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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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B-m. 16-17

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N^o 16 From J. J. Franklin Esq^r
Secretary Marine Board

To J. Pycroft Esq^r
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir, *delivered March 1857*
I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to inform you that the Master Attendant has brought to their notice the very insecure manner in which Copper for the Mint is shipped from England to this Presidency, which leads to frequent loss either on board ship, in the boats during its transit to the shore, or afterwards.

2 The Copper slips sent to be converted into coin are packed in large Cases weighing about 250 lbs, which are merely secured with nails, and being very cumbersome, the nails are liable to start in moving the Cases about; and when this occurs it offers temptation to those employed to extract some of the slips which

which can easily be done, and the case closed without shewing any outward appearance of having been tampered with.

3 The Board recommend that the Honorable Court of Directors be requested to have the Copper packed in cases of stouter planks and weighing not more than a Cwt each, and to have them screwed instead of nailed, and secured with strong iron clamps or hoops. There would then be no danger of the cases being opened except by actual fracture, wilful or otherwise.

4 The Board also think that Copper slips should be landed in charge of persons. If coined, it would not be shipped without a guard, and they see no reason why some precaution should not be used in bringing it on shore before it has been received into the Mint.

Madras.
Marine Board Office
6th March 1837.
E.S.D.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

Wm. Hamilton
Secretary.

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Drumgo to notice the
very same and measure for what
Copper for this kind as shipped from
England, and to examine to what the
Wagon the Cost of Disturbance is re-
lated to have the Copper packed in
cases of stouter boards and weighing
not more than a cwt each, and
be covered with some material of lead,
with strong iron clamps of hoops.
I suggest that Copper sh^{ts}
should be landed in charge of
of persons. -

North an Order

Before that the fore-
going letter be transmitted to the
Honble the Court of Directors and
their attention drawn to the sug-
gestions of the same Board.
It will be pointed out to them
at the same time how frequently
of late deficiencies have occurred
-and in consequence of Copies
which are the Result.

The Congress directed that the proposition be introduced in the last House of the Board's letter be adopted for the future.

For B. S. on ge, 12
13th March 1857

44 The Marine Band

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with copy of the N. & W. B. 1843

Christiana