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No 241.

Fort St George,

Mint, 11th Feb^y. 1857.

From Lieut^t Col^l F. C. Cotton, Eng^r, & Mint Master

To G. L. Prendergast Esq^r

S. D. Birch Esq^r

W. H. Bayley Esq^r

Mint Committee

Gentlemen

Sir,

Having been called upon by the Chief Engineer under instructions conveyed in Memoirs of consultation No 145 of 21st January 1857 to pay for the Steam Engine I borrowed from the Engineers & Department some time ago, I now do myself the honor to forward copy of a letter received from the Chief Engineer's office in answer to my enquiry as to the cost of the Machine.

The sum I am expected to pay for this Engine is ^{Rs} 729-2-2, which is a high price; but as it is the property of Government and the purchase and sale is nominal

the

the only question to be determined is whether it is advisable to lodge the Engine in the Mint rather than elsewhere? On this point there is I think no doubt. By the use of it I am now obtaining as much work as could be done by 24 pairs of bullocks at the cost of 8 pairs; and by its aid I am able to bring into currency as much copper as can be cut and stamped. Indeed it would laminate a great deal more copper than I could coin, but it is at present actually enabling me to issue 9000 pieces daily. Under which circumstances I need hardly say that I strongly recommend that the Engine should be purchased by the Mint.

3^d The Chief Engineer has promised me another Engine somewhat smaller than that now in use; which is also much required: and when I have ascertained the cost of it, I shall do myself the honor of soliciting sanction for the

the purchase of that also.

Fort St George
Mint,
11th Feb. 1857

I have the honor to be

Signed Fred. C. Cotton

As. Mint Master

True copy

Thomas

Secretary, Mint Committee

R. H.

For H. St. George
Mint Committee Office
14 February 1857

N. 45

From

J. W. P. Brooks Esq.

Secretary Mint Committee

To

J. Pierpont Esq.

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

1 I have the honor, by desire of the Mint Committee, to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Acting Mint Master dated 11th instant, N. 241, soliciting Government sanction for the purchase of the Steam Engine, which, by Extract from the minutes of Council of 21st September last N. 430 Financial Department, he was allowed to obtain for the use of the Mint.

2 In para 2 the Acting Mint Master

Chas. L. Strong 36th June
1857 N. 13 of 1857 22nd 24

1857 Defunct

In a letter from the defunct
Mint Committee dated 17th
February 1857 N. 45.

From

John W. P. Brooks Esq.
Secretary Mint Committee

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Jan 1858

Forwarded copy of a
letter from the Acting Mint
Master regarding cost of steam
engine, which the Mint
Master has drawn by it and he
commends the purchase of
it for the Mint.

Master represents the great usefulness of
the Machine in expediting the operations of the
Copper Coinage, and strongly recommends its
permanent transfer to the Mint. The Commit-
tee therefore instruct me to request that some-
thing may be accorded for its purchase by Col-
onel Cotton at its stock value of $\text{Rs } 4729.2.2$
four thousand seven hundred and twenty-nine,
Annas two, and Pice two.

Fort St. George
Mint Committee Office
14th February 1857.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours Most Obedt. Servant

James
Secretary Mint Committee

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government

Off of West Street
with Bank to S. & S. N.