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Government of Madras.

Revision DEPARTMENT.

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Not to be folded or roughly handled

To,

The most noble Richard Plantagenet
Campbell Duke of Buckingham and
Chandos Governor of Fort Saint George and its
Dependencies and the Honorable Members of
Council.

The humble Memorial of John Duarte,
an Uncovenanted Servant, Head Accountant
and Manager of the late Assay Office and
Superintendent of the Assay Laboratory.

Most humbly sheweth,

That your Memorialist entered Government
Service on the 14th January 1847, held the situation of
Writer, Accountant and Draftsman in the Permanent
contingent establishment of the Madras Mint until
22nd October 1851, when at the recommendation of the then
Mint Master Colonel Smith, your Memorialist was
transferred to the Revenue Board Office where he served
as Fair writer, Referencer, Lithographer, Draftsman,
Telugoo-translator and Indexer. Your Memorialist
was about this time likewise engaged as a Teacher of
Drawing and Engraving in the Government School of
Arts, devoting his leisure hours viz. from 6 to 8 A.M.
to this duty on a Salary of Thirty Rupees per month.
On the 18th April 1859 your Memorialist obtained the
situation of Deputy Accountant in the Assay Office
on a salary of Seventy (70) Rupees per month. That
ever since his entertainment in the Assay Office, he
made himself thoroughly acquainted with the entire
work of the Account and Operative departments and
having been found generally useful and qualified,
your Memorialist was very frequently directed by

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Dr. Shaw to do the work of the Assistant Assayer.
Master during the latter's absence, which he
discharged to the best of his ability and to the satis-
faction of his superiors as will be seen from the corres-
pondence noted in the margin. On the resignation of
the Superintendent of the Die Cutting and Engraving
departments of the Mint, Colonel Withison the then
Mint Master, with the concurrence of D. P. Busted
Assay Master, nominated Memorialist to that
post on a salary of 100 Rupees per month, allowing
him also to retain the situation of Teacher at the
School of Arts, by which his income was 130 Rupees
per mensem. On the 22^d October 1866 when Memorialist
was appointed Manager of the Assay Office on a
salary of 200 Rupees he was compelled to give up
the situation of Teacher in the School of Arts, as
he very frequently had to attend as early as 7 and 8 A.M.
to start the work and personally to overlook and carry out
the operations of the Department. On the introduction
of the chloride process of Assay and in consideration
of the extra duties entailed on your Memorialist, his
salary was, by the unanimous recommendation of
Messrs. Graham, Busted and Shekleton sanctioned
by Government to be raised by biennial increments to a
maximum of 250 Rupees. In 1869 when the work
was becoming slack in the Assay Department, in con-
sequence of the short importations of Bullion, your
Memorialist personally and by letter suggested to the
then Assay Master, as a means of effecting a saving
to Government, the feasibility of carrying on the work of the
Bullion Depot and Stamp Paper Departments, (which
were controlled by the Assay Master in the Assay
Office) without any extra establishment and which your
Memorialist offered to superintend without any additional
remuneration, whereby an immediate saving to the extent
of Rs. 665½ for the Bullion Depot and 50 Rupees
for

To Govt.
Rev. G.O. 18 June 1871. No. 264.
40.28 Oct. 67. 1.475
To Govt. 28 Nov. 70. 23.4.
To Govt. 27 May 71. 25.

To Govt. 8 Oct. 67. No. 4574.

To Govt. 21 Nov. 1870
No. 234.
G.O. 16 Jan. 71. 1.25.

for management of the Stamp Paper Department,
in all Rs. 715½ per month, or 8,580 Rupees annually,
may have been effected; but the suggestion of your
Memorialist not having been approved of by the
Officer then in charge, it was not carried out at the
time. The Government of India however in April
1870, directed the amalgamation of the Bullion
Depot with the Assay Department, by which also
saving above noted would have been effected, but the
order not having been carried out by the Officer then in
charge, Government on the 14th September 1870 abolished
the Bullion Depot by amalgamating it with the Assay
Department and for the combined Assay and Bullion
Depot work, reduced the number of servants in the
Assay Office, fixed an establishment of Rs. 262½,
which was 222 Rupees less than the establishment
for the Assay work alone; when your Memorialist's
salary was cut down from 210 to 100 Rupees
without any fault of his, although additional duties and
responsibilities devolved upon him; whereupon your
Memorialist petitioned Government and the Government
was pleased to give back his full pay of 200 Rupees
minus the increments. After the reduction of hands in
the Assay Office your Memorialist carried on all
the work of the Departments single-handed, that is
the delicate and peculiar duties of assaying, calculation
and writing work, the manufacture of acids and the
adjustment of weights and measures for the various de-
partments and by the amalgamation of the Bullion Depot
with the Assay Department, your Memorialist was
entrusted with the receipt, custody and melting of Private
Bullion (Gold & Silver) and of refining Gold.
Your Memorialist likewise had the custody of all
the delicate and valuable apparatus of the Assay
Department. Your Memorialist begs also to state that

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Since the removal of the Assay Department from the Mint buildings to the Medical College premises, owing to the very limited space he had to perform the operations of the department in the latter place, he was more than ever exposed to the intense heat and smoke of the furnaces and that notwithstanding the inconvenience resulting therefrom, and the hazardous nature of the work he had to perform, he never shrunk from discharging his duty faithfully and conscientiously and your Memorialist is glad to say, without any loss of time either to the Government or to the Merchants, and that no complaint of any sort was ever made either by the Assay Masters or by the Merchants during the time the work was entrusted to him. That your Memorialist in addition to his other legitimate duties, had frequently to attend the Police Courts for days together as principal evidence, in every case connected with Counterfeit Coining; also to attend at the High Court Sessions until the cases were finally disposed of, without any extra remuneration.

That your Memorialist served Government continuously from 14th January 1847 to 31st March 1851 the date on which the Assay Department was abolished, fully 29. 2. 22; but as his services for Pension will be reckoned only from 10th April 1851 (the previous service having been gone through while under age) he can only count according to the Pension Rules 25 years service minus eight (8) days. Your Memorialist further begs to state, that for a space of six months viz. from 10th April to 22nd October 1851 he served in the Permanent (Contingent) establishment, which service was taken into consideration and admitted on previous occasions as in the cases of Mr. Edward Price Manager Mint Office, Sooboo (Chief) Deputy Treasurer, and

* Hon. Council's Dispatch
23rd Feb. 1848.

o. 1853.

* 1854

Vide also
case of
Mr. J. L. Toracca
of the Govt. Office

and Veerasamy Pillay Comisoply Madras Mint, your Memorialist therefore humbly trusts, that the same indulgence may be granted him, in consideration of his having been debarred from enjoying any kind of leave, even privilege leave, there having been no one else in the department capable of discharging the duties in his absence, and who could be held responsible for the work, which annual privilege leave were he allowed to count since 1851 would entitle him to a consideration of 25 months in his favor, and that for his service of 29. 2. 22 he may at least be allowed to reckon something more than 25 years and thus entitle him to a Pension of (100) one hundred Rupees.

That your Memorialist is still, active, hearty and strong, fully capable and quite willing to work, not being in any way incapacitated from performing active duty, though he had been exposed to the intense heat of the furnaces, destructive fumes of lead, and the pernicious gases of Acids, in preparing and using them in the Assay work. Your Memorialist in conclusion begs that as he is compelled in consequence of the abolition of the Assay department and for no other cause, to retire from active service on a Pension, that His Grace the most Noble the Governor in Council will be pleased to take his deplorable and hard case into consideration and for his long and faithful services to Government (he being in perfect health to enable him to serve Government some time longer) that he may be transferred to some other appointment under Government, but if there should be no opportunity for doing so immediately, that he may be permitted to re-enter Government Service when an opportunity offers, and that he may be exempted from the

Uncounted

Uncounted Service Examination Rules.

Your Memorialist leaves his case in the hands of a humane and merciful Government, who have always dealt honorably and considerately with their old and faithful servants and trusts, that the peculiar and responsible nature of his duties, will be duly appreciated and that a just and liberal view will be taken of your Memorialist's long and faithful service and the half pay Pension be granted for which your Memorialist as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Yours truly

Wm. D. Hart
Head Accountant and Manager
of the late Assay Office and
Superintendent of the Assay Laboratory.

Madras,
13th May 1876.

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To,
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a
Memorial to the address of His Grace
the Governor in Council relative to my services
in the late Assay Department and to
request that it may please you to lay the
Memorial before His Grace together with
the Pension Application, that is now being
verified in the Accountant General's Office.

As the Assay Department
had ceased to exist from the 1st April
I am compelled to send this Memorial to
you direct and earnestly trust you will obtain
for it the liberal consideration of Government.

I have the honor to be,
Honble Sir,

Your most obed^t Servant
John G. Martz.

Head Accountant & Manager
of the late Assay Office &
Supt of the Assay Laboratory.

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