

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Police **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	3/3	Press
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Dated	27-3-	1866.

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No. 123. Read the following letter from Captain J. MITCHELL, Superintendent Government Central Museum, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 3rd March 1866, No. 33.

I have the honor to request you will do me the favor to bring the subject of the salary of my appointment of Superintendent of the Government Central Museum under the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

2. You are aware that I was appointed to the charge of the Museum nearly seven years ago. In that interval, the Museum has very greatly increased, and the work connected with it has propor-

In May 1859.

tionately increased. I believe I may safely affirm that in Geology and Mineralogy the collection is of the first class ; while in other branches, especially Conchology, Fishes, Reptilia, and Coins, it is already a very fair one. As the Government are aware, I have no one to assist me in anything but the mechanical part of my duty. The very extended correspondence with societies and individuals which the charge of a Museum of any kind, and especially of one dependent on exchanges rather than purchases of specimens, necessarily entails, and the minute and careful investigations essentially requisite, I am myself obliged to conduct ; and the constant study which such an appointment as mine involves in every branch of natural science can be readily imagined. Of late years, also, various duties not directly connected with my appointment have devolved upon me, such as the microscopical examination of Cotton fibres, &c.

3. The manner in which I have discharged my duties, and the condition in which the Museum is, are known to the Government, and especially to His Excellency the Governor, who has often visited the Institution.

4. I respectfully submit that my staff allowance of Rupees (300) three hundred per mensem is altogether inadequate remuneration for the onerous duties I have to perform, and which the charge of the Museum now entails ; and I trust that, after seven years' unremitting toil, I shall not be deemed unreasonable in claiming the liberal consideration of Government, seeing how much my duties have increased, and how greatly the expense of living at Madras has risen.

5. As a further ground of claim, I beg to point out that I can hope for no further Military promotion, while, of course, Departmental promotion is impossible. It is now almost 37 years since I entered the Army ; and in May last I ventured to submit to His Excellency Sir Hope Grant, then Commander-in-Chief, a Memorial to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, for promotion to the rank of Major. His Excellency, however, intimated to me his inability to recommend compliance with my request, and a pencil note, in His Excellency's hand-writing, on my Memorial, shews the reason, viz., that my " employment in a purely Civil capacity " gives no claim to Military promotion. On the same ground, I am deprived of the tentage and full batta of my rank.

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27th March 1866.*

6. Trusting that His Excellency in Council will take a favorable view of my case, I have the honor to be, &c.

No. 124. ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1866, No. 313.

The Governor in Council does not feel justified at present in recommending an increase to Captain Mitchell's salary.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent, Government Central Museum.

Exd. J. H. Burns:

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*I think that Capt Mitchell is fairly entitled
to consideration - he has done good service both
in his capacity as Curator of the Museum, and
as a microscopist. and I think the staff pay
of 2000 R is a very decent payment for his
services. I think suggest 4000 R*

*I think that it would not Lpm.
- don't to ask for any increase now.
It would, indubitably be refused JH*

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From Captain Mitchell
Superintendent Government
Central Museum

To the Hon. Secy. of the
Chief Secretary to
Government

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Regarding the request
of the salary of the
appointment of a
assistant for the
collection of H. L. the
Government are advised

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30th March 1866

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N. 313- 27 March 1866.

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W. G. H.

To the Capt. Govt. C. Museum desd 29/3

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With order