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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 219.

FROM

THE HON. W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Referring to the correspondence noted in the margin, I am directed to transmit copy of a letter from Surgeon H. King, Chemical Examiner and Assay Master in this Presidency (now on furlough), to the Under Secretary of State for India, respecting the retrenchment of Rupees 3,341-9-11, referred to in the letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Accountant-General, Madras, dated the 31st December 1872, No. 4821.

From Accountant-General to Government of India, dated 28th September 1872, No. 4845.
From Government of India, to Accountant-General, dated 31st December 1872, No. 4821.
From Accountant-General, to Madras Government, dated 3rd February 1873, No. 640.
Despatch to the Secretary of State, dated 21st February 1873, No. 4.
Despatch from Secretary of State, dated 20th November 1873, No. 129.

2. Under the circumstances stated by Surgeon King, and in consideration of the duties of the Assay Master having devolved on him without additional remuneration, I am to request that the Government of India will be pleased to sanction the withdrawal of the retrenchment.

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
9th February 1874.

Chief Secretary.

From Surgeon H. KING, A.M., M.B., Madras Establishment, to the Under Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, dated Wilton Terrace, Dublin, 24th April 1873.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Assistant Financial Secretary's letter of 19th instant, enclosing a claim upon me on the part of the Accountant-General at Fort St. George for Rupees 3,341-9-11, and also a "Receivable Order for £334-3-3." The latter I return herewith as it is quite out of my power to meet a demand so large and so utterly unexpected. If the Secretary of State decides, after consideration of the circumstances, that the amount overdrawn is to be retrenched, I can only submit to its deduction from my furlough pay, which forms the sole means of subsistence of a large family. I cannot, however, avoid hoping that His Grace will be able, on examination of the nature of the claim, to remit it altogether. In any case it is quite obvious (as I shall presently show) that, owing to an extraordinary error of the Financial Department in Madras, the amount now claimed is not much less than double the sum overdrawn.

2. The grounds on which I rest my hope that the claim will not be pressed by the Secretary of State are, simply, the facts that the money in question was drawn so long ago as June 1869 to December 1870; that the Accountant-General at Fort St. George, in the 3rd paragraph of his letter,* states, in the strongest possible manner, that I was entitled to the higher allowances during the entire period for which they were drawn; and that my bills for them were passed by the Financial Department in Madras without any intimation whatever that I was incurring any risk either of retrenchment or of forfeiting choice of Furlough Regulations; nor did the faintest suspicion of this danger occur to me at the time. It was only on my recent application for furlough that I had any reason to suppose that I had either bound myself to the Rules of 1854, or rendered myself liable to a heavy retrenchment. I hope I may be permitted to mention, as an additional claim upon the favourable consideration of the Secretary of State, that, on the abolition of the Madras Assay Office (by which more than Rupees 1,500 monthly was saved), I undertook, at the request of Government, the duties of Assay Master in addition to my own, and continued to perform them until I left India, without being granted any remuneration of any kind.

* To the Financial Secretary to Government of India, No. 2884, September 1872, No. 4845.

3. If, however, the amount overdrawn under these circumstances must be repaid, I have the honour to point out that no less than Rupees 1,800 has to be deducted from the total, as stated in the papers under reference. The full pay of the Chemical Examiner in Madras is Rupees 1,050, not Rupees 1,150, the difference in Presidency house-rent, to which I was entitled in either case and in any case, and which is altogether unconnected with furlough rules. In Mr. McDonald's memorandum house-rent is included in the statement of what I did receive, and omitted from that of what I was entitled to receive under any circumstances. I have not in this country the means of verifying the other figures of the memorandum. I may add that the conversion of rupees into sterling at 2*s.*, while furlough pay is converted at 1*s.* 11*d.*, must also, I think, be a mistake.

4. In conclusion, I have the honour to beg that you will be good enough to lay before the Secretary of State my earnest request that he will be pleased to defer the recovery of any part of the claim from my furlough allowances until the question has been considered by him and the error in the total claim corrected. Should retrenchment of the full amount be now enforced recovery of the overcharge, by correspondence with the Financial Department in India, will be well-nigh hopeless. I ask, also, that, if it should be considered that retrenchment must take place, I may be permitted to refund by moderate instalments from my pay.

Exd. J. Wright.

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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 9th February 1874.

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No. 219.

Enclosure.

Retrenchment against Dr. King.—Sanction requested to the withdrawal of the retrenchment against Dr. King, Chemical Examiner, in consideration of his having performed the duties of Assay Master without additional remuneration.

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The Secretary to the
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The Chief Secretary to Government,
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