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[Despatch Abstract.]

Approval of the
proposal to fix the
pay of the Head
Hammer, Govt. Pulp.
at Rs 150—

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17-2-21 73 ✓

Pub. CMO 542

No. 580

Govt. Press, Madras
23rd February 1891

Office note

In forwarding the accompanying letter dated the 12th instant, with 2 enclosures (Indenture & Testimonial from Secretary, Lawrence Asylum Press) received from Mr. F. Pritchard at present Deputy Superintendent of the Lawrence Asylum Press, the Superintendent solicits that Mr. Pritchard's application may receive the favorable consideration of the Chief Secretary to Government.

2. The Assistant Superintendent Mr. J. H. Burns is 56 years of age with 37 years of service, salary Rs. 300, and the Head Examiner Mr. S. F. Austin is 58 years of age with 31 years of service, salary Rs. 200. For some time past, I have been anxious regarding the filling up of the Assistant Superintendent's appointment whenever it should become vacant as the work of the press is increasing year by year and so making it the more necessary that a trained printer should be engaged as Assistant Superintendent.

3. When Mr. Pritchard received notice to leave, he called on me

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OF 18

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READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED 18, No. , MISCELLANEOUS.

ENCLOSURES.

CURRENT No.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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With Mr. Pritchard's indenture returned to Capt. Depot. Press

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for Ind 539
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and stated he was engaged in England under a 5 years' agreement which would terminate in September 1892, but that changes in the Lawrence Asylum Press had caused notice to be given to him to leave, that he engaged on Rs. 200 per mensem with an increase of Rs. 10 monthly after each year of service up to Rs. 250, and that he was now drawing Rs. 240. I told him of the probable two vacancies and asked him if he would be willing to accept the post of Head Examiner if it became vacant this year; he said he was willing to do so if it would give him an opportunity of showing his ability to fill the post of Assistant Superintendent later on. I informed him that I thought it would do so, and I should be in a better position after a year's trial in the Office to advise the Chief Secretary to Government regarding his promotion as Assistant Supt. On this understanding he has forwarded his application.

4. Mr. Pritchard has seen the Medical Officer of his District, and he has been told that he is perfectly fit to enter Government service,

that there is nothing the matter with him, and that he would get a certificate when required.

5. In the early part of last week, Mr. Austin the Head Examiner told me that he was desirous of retiring at the end of this official year as he had a slight sunstroke last year, and he feared the coming hot season. I have therefore to solicit that the Chief Secretary to Government will be pleased to approve of my action as stated in para 3, and to strengthen the superintending staff of the press by securing the services of Mr. Pritchard as Head Examiner from the 1st of April or May next.

R. Hill
Superintendent

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The Chief Secretary
to Government

147 Mount Road
Madras
12th February, 1891.

To
R. Hill, Esq
Superintendent of the
Government Press
Madras.

Sir,
I have been recently informed
by the Secretary of the Lawrence Ashmun
Press. that my services are to be
dispensed with from the end of April
next, and I write to you to enquire
if there is the probability of a vacancy,
arising shortly in any of the higher
appointments in the Government Press.

2. I may state for your information
that I was educated at The Anglo-French
College, Finchley Road, and in France,
and have received Certificates from
those Schools and also from the College
of Preceptors and the Science and Art
Department. On leaving School (1875)
I was apprenticed for seven years at a
London Office, and remained there
until I left England in 1884. Although
apprenticed as a Compositor, I was
taught presswork and the other branches
of the business. Two years of my
apprenticeship ~~were~~ spent in the Pressroom.
During the latter part of my time, I was

put in charge of the Piecework Department. I was also a Press Reader for 2 years, and passed proofs on and off during the whole time I was there.

3. In September 1884 I was appointed from a large number of Candidates to my present post, Deputy Superintendent, Lawrence Asylum Press under a 5 years Agreement, which Agreement is to terminate in April next owing to a reduction of Establishment consequent upon the loss of Madras Military Forms.

4. The following is an extract from the Secretary's letter giving me notice terminating my Agreement:-
"It is with regret I have to inform you
" that as an immediate reduction in
" the establishment has been rendered
" necessary by the heavy loss sustained
" by the Press by the withdrawal by
" Government of War Office and India
" Ordnance Forms, the Government
" Directors of the Press have determined
" to dispense with your services from
" the 30th April, 1891, in the terms
" of your Agreement dated 29th Septem^r
" 1884."

5. I enclose copy of the Secretary's testimonial regarding my conduct and attention to business during the past

4 years, and a copy of my indentures as an apprentice

I remain
Yours truly
J. Pritchard

Secretary's Testimonial before referred to

Lawrence Asylum Press
Mount Road
Madras
11th February, 1891.

This is to certify that Mr F. Pritchard came out to this Press as Deputy Superintendent on an Agreement for 5 years, terminable on either side by a three months' notice. A reduction in the outturn of the Press by the transfer of certain forms to Calcutta has necessitated a reduction in the Establishment, and Mr Pritchard is leaving us on that account

He has shown intelligence in the performance of his duties, and is steady

(Signed) E. J. Firth

Secretary.

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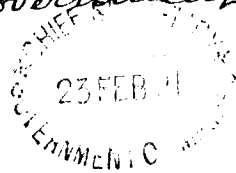
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From

The Superintendent
Government Press,

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government



Dated 23rd

Recd.

} July 1891

Enclosure. 3

Submitting Mr. F. Pritchard's
(the Dy. Supt. L. A. P.) application
for the post of Head Examiner
in the Govt. Press, for the favorable
consideration of the Chief Secretary
to Government.

22/11/82 No 1808/9 P. 200
11/11/83 No 61
12/3/90 No 242 P. 100
19/12/90 No 985 P. 100

Submitted for the order of
the Chief Secretary

C.S.
27th

Submitted for order. I have seen
Mr. Pritchard. He is a young well
mannered and steady looking man.
The opportunity appears to be excellent
one for imparting into the Press at
least of superior qualifications
who can eventually take the place
of Assistant and if he proves a
success in that post of Dy. Supt.
should be given the opportunity for which
he is well qualified. His salary of Rs. 200
p. m. and so apparently Mr. Pritchard
cannot be retained without
the previous sanction of the
Ld. of State.

It is submitted that this should
be applied for. If this is approved
the sanction might as the case
is short be sought by telegram.

2
3 March

Reference

of 11 March 1891

With reference to No. 580 of
23rd. The Superintendent of
the Govt. Press is requested to state
whether a statutory notice of Dismissal
cannot be found to fill the post
of Head Examiner of the Govt.
Press (from orders)

C.S.
9/3.

To the Ld. of Govt. Press

No. 921

Govt Press, Madras,
17th March 1891Office Note

In reply to Reference on
ho. 542 of 11th instant^{Public}, the
Superintendent submits that
a statutory native of India can
be selected from the employes
in the Govt Press to fill the
post of Head Examiner. If
Mr. Pritchard's application is not
favorably considered as Head
Examiner, the Superintendent
would recommend the appoint-
ment of Mr. E. L. D'Costa,
foreman 1st grade on Rs. 70
as Head Examiner. He
is a careful and attentive
foreman, and the Superintendent
thinks he will prove a good
Head Examiner.

* He is at present on 3 months
privilege leave from 12th January 91
granted to him on production of
medical certificate.

2. It is necessary that

the Head Examiner should
be a printer as at times
he is required to do more than
see to the examining of proofs.
Whenever any of the superintendents
are away, the Head Examiner
assists ⁱⁿ valuing the tabular
work and in passing some
of the departmental line
accounts.

R. Hill
Superintendent

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government.

Public No 793.

From

The Superintendent
Government Press,
No 921.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government



Dated 17th }
Recd. } March 1891

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18/3

Submitting that a statutory
native of India can be selected
from the for? Press employees
to fill the post of Head Examiner
and the appointment of such
person to Mr. Pritchard, should
be given to Mr. E. L. D'Costa
from 1st grade.

Reference of 23rd March 1891

With reference to his No.
921 dated 17th instant, the
Superintendent of the Govt. Press
is requested to report whether he
considers Mr. E. L. D'Costa would
be equal to the duties of Head
Examiner of the Press.

Cd.
12/3.

22 March

To the Left for the Press

No. 1082.

Govt Press, Madras,
1st April 1891

Office Note

In reply to Reference
on No. 793 of 23rd March 1891,
the undersigned submits that
Mr. D'Costa's health is restored,
and at his request he has
been permitted to join the
office this day.

In continuation of
this office note no. 921 of
the 17th ultimo, the under-
signed submits that he
made no proposal in that
note as regards the amount
of salary to be given to the
new Head Examiner. As
Mr. D'Costa's present salary
is Rs. 70, the undersigned
suggests that on his appointment

For Head Examiner, the salary
might be fixed at Rs. 150
monthly, the saving being
utilized when proposals
are made to Government
later on for securing the
services of a trained Assistant
Superintendent from England.

R. Hill
Superintendent

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government

2/6/91
Recd
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From
The Superintendent
Govt Press.

C. No 965 + 966.

H. M.

For Orders.

If the Superintendent's proposal
to fix the pay of the new Head
Examiner at Rs 150/- is approved
it will leave Rs 50/- available under
the 1st item of the proposed Budget.

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which might be used to improve the
position of the Examiner lower down and
to provide for a jump in
pay on promotion to the 1st
11 April

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government

Dated
Recd. } April 1891



Submitting that Mr. O'Connell's
health is restored and he is permitted
to join the office this day, and
suggesting that his salary might be
fixed at Rs. 150 and the saving
is he utilized in the manner to
be proposed later on.

15th April 91 No. 298
Order

The proposal of the Supdt. of the
Govt. Press to fix the salary of the
1st Examiner at Rs 150/- is
approved and he will submit
the necessary proposition
statement to the Financial Dept.
2. He will also be requested
to state how he proposes to utilize
the Rs 50/- thus made available
(from orders).

Supdt. Govt Press
mtg 18/4/91
Cl
14/4
This must not have
been sent down.
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