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28th January 1876.*

Read the following —

No 489. From Mr. J E. BENT, dated 19th January 1876

No 490. ORDER THEREON, 28th January 1876, No. 227.

ESTABLISHMENT, No 31.

In consideration of Mr. J Bent's service in the Mint and Public Works Department since 1857, he will be considered eligible for re-employment without passing the Uncovenanted Civil Service Test on any salary not exceeding that which he formerly received, *viz*, Rupees 40 per mensem.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R E.,
Secretary to Government

To Mr Bent
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts
„ Educational Department

Exd. S. T. Austin
Spare Copies

Madras 19th January 1876.

To
General G. W. Walker R.E.
Chief Engineer, & Secy. to Government
Public Works Department

Sir, Permit me very respectfully to
solicit your kind and favorable consideration,
of the following brief statement of my un-
fortunate case, which I do, in the earnest
and fervent trust, in your honors well
known benign character, that my grievances
will be fully redressed.

2 In presuming to appeal to you, Sir,
allow me to premise that, I have been more
or less 17 years in Public employ and that
during the whole of that period not the
slightest fault was found with me nor
any objectionable remark set opposite to
my name. Indeed I was not being in
regular attendance, and giving satisfaction
to all my immediate Superiors.

3 It here becomes necessary that, I
should enter into a detail of my services
under the auspices of Government, each and
severally.

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4 My first beginning in life commenced at the Mint Office on the 25th August, 1857 rising from the lowest step in the ladder on the limited salary of £7. until by constant perseverance, and the energy which the Almighty was pleased to bestow on me, I had attained the comparatively high position of Deputy Superintendent of the "Silver Laminating Department" on a salary of £40.

5 You will be pleased to observe, Sir, that I was in continuous service from the 22nd August/57 up to the 31 October/68, making 11 years in all, during the whole of which period, I was not absent a single day nor a single hour, as will be seen by a reference to the Records.

6 From a perusal of the enclosed Endorsement it will be perceived that, my services with those of others were dispensed with, consequent on the reduction of the Establishment.

7 From the manner in which I had faithfully and assiduously discharged my duties in the Mint, my immediate Superior, Colonel Carpenter, R.E., was kind

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kindly pleased to grant me a recommendatory Letter to Colonel A. Poileau R.E. the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, who was good enough to bestow on me the post of a Clerk on £25 per mensem, and that, within about 20 days, of my discharge from the Mint Office, owing to the very effective recommendation of the Gentleman, and high Officer, who thought proper to take me under his kind protection.

8 In the 4th Division, I had the honor to serve, under the respective Colonels Poileau, Bean, and Moberly, R.E., from the 20th November 1868, to 1st December 1872, in all 4 years.

9 Here it is for you Sir, to kindly take into special observation that, owing to the change in the Administration from the designation of Superintending Engineers, to that of District Engineers, I had the good fortune to have my salary enhanced by 5 R's which, I enjoyed up to 5 January 1873. Thence I was transferred, on the recommendation of Colonel Moberly, R.E., to the Inspecting Engineers Office as a Clerk

Clerk, where I remained for 18 months until the abolition of the Office.

10 Thus having been thrown out of employ without the slightest tinge on my character, or any default on my part; Colonel Ford M.E. wrote officially to Colonel Moberg M.E. to confer on me in reference to the Proceedings of Government dated 18 May 1874 No. 1328 some substantial appointment, but that Officer, in reply stated that there was no vacancy, the 2 appointments of Draftsman and Clerk, having been already filled up. This rebut necessitated me, once more, to appeal to Colonel Ford M.E. who, in favor of me with a temporary appointment, at Bellary, consequent on the arrangements made in the District Engineer's Office there, on the Head Clerk, Mr. Shurtie's Acting Appointment, to Tanjore, as per Proceedings of Government under date, 13 August 1874 No. 2233.

11 On my taking up this temporary appointment I had to leave my wife and family at Madras, who one after another fell sick in my absence; consequent on which, I in the first instance, took 10 days

Casual leave, then 15 days Privilege leave, and thereafter, falling sick myself, I had to enter the General Hospital at Madras. On my return to Bellary, I personally related the circumstances of my private affairs at Madras, submitting, at the same time the Medical Certificate from the Physicians of the General Hospital, and requested to be granted 2 months leave on forfeiture of full pay, but as this my application proved unsuccessful, I had no other alternative than to resign my temporary appointment, which was only a temporary one, and that it was such, can be readily ascertained from the circumstance, of Mr. Shurtie joining his post at Bellary, within a few days later, after his return from Tanjore. (The Proceedings of Government last adverted to)

12 These are the facts of my hapless case

13 From a perusal of the Tabular Statement herewith submitted of my services, it will be seen that, I have been 17 years in continuous employ of Government, during the whole of which period, I had devoted the best energies of my youth and manhood, and now to be cast aside on the mere plea of my not having passed the Uncovenanted Civil Service

Service Examination is, but to say that, all my former employers, ignorantly entertained me, and that I did my work very inefficiently, whereas the truth is, I did it to their perfect satisfaction.

14. Sir, With all due submission and respect, I would simply ask, is it to be expected that, a man of 17 years experience, should go and stand side by side of young boys who are crammed, not one of whom can possibly compete with me, in the actual discharge of the Public duties.

15. It will be particularly remembered that, on the issue for the examination of the Uncovenanted Civil Service Servants, no retrospective view, should be taken.

I have served for 17 years, with a very small break, for a month or two, but once, and that without the slightest fault of mine, and is it therefore, I am now unmeaningly called upon, to expose myself in a comparison with boys, who are crammed with school books, and are perfectly ignorant of official duties. Put me to the test and then, let it be ascertained, who is most efficient.

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One further remark is that, the limit of the salary of non passed candidates, is Rs 20, whereas mine has been ranging from 25-30 and 40.

16. Under all the foregoing circumstances, I respectfully solicit that, out of compassionate consideration, of the unfortunate wife and children, dependent on me, that you will be graciously pleased to grant me a continuance of employment, owing to the arduous nature of my work previously, and which, I am yet further capable of executing.

17. From what reason am I to be supposed to be included in this Uncovenanted Civil Service Rules? - Clearly, I am not.

18. Sir, In conclusion, I have out of the depth of my sad necessities, and the cares and increasing wants of my starving unfortunate wife and children, to appeal to you, that you will be graciously pleased to grant me an employ under your kind auspices, let the salary be ever so small, an amount, and

and at the same time recommend that,
I may be exempted, from the Unconvenanted
Civil Service Examination, for which, act
of justice and generosity, I shall, honored
and respected Sir, ever feel grateful for
your kindness, and will pray to the Almighty,
to bless you, and your family, with long
life and prosperity.

Earnestly craving that, you will
be pleased to, recommend
me to Government, for exemption from
the Unconvenanted Civil Service
Examination, and that you will also be
pleased to submit my case for the favorable
consideration of Government for the grant
either of a Gratuity or Pension to which even
I may be entitled.

I beg to remain
Sir

Your most obedient & humble servant

Address J. E. Bent

Mr. J. E. Bent
c/o Mr. W. J. Hankins
Military Fund Office
Fort Saint George
No 489 -

A.

This is to certify that Mr. J.
E. Bent has been employed in Her
Majesty's Mint, Madras from 22nd
August 1857 to 31 October 1868 as
Apprentice, Filer, Counter in the
Stamp Paper Department, (Sic)
Letter, Assistant in the Copper
Melting and Laminating Room, and
Deputy Superintendent in the
Silver Laminating Room. During
the whole of his service he has been
regular in his attendance and has
conducted his duties with diligence
and attention, and has always borne
a very good character.

His services have now been
dispensed with on account of reduction
having taken place in the Mint by
order of Government.

Signed J. Learendale
31 October 1868 Mint Master.
[True copy]
J. E. Bent
19th Jan 1869

No 28th Jan 16 O.C. 1897

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Name of Officer		John Edmund, Agent	
Location		Madras	
Father's Name		John Bent	
Date of birth		28 th September 1843	
Age	Year	30	2
	Month	2	20
	Day	5	1/2
Height		5 1/2	
Weight			
Personal marks for identification		A mole on the right side of the breast	
Date of entry		19 th December 1873	
Signature of Officer		J. E. Bent	
Signature and designation of the head of office		W. H. E. A. French Esq. for respective Engineer for Buildings	

Name of appointment	Nature, i.e. whether substantive or acting permanent or temporary	Substantive appointment of the new appointment be acting only	Pay	Acting	Date of appointment	Signature of officer	Character of Officer	Signature of immediate superior	Reason of termination	Signature of immediate superior
Clerk Office of the Supp Engineer to Lt.	Permanent		25		20 Nov. 1868		No entry need be made in this column except when there is anything either good or bad to be recorded. Suspensions should be noted here when the order of suspension is passed.	Signed E. A. Ford Col. 11 th Supp. Engineer for Bldg.	30 Nov. 1872	Reorga nization of the Bldg.
Clerk Sixth Engineers Office North West	do		30		1 Dec. 1872		A new man has given satisfaction for the short time he has been employed under me. Signed A. Borkman Col. 11 th Supp. Engineer to Lt. Has lately joined the Office writes a very neat hand and is attentive to his duties. Signed J. Bean Col. 11 th Supp. Engineer to Lt.	Signed E. A. Ford Col. 11 th Supp. Engineer for Bldg.	6 June 1873	Transfe
Clerk Office of the Inspr. Engineer for Civil & Mil. Buildings	do		30		7 June 1873		Has been very attentive to his duties during the time he has been in the Office of the Inspecting Engineer.	Signed E. A. Ford Col. 11 th Supp. Engineer Bldg.		Abolition
Extra Clerk Supp. Engineers Office Bellary	Substantive Permanent		40		1 Aug. 1874		Attentive. Signed E. A. Ford Col. 11 th Supp. Engineer True Copy/ J. D. Bent. 19 Jan. 1876	Signed E. A. Ford Col. 11 th Supp. Engineer Bldg.	21 April 1875	Resigned

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Mr. Bent was employed in
the mine for 11 years &
was discharged on the abolition
of that Est. in October 1868.
He was re-employed as clerk
in the P.M.D. in November 1868
& served for 4 years & was
discharged in June 1874 on the
abolition of the Inspecting Engineer
Office. In August 1874 he
obtained a ^{permanent} temporary App't
in the Office of the W.E. Bellamy
which he resigned in April
1875. He has thus been
employed in the Public
Service for 16 years of which
about 5 years in the P.M.D.
His conduct has been uniformly
good judging from the copy
of his record of Service which
accompanies his letter &
He twice lost his App't from
causes beyond his control.
He has not passed the
U.C.S General test
& is not eligible for any

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From

Mr J. R. Bent.

No

Dated

19th 3 Jan'y 1876

Subject

Prays that an appointment may be given him, & that he be exempted from passing the H. & S. Exam: or that a pension or gratuity be granted him.

ENCLOSURES 2

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To Mr. Bent.

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For

6, 28 Jan. 227

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