GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following letter from H. F. CLOGSTOUN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 29th March 1886, No. 870 :—

I have the honor to forward a letter from the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, No. 194, dated 3rd March 1886, together with the proposition statement called for in paragraph 1 of G.O., Revenue, No. 131, dated 15th February 1886, the entries in which, in the column of "Present scale," have been compared with the registers of this office and found correct.

2. As regards the proposal of the Superintendent to bring on the permanent establishment the assistant librarian and the man in charge of the Superintendent's room on a pay of Rs. 12 each there is no objection if Government deem fit to sanction it.

3. It will be seen, however, from the Superintendent's letter, No. 219, dated 9th March 1886, to my address, herewith sent, that these subordinates did not form part of any temporary establishment regularly sanctioned by Government, but that they were paid from the fixed monthly allowances sanctioned by G.Os., Public, Nos. 892 and 721, dated 8th June 1859 and 18th May 1861, to be expended in petty expenses, purchase of specimens, &c., and there is no rule in the Civil Pension Code under which the service paid out of an allowance of the kind mentioned above can be admitted towards pension.

Enclosure No. 1.

Letter from Dr. EDGAR THURSTON, Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department (through the Accountant-General, Madras), dated Madras, 3rd March 1886, No. 194 :—

With reference to paragraph 2 of Revenue G.O., No. 131, of the 15th February 1886, I have the honor to state that the post of assistant librarian is not one sanctioned by Government, but the present incumbent, who is on the temporary establishment of this office, was selected for the post for his intelligence, and, as he has by attention to his duties become quite familiar with the books in the library, and in fact is competent to be in temporary charge of it and is very useful there, I consider him deserving of promotion to the permanent establishment as proposed by Dr. Bidie.

2. An equally deserving and ill-paid subordinate in the menial establishment is the man in charge of the Superintendent's room. He has served in the Museum for 27 years, and from practice has become acquainted with all the books in the Scientific Library, and is very expert in tracing out references and figures in the illustrated books, with the whole of which he is very familiar. He has besides within the last two years systematically set out large and very valuable collections of Coleoptera and Hemiptera that were for some years stored away in boxes, and thus saved them from destruction.

3. I trust therefore that His Excellency the Governor in Council will sanction their entertainment on a salary of Rs. 12 each on the permanent establishment of this office, their previous service in the department counting for pension.

4. In conclusion I would urge for the reconsideration of Government the case of the 3rd taxidermist who has been in the employ of the Museum for seven years, during which time he has given complete satisfaction, and promises to become a very good taxidermist and collector whose services the Museum could ill afford to lose. I therefore consider him deserving of a larger increase than that sanctioned, and would request His Excellency the Governor in Council to raise his salary by Rs. 3.

5. I beg to submit the usual proposition statement as directed.

Enclosure No. 2.—Proposition statement.

Enclosure No. 3.—Letter from the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to the Accountant-General, dated 9th March 1886, No. 219.

Order—dated 21st April 1886, No. 293, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The proposal of the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to raise the pay of the assistant librarian and the man in charge of the Superintendent's room, and to bring them on the permanent establishment, is sanctioned; but there is no provision in the Pension Code which will allow of their previous service being considered to be pensionable. The salary of the 3rd taxidermist will also be increased to Rs. 17.

2. The proposition statement will be transferred to the Financial Department for final sanction.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent, Government Central Museum.
" the Accountant-General, with one enclosure returned.
" the Financial Department, with proposition statement.

Order in the Fin. Dept. 20th May 1886 No. 444 Mis.
The sanction accorded in the Revenue Department is confirmed. The instructions contained in Financial Memorandum No. 335 dated 22nd April 1882, on the subject of sanction to additional expenditure, should, in future, be observed.

/ True Extract /
Justin Mcarthy
Chief Secretary

Exd. W. H. French.

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To the Revenue Dept
" Accountant General with statement-
" Public Works Dept

B. No 1059 dt. 28.4.82.

No. 1474 W. dt 10 June 1886

Recorded in continuation of G.O. No 1059 W dated 28th April 1882.

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Confirming the sanctions accorded in the Revenue Dept. regarding establishment of the Govt Central Museum

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