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[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the post does not consider that any case has been made out for addressing the pay & on behalf of the Pressmen & Machinemen of the post press in the matter of their petition praying for admission to Superior Service Pension rules.

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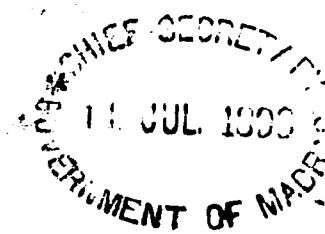
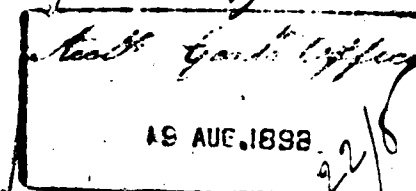
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From

The Superintendent,
Government Press,
Madras

No. 2844.

Order Interest No. 1733

Refers to the account
entitled for payment
of premiums.

Dated 12th July 1898.

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Admnapp.

By Under Secretary.

11/7/98

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16 August 1898

TO BE RETURNED
WITH REPLY.

SUBJECT.

Soliciting favourable
consideration for the memorial
of the pressmen and
machine minders praying
to enable some of them to
the Superior Service position
rules.

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(Through the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras.)

To

His Excellency

The Governor in Council,

FORT ST. GEORGE,

MADRAS.

*The humble Memorial of the Pressmen and
Machinemen of the Government Press,
Madras.*

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That your Excellency's humble Memorialists form a large number in the Government Press establishment, with salaries ranging from Rs. 7 to 16 as detailed below :—

1 Press Maistry on Rs. 15	1 Machine Maistry Rs. 16
4 Pressmen „ 13 each.	3 Machine Minders „ 14 each.
11 Do. „ 12 „	3 Do. „ 13 „
8 Do. „ 11 „	6 Do. „ 12 „
57 Inkers from Rs. 7 to 10	4 Do. „ 11 „
	33 Takers-off from Rs. 7 to 10

2. That your humble Memorialists' duties are equal in all respects, if not superior, to those of some of the other classes of employés in the Government Press Establishment, such as compositors, binders, &c. But as the duties of these employés are peculiar in their own way, so are those of your Memorialists, and this was the reason that impelled the Superintendent of this Press to support the cause of your Memorialists, when, with the sole object of ameliorating the condition of pressmen and machinemen as regards pension, the Superintendent of one of the Presidency Presses raised this question about the year 1892 (?) and carried it to such an extremity that it resulted in a modification of the pension rules on behalf of the employés of the Memorialists' standing—vide Note 2 to Article 435 of the C. S. Regulations.

3. That, according to the previous Pension rules, your humble Memorialists were treated as mechanics, placing them on a level with distributers, fly boys, &c., and for this reason they were compelled to retire on inferior pension though their pay exceeded Rs. 15 and upwards. It is true that the modified rules have removed the mechanical character from the pressmen and machinemen, but the privilege afforded by the rules to the other classes of employés of the Press that their services rendered in salaries exceeding Rs. 10 are superior is still denied to Memorialists, while the services of Government servants, such as divers, catamaran maistries, signalmen, light-house keepers, gunners, &c., are reckoned superior under the C.S. Regulations if their pay exceeded Rs. 10. The condition of the Memorialists, whose work is not mechanical, and at any rate not more mechanical than that of the classes of servants mentioned above, deserve commis-

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Current - No. 2226
No. 2844.

Government Press,
MINT BUILDINGS, MADRAS,
12th July 1898.

OFFICE NOTE.

In forwarding the accompanying memorial from the pressmen and machinemen of the Government Press dated 16th June 1898, the Superintendent submits that in June 1898, in reply to an enquiry from the Superintendent, Government Central Press, Bombay, he stated, that he had always considered it a hardship that pressmen and machine-minders were not classed as superior servants when they received more than 10 rupees per mensem, as only skilled workmen were promoted to Rs. 11 and upwards. The Superintendent understands that a reference was made by the Government of Bombay to the Government of India, and in 1894 note (2) to Printing Establishments under article 435 of the Civil Service Regulations was added, treating the pressmen with salaries of not less than Rs. 15 a month, with effect from 1st April 1894, as superior servants. Under

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This note (2) only two persons in this Establishment are reckoned superior servants viz., the press maistry on Rs. 15 and the machine maistry on Rs. 16.

2. The Superintendent submits that it would be an encouragement to the better qualified men on Rs. 14, 13 and 12 respectively if they were treated as superior servants; the position of 15 out of 35 pressmen and 12 out of 24 machine minders would then be improved. The Superintendent therefore solicits favourable consideration for their memorial.

R. Hill

Superintendent.

To

The Chief Secretary

to Government.

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT,

GOVERNMENT PRESS,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Madras.

Dated

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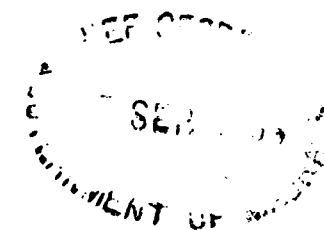
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ENCLOSURE.

Subject.

Public
Financial (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 343



From The Accountant General
Madras.

for Order.

as to whether the Govt of India
will be addressed.

No. 222
343.

6.9.98. There are already 100 papers
regarding the pay of
the Press employees lying
over. Perhaps this may
be sent with them.

Dated 2nd Sept 1898

Received } 5. " "

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Mr.
8/9/98

Very well. 11/9/98

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This paper must be brought up again
when Govt. returns to Madras.

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9.9.98.

K.
Please send a copy of list
of names to be sent.
11/9/98

From the Accountant General
Madras. 11/9/98

SUBJECT.

Remarking on the letter from
the Superintendent Press Madras
soliciting favorable consideration
for the memorial from the Press
men & machinemen of the Govt.
Press praying to enable some
of them to the superior service
pension rules, and stating
that it rests with the Govt.
to determine whether any repre-
sentation should be made to the
G.O. for the revision of rules in
art 435 of the C.S.D.R.

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CURRENT No. 2833

FORT ST. GEORGE,

Accountant-General's Office,

No. *22* *September* 1898.
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Pension

DEPARTMENT.

From

J. Hestath Biggs Esqr.

ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

*The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department.*

SIR,

With reference to your Endorsement No. 1733 dated the 16th of August 1898, referring to me for remarks on Memorial from the Pressmen and Machine Minders of the Government Press, Madras, praying that the services of such of those among them as are in receipt of emoluments exceeding Rs 10/- a month, may be treated, as pensionable on the Superior Scale, I have the honour to

invite attention to the statement given in the margin

		Cost of Pension under existing rules	Cost of Pension as proposed for by the Memorialists.	Cost of Pension as recommended by the Superintendent.	
Pressmen	4 on Rs 13	4x4 = Rs 16	4x6 1/2 = Rs 26	4x6 1/2 = Rs 26	
	11 on Rs 12	11x4 = 44	11x6 = 66	11x6 = 66	
	8 on Rs 11	8x4 = 32	8x5 1/2 = 44	8x4 = 32	
Machine Minders	3 on Rs 14	3x4 = Rs 12	3x7 = Rs 21	3x7 = Rs 21	
	3 on Rs 13	3x4 = 12	3x6 1/2 = 19 1/2	3x6 1/2 = 19 1/2	
	6 on Rs 12	6x4 = 24	6x6 = 36	6x6 = 36	
	4 on Rs 11	4x4 = 16	4x5 1/2 = 22	4x4 = 16	
		Total Rs 156			

from which

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Public DEPARTMENT.

C. No 2226 + 1533

SUBJECT.

Memorial from certain Govt. Press subordinates asking for admission to superior service pension rules.

FOR ORDERS.

Certain Govt. Presshands on salaries varying from Rs.7 to Rs.16 per mensem represent that services rendered by them on salaries exceeding Rs.10 are not considered "superior." They state that ~~divers~~ divers, catamaran maistries, signalmen, lighthouse-keepers, gunners, &c. are allowed to count their services as superior when their monthly pay exceeds Rs.10. It is represented that only two out of 131 of the Govt. Press employes benefit by note 2 art. 435, G.S.R. Memorialists desire that India may be moved to secure an increased rate of pay to them in accordance with the scale of pay in other Govt. Presses, or that the services of pressmen and machinemen earning above Rs. 10 monthly may be treated as superior.

2. The Supt. in forwarding the petition ^{reports} recommends that men on Rs. 14, 13, and 12 per mensem respectively, would

be

be seen that the aggregate amount of pension admissible under the existing rules, assuming that all men will retire after completing 30 years pensionable service, will be Rs 156, while it will be Rs 216-8- according to the Superintendent's recommendation and Rs 234-8- per mensem, according to the Memorialists' request. In the circumstances stated by the Superintendent in his Office Note dated 12 July 98, herewith returned, it rests with Government to determine whether any representation should be made to the Government of India for the revision of the rule contained in Article 435 of the Civil Service Regulations under Printing Establishments and the Note 2 thereunder, and if so, to what extent.

The endorsement under reply and its enclosures are herewith returned.

I have the honour to be,
Your Most Obedient Servant;

W. H. B. J.
Accountant General.

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be encouraged if their services were
treated as superior. If his recommendation
is adopted 15 out of 35 pressmen, and
12 out of 24 machine-minders would have
their prospects improved.

Orders are requested.

H. H.

The question is whether India
should be added on the subject
of this request. It is not long since
India made a concession to this class
of servants and it is not likely
that they will revise the rule now
but we can urge a special provision
in this regard viz that our
rates of wages are considerably
lower than elsewhere. The rule
therefore enhances wages elsewhere
without material improvement in the
position here.

24/11/98

Col. Lethbridge to the H. H. H. H.
please see para 2 of the
memorial, and also 2 to at
435 C.S.R. There are no papers
in the office relating to this
concession which was presumably made
at the instance of some other Govt.
H. H. 12/12/98

What was this. Please
put up Mr.

MA 1.12.98

If Govt. is to make a representation
on this ground, it is necessary to
be aware of the facts. How is
the assertion proved? We should
have a comparison of the wages
paid to similar employees in
say Bengal and the N.W.P.

MA 15.12.98

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TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

From

The Under Secretary

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

To

Mr. Supt. Govt. Press

Dated 2nd July 1899

Your office note
2844 of 12 July 1898.
Can you give
the rates of pay allowed
to Pressmen and machine
men in Govt. printing
establishments in Bengal
and the North West Province
If so, please send state
ments.

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TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

From

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Dated 189

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Public (1898) Department.

CURRENT No: 28

From The Superintendent,
Port Press,
Madras

No. 6

Dated 2nd Jan'y 1899

Received 3rd Jan'y 1899

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SUBJECT.

Submitting a statement showing rates of pay allowed to pressmen and machine-men in the Secretariat Presses of the Bombay & the North West Provinces Govts.

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Note for Under Secretary,
Chief Secretariat.

The rate of pay allowed to Pressmen and Machinemen in the Secretariat Presses of the Govt. of India, and Bengal, cannot be given, as they are paid for work done at piece rates. The rates of pay given at Bombay and North West Provinces are given below.

Bombay Secretariat Press.

15 Pressmen & machinemen @ Rs. 15 each
7 " " 14 "
4 " " 13 "
31 " " 12 "
3 " " 11 "
25 " " less than 11 "

A. N. P. Secretariat Press.

Permanent Handl.	Temporary Handl.
1 Pressman @ Rs. 12	2 Pressmen @ Rs. 10
2 " 11 each	1 " 9
2 " 10 "	4 " 8
2 " 9 "	1 " 5
9 " 8 "	2 Machinemen 20
1 " 7	1 " 12
2 Machinemen 8 "	1 " 10
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Gark Press,
Medan 2nd July 1899. } Superintendent
R. Hill

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29.1.99

NOTE FOR THE *Ken. by Arnold*

The Hon. Members will
of 15.12.28.

He has been ascertains
from the Engl. Govt. Press that
Pressmen & machinemen in the
Bengal Secretariat Press are paid
at piece rates. He has given
the rates of pay of pay allowed
in Bombay & the U. S. Provinces.

The following is a comparison of the rates of pay in London, Bombay & the N. W. P.:-

	<u>Waters</u>	<u>Bowling</u>	<u>W. W. R.</u>
Men on 12 1/2 cwt —	1	0	0
— " — 15 —	1	15	0
— " — 14 —	3	7	0
— " — 13 —	7	4	0
— " — 12 —	17	31	1
— " — 11 —	12	3	2
— Less than 11 1/2 cwt —	90	25	17
		85	20

In the N. S. Province
there are also 15- temporary
hands, two on Rs 20 each
& the rest on 60y varying
from Rs 12 to 17, but tem-
porary men are not
affected by the Pains.

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Rules.

It will be seen that in Bombay there are 15 men drawing Rs 15 each per mensem, while in Madras only 2 men draw that pay or more.

Cs. H.
3.1.99. 4/1/99

It will be seen that as a fact the wages compare as follows.
Bombay. Madras. H.W.C.
May. wages. Rs 80 11 11 1/2.
Our rates are therefore unduly low. I do not desire to be understood however as making a complaint with this petition as demanded. I think no action need be taken on it.

H.W.C.

Bombay is a much more expensive place than Madras to live in.

I do not think any case has been made out for addressing the Govt. of India.

M. 7.1.99.

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Public DEPARTMENT.

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The Govt. does not consider that any case has been made out for addressing the Govt. of India on behalf of the petitioners.

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