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[Despatch Abstract.]

Directing that Mr.
H. G. Skeen Supt.
Machinery Store Ant-
my dept Cylin be
informed that this
dept can offer him
no employment-

From The Superintendent,
Government Press,
Madras.

To The Chief Secretary
to Government.

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Hul. 17th April 193, N. 314.
Order 15th Apr

Mr. Skeen will be
informed that the
Govt of Madras can offer
him no employment
at present.

J.S.B. 15/4. 15/4/93

Dated 7th }
Received 8th April 1893.
Rgd 10th
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Subject:

Submitting that the Services
of a person with Mr. Henry
G. Skeen's qualifications are
not required at present in
the Press.

Mr. H. G. Skeen
Govt Printing Office
Colombo,
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Pub DEPARTMENT.

From Henry Skeen Esq.
Asst. Machinery & Stores
" Printing Deptt
in the job of Engraving.

No.

Dated 27th } March 1893
Received 30th }

Enclosures one

SUBJECT.

Requesting to be given an
Appointment in the Printing & Engraving
Department.

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Ch. Secy
Ag Chief Secy

CURRENT NO. 1057

Government Press,
Madras.
7th April 1893.

No. 89.

Office Note

The Superintendent, Government
Press, submits that the services of
a person with Mr. Henry G. Skeen's
qualifications are not required at
the present time in the Press.

R. A. Hill
Superintendent.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government,
with current no. 970.

TO BE RETURNED
WITH REPLY

only ask sufficient advance on the above
amount to meet increased cost of living,
& that the time I have served the Crown
in this Colony would count for pension
under the Govt. of Madras.

I. I am 26 years of age, single,
strictly moderate, thoroughly acclimated to the
tropics, & enjoy excellent health.

Soliciting your kind consideration

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Henry L. Bell

Engr. Machinery & Stores
Printing Dept.
Ceylon.

Superintendent of Machinery & Stores.

During over 2 1/2 years service in this Colony I have had excellent & exceptional advantages in acquiring an intimate knowledge of the requirements of Colonial Govt. work, being in constant & close communication with the Secretariat, & in my Superintendence of a large Department, containing over 60 trained mechanics, I have gained a varied & practical experience in laying down & working boilers, engines, machinery & plant of all kinds, re-modelling the branch on a more staple basis, & satisfying my Superiors in every respect.

3. I apply to you solely for the sake of promotion, the prospect of rising in this Office being small in the fact of there being two officers senior to your applicant in this Department.

4. My name & qualifying papers are registered with the Crown Agents for the Colonies, London, for reference & promotion.

5. A reference to the Colonial Secretary's Office of this Colony would also supply you with Credentials on my behalf, & additional testimonial from the Colonial Secretary, Assistant Colonial Secretary & Government Printer would be forwarded should my application be entertained.

6. The testimonial of the Government Printer, which is reproduced in enclosure, was written when I was an applicant for the post mentioned in it. An officer of the Perak Service, however, was promoted to the position.

7. My present salary now amounts to Rs. 2,000 per annum.

8. Should my application be favourably received, & a suitable position tendered, I would

Government Printing Office
Colombo,
Ceylon.

March 27, 1893.

The Hon.
The Chief Secretary
Govt. of Madras.



Sir, I have the honour to apply to you for any vacancy which is now open, or which may occur, under the Government of Madras, of any responsible position in either the Printing, Mechanical Engineering, or Storekeeping Dept.; & in support of such application beg that you will peruse the enclosed Certified Copies of letters bearing on the subject.

2. I was educated at Adelaide College, Dublin, & after having seven years thorough training in a large London Printing Office (a year of which was devoted to book-keeping) I joined the Ceylon Service in June, 1888, as an Assistant Govt. Printer, and

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lain in the Composing Room, he has acquired, I believe, some knowledge of the work of the Press Room.

This readiness to acquire is the result of a good general education which he brings to bear on the various departments of work around him; he keeps his eyes & ears well open for fresh ideas - shows a real interest in his work being painstaking & assiduous.

It gives me great pleasure to record this testimony in his favour.

(Signed) Henry Steen.

[The writer of the above is a Second-Cousin
to the Applicant.]

13, Bishopsgate Avenue,
London, E.C.

28/2/88.

Having had Henry S. Steen under my charge for upwards of six years, during which time he has become well versed in the general routine of a Commercial Printing Office, I can, with confidence, testify to his ability & the faithful discharge of his duties.

(Signed) John Baldwin,
Overseer.

"True Copy" -

H. Richards

H. Clannangara

[Enclosure referred to.]

Govt. Printing Office, Ceylon.
Colombo, Sept. 21, 1892.

Mr. Henry G. Green, my cousin, has very efficiently filled the post of Second Assistant in this Office since July, 1888.

In that capacity he has acted chiefly as Superintendent of the Machine & Press Departments, to which is attached a small foundry, & has had the direct management of some 60 men & boys.

Though trained primarily to "case" (that is, as a compositor) he turned his attention to some extent to machine work before he left England, & having an enthusiasm for machinery he since developed a proficiency rare in one not actually brought up to that branch, & very valuable to a printer.

With the experience gained in this Office—where all description of Govt. work, including railway-tickets & stamp printing are turned out, & where type-casting, stereo-typing, roller-making & book-binding are carried on—I consider him well qualified for such an appointment as that of Superintendent of the Govt. Printing Office of Perak, for which he is an applicant.

(Signed) Geo. J. A. Green,
Govt. Printer, Ceylon.

Works:-
13, Bishopsgate Avenue.

Phoenix Printing Office
17, Great St. Pauls, Bishopsgate,
London, E.C., March, 1888.

This is to certify that Henry George Green has served his apprenticeship with me & is now within six months of the expiration of the seven years term.

He has been quick to learn & prompt to apply his knowledge: he has had a good all-round experience in a London Jobbing Office, & although his duties have chiefly lain