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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	787	Press Mis.
Dated	5-7-	1867.

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No. 55. Read the following letter from Captain J. MITCHELL, Superintendent Government Central Museum, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 20th June 1867, No. 71.

I have the honor to request I may be permitted to make the following alterations in the pay of a portion of the Museum establishment:—

1st.—I propose to raise the pay of the present Head Taxidermist from 18 to 25 Rupees per mensem. He is a most useful servant, very trustworthy, and an excellent workman. I consider he is much underpaid. The following extract from the Annals of Natural History for April last shows that his work as a stuffer of fish has been highly appreciated by Dr. Günther, the Ichthyologist of the British Museum:—

XXXVIII.—Description of a new species of Mesoprion by Dr. Albert Günther, Plate IX.

“ The finest specimens of stuffed fishes which I have seen are prepared by the Native employés of the Madras Museum. Captain Mitchell, Curator of this Museum, has sent a small collection of such examples to the coming Universal Exhibition at Paris. Among them I have observed a new and very aberrant species of Mesoprion, &c., &c.”

2nd.—A few years since I obtained from England a small printing press, with the necessary material, for the purpose of printing labels, &c. This press has been worked by Vencojee, one of the Hummals, under my superintendence; a very considerable saving has been effected, and I consider that if his pay is raised from 8 Rupees to 12 Rupees per mensem it will be only doing him justice. I found that, in addition to all the trouble of sending to a printing office, I could not get an ordinary label printed for less than 4 Annas; by printing at the Museum they have not cost more than half that sum.

3rd.—Two women are employed as Sweepers on a salary of Rupees 3 each. I propose to raise this to Rupees 4 each, as I believe it is impossible for a woman to feed and clothe herself on the former sum; indeed I know that without private assistance one of the women, who has no relative, would have suffered great distress during the past year.

The total increase will be Rupees 13 per mensem, which, as it will be met from the established allowance, will cause no increase of expenditure to the State.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1867, No. 787.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council sanctions the increases proposed by Captain Mitchell to the following servants:—

	Increase.
Taxidermist from Rupees 18 to Rupees 25.....	Rs. 7
Vencojee, Hummal from Rupees 8 to Rupees 12.....	,, 4
Two Sweepers at Rupees 3 each to Rupees 4.....	,, 2
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Rupees...	13
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2. The charge will be included in the monthly Statement of fresh charges which is submitted to the Government of India.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent, Government Central Museum.

„ Accountant General.

„ Examiner of Claims.

Ed. J. Tulloch.

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From
Captain J. Mitchell
Supt. Govt. C. Museum
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The Honorable A. S. Arbutnot.
Chief Secy. to Government
Fort St. George

Dated 20th June 1867
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No 926
Recommending an
Increase of pay to certain
of the Museum servants

22 July.
R.H.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following
letter from the Supt. Govt.
Central Museum.

Dated 20 June 1871.

Order 5 July 1871 No. 787.

Under the circum-
stances represented in the
foregoing letter the Governor
in Council sanctions the
increases proposed by
Captain Mitchell for the
following servants.

Taxidermist from Rs. 10 to Rs. 25	increase Rs. 7
Veneoee Humawal from Rs. 8 to Rs. 12	" 4
Two sweepers at Rs. 3 each to Rs. 4	" 2
	<u>Rs. 13</u>

2 The charge will be
included in the monthly
statement of fresh charges
which is submitted to the
Govt. of India.

To the Supt. Govt. Central Museum
By the Secy. to Govt. of Madras
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