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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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FROM

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

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit the accompanying Memorial addressed to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India from Mr. S. V. Scriven, late Storekeeper in the Madras Mint, praying for the grant of a pension of one-third of his pay in lieu of the gratuity which has been disbursed to him.

2. Mr. Scriven's qualifying service in the Mint amounted to 12 years 4 months 28 days for which he was entitled under the Rules to a gratuity of 12 months' pay, Rupees 1,200. Payment of this amount was sanctioned in G. O. of the 14th December 1870, No. 710.

3. I am to add that this Government see no grounds for recommending a departure from the Rules in Mr. Scriven's case.

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

OOTACAMUND,
20th July 1872.

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.,
for *Chief Secretary.*

To

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ARGYLL,
Secretary of State for India,
London.

The humble Memorial of S. V. SCRIVEN,
late Acting Head Storekeeper of the
Madras Mint.

SHOWETH,

That your Grace's memorialist was admitted on the establishment of the Madras Mint on the 1st June 1852, and was thrown out of employment on its abolition on the 31st May 1869, having served in various capacities satisfactorily, namely, Deputy Superintendent Silver Melting-room, Accountant Stamp Paper Department, and Deputy Treasurer, being posts of great trust and responsibility; the duties in the Laminating Department, and as Deputy Superintendent of the

Silver Melting-room, and as Deputy Treasurer and Bullion Keeper were not merely clerical, your memorialist took part in annealing, melting, and refining operations involving great personal risk, requiring strict vigilance and unflinching tenacity in their supervision; to the manner in which these onerous and responsible duties have been conducted, the appended copies of characters will bear testimony.

That the services of your memorialist in the Laminating Department have been disallowed and considered ineligible for pension, having been rendered under the age of twenty-two years; your memorialist begs respectfully to submit that his services at this period were of such a nature as to warrant the presumption of their being allowed to count towards pension on special grounds, from the fact that a form of accounts introduced by him at this time under instructions of Colonel J. T. Smith, then Mint Master, and now Chairman of the Madras Railway Company, eventuated in an unprecedented change having taken place in the results of the operations of this Department yielding a surplus instead of a wastage after manipulation, thus allowing the accounts of this department to exhibit an accumulated credit from this time up to its close in May 1869, amounting in round numbers to some 40,000 Rupees or more, instead of a corresponding loss to that extent.

In addition to this, your memorialist also solicits the favour of your Grace being kindly pleased to review the fact of his having rendered meritorious service, as of a piece with the above, when appointed by Colonel F. C. Cotton for examining the wastage in the Merchant's Bullion Melting-room, which he reduced to an average of 6 Annas per mille from an average of 4 tolas per mille.

With reference to the above your memorialist begs respectfully to observe that not only was the wastage in Melting Merchant's Bullion considerably diminished, but also that the Assay Reports during his tenure were considerably enhanced in value; prior to which the European assay of ·999 suffered a deterioration, being in the majority of cases locally reported as 17½ Pennyweights better than standard, while in fact the same quality of silver under your memorialist's treatment in melting attained a marked change for the best, being reported 19 or 19½ Pennyweights better than standard; and so in proportion with regard to melting Guilders, Five Francs, &c., which duly attained a fineness of one, one and a half Pennyweight, and even more, in excess of the results obtained by his predecessor. Apropos of this, and anent these marked variations in quantity and quality, your memorialist feels painfully, but necessarily compelled to allude to the significant and inoblivious circumstances which led to the summary dismissal of Deputy Treasurer Bauloo Moodelly, Maistry Baularam Chetty, Furnace-man Condiah Naidoo, and others who were detected in annealing and breaking up a quantity of copper in the Merchant's Bullion Melting-room, in opposition to the most stringent rules in force, conducting the same in a covert and suspicious manner; and of your memorialist's immediate nomination to the post of Deputy Treasurer and Bullion Keeper, in lieu of Bauloo Moodelly; the appointment carried with it no extra emoluments, being equal to his own position then as Deputy Superintendent of the Silver Melting-room.

With a view not to tire your Grace with a prolific statement in detail of improvements, &c., your memorialist would advert to one other conducted under the support of Colonel F. C. Cotton, in which he was wholly and solely instrumental in the introduction of coke for igneous operations. The benefit accruing from this innovation resulted in a large saving to the State. The quantity of charcoal for melting one lakh rupees weight of standard silver would be 100 parahs; its cost about Rupees 25—a sum sufficient to buy a ton of coke: the same quantity and quality of silver requiring not more than one hundred weight of coke, one-third of which after melting would still be perfectly useful, and the cost contrasted with charcoal, not more than Rupees 1-4-0.

Your memorialist therefore humbly prays and earnestly hopes that in consideration of such services, your Grace will be kindly pleased to grant him on special grounds one-third pay pension in lieu of the gratuity disbursed to him; having been employed in more than a mere clerical capacity, and served in departments where strict integrity and rectitude were absolutely necessary in positions of much trust and responsibility, involving great personal risk while conducting duties admitted to be injurious and detrimental to health; and that the best years of his strength and manhood have been sapped and undermined in actual performance of duties qualifying for pension, some of which were annealing, melting, and refining silver, &c., and your memorialist humbly submits that work of such a nature, at such an early age has shattered the strongest constitutions; your memorialist fervently prays that his case will receive your Grace's humane consideration, and that you will be pleased to direct the issue of a one-third pension to your memorialist, for which act of charity your memorialist, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

MADRAS,
27th June 1872.

(Signed) S. V. SCRIVEN.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT

From

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George,

To

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

Dated 20th July 1872.

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No. 920.

Enclosure.

Transmitting a Memorial from Mr. S. V. Sawyer, late Storekeeper in the Madras Mint, praying for the grant of a pension of one-third of his pay in lieu of the gratuity which has been disbursed to him.

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Madras 27th June 1872.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I beg to enclose for submission to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India a Memorial praying for the Grant of a Pension in lieu of the Gratuity lately disbursed to me; and humbly request that it may be forwarded by the earliest opportunity.

I am, &c.,
Your most obedient Servant,
S. V. Sawyer.

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Financial Department

From

The Hon'ble W. Grimwood
Chief Secretary to Govt
Madras

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Transmits a Memorial
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the proportion of pay
to which he is entitled

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Financial Department.

No. 920

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India,
Financial Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the accompanying Memorial addressed to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India from Mr. S. V. Grimes late Store keeper in the Madras Mint praying for the grant of a pension of one third of his pay in lieu of the gratuity which has been disbursed to him.

2. Mr. Grimes's qualifying service in the Mint amounted

Amounted to 12 years 4 Months
28 Days for which he was
entitled under the Rules
to a gratuity of 12 Months'
pay, Rs 1200 – Payment of
this amount was sanctioned
in G O of the 14th December
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ing a departure from the
Rules in Mr Stivens's Case.

I have &c

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20th July 1872

Mr. Secretary's Memorandum

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To

The Secretary to the
Government of

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Financial DEPARTMENT

From

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

To

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

Dated July 20 1876.

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Enclosure.

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Forwarding a Memorial from Mr. J. C. Davidson & Co. Stone Keepers in the Harbour praying for the grant of a pension of one third of their pay in lieu of the gratuity which has been sanctioned to them.