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 504.

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

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

29th January 1851.

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

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.

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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 14th 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, 22*nd November* 1841.

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.

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.

7th December 1840. (Signed) E. W. SNOW.

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.

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Note original Memorials
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No. 82.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

Financial Department.

Sir,

Referring to the Des-
patch from the Secretary
of State dated 22d July
1870 No 2080, I have the
honor to forward herewith
a Memorial from Mr Alex-
ander Bowie late Superin-
tendent of Machinery in
the Madras Mint, requesting
that his pension may be
raised from Rs 100 to Rs 125.

2. Although the Secre-
tary of State has already
passed orders on the case,
fixing the pension at
the former amount, I
am to adopt the regular
course of transmitting
this, his first direct

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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 25th 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 manufactory 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.

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appeal to the Secretary of State.

3. The nature and merits of his claim are fully explained in a letter from this Government dated 11th June 1870 No 267. His Excellency in Council still adheres to the recommendation made therein, that a pension of £25 per mensem from the 1st proximo be passed to his Credit.

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Fort St George
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Intimation of the despatch of the Memorial given to Mr Bowie by Memo of 8th March 1871 No 65.

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No.

To
The Secretary to the
Government of
Department

Dated 187 .

1871.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

From
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George,

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Department.

Dated July. 27. 1871.
Read.

No. 82
Enclosure.

Nos. 24. 25

Forwarding with recommendation, memorial from Mr. A. Borrie late Supt. of machinery in the Madras Mint; praying that his pension may be raised from 100 Rs to Rs. 125-