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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

12th October 1867.

No. 118. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Financial Department, dated 8th October 1867, No. 452.

Directing that L. Pereira, a workman in } (Vide Proceedings, Financial Depart-
the Mint, who took the benefit of the } ment, dated 8th October 1867, Nos.
Insolvent Act, be not re-employed. } 15 & 16.)

No. 119. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1867, No. 1268.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
8th October 1867.*

No. 15. Read the following letter from the Mint Master, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 26th September 1867, No. 305.

With reference to Order of Government as per margin, I have the honor to report that Lazarus Pereira, an apprentice on the Mint Establishment, obtained the benefit of the Insolvent Act, and has, accordingly, been suspended, pending the orders of Government.

2. His permanent salary is Rupees 30 a month, and he has had an additional personal salary of Rupees 55, on the Contingent List, for more than three years, for being in charge of the workmen in the Foundry, so that there was no excuse for his getting into debt.

3. A copy of his Schedule is enclosed, from which it will be observed that his debts are entirely for money borrowed, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 2084-14-0, and the Judge's order in the case was that he should give up Rupees 20 a month out of his income of Rupees 85 to his creditors. On the other hand, there is to be urged, in his behalf, that there were a large number of relatives entirely dependent on him for support, numbering at one time 10, viz., wife two children, idiotic brother, three sisters, niece, and two widowed sisters' children ; some marriages and deaths occurring among the members having increased the demands upon him.

4. I have carefully inquired into the particulars of his Schedule, and I find that, out of the sum of Rupees 2084-14-0, Rupees 939-14-0 were appropriated by fellow servants, who joined him in the Promissory Notes, leaving Rupees 1145 only as the amount of debt contracted by him on his own account, and it will be readily understood that this sum by no means represents value received, when I explain that two items in it, for Rupees 180 each, are sums remaining due on two Promissory Notes or Bonds of Rupees 200 each, for which he received as value one sum of 200 Rupees only, the other Note for a like amount having been taken by the money lender as security for his interest. Under this explanation, I venture to think that the insolvency may be regarded as attributable to want of ordinary prudence and common sense, but in no way as a case of culpable extravagance calling for punishment, and I, therefore, beg the sanction of Government for my permitting the man to return to his duty.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1867, No. 452.

It is observed from the foregoing letter that Lazarus Pereira, who was employed as an apprentice on the Mint Establishment, was in the receipt of a good salary, and had no great demands upon him ; but, notwithstanding this, his debts amounted to Rupees 2084, of which about Rupees 940 were appropriated by fellow servants. As it is most essential that this system of mutual accommodation and reckless borrowing by subordinates should be checked, the Governor in Council directs that Lazarus Pereira shall not be re-employed in the Mint Establishment.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Mint Master.

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