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Fort St. George
Mint 6th March 1857

From Lieut. Coll. F. C. Cotton Esq^r, Act^y Mint Master

To G. L. Prendergast Esq^r

S. D. Birch Esq^r

W. H. Bayley Esq^r

Mint Committee

Gentlemen,

Para 1st. The very frequent reports of deficiencies in the Cases of Copper received from England, induce me to bring the subject to the notice of your Committee.

2^d. The accompanying statement of invoices and reports of receipts, by the usual Committee in the Mint, shows that no ship's cargo is now landed complete. The Cases are evidently opened and closed again before they are weighed in the Mint, and the Copper ships abstracted.

3^d. I am now in correspondence with Captain Biden on the subject, and I need not say that I feel sure that every effort will be made to discover where

where the robbery occurs. But to prevent a recurrence of the loss, it is very advisable that your Committee should intimate to the authorities in England the necessity for using more secure cases. The Copper slips come out now in simple deal wood boxes nailed together, without even the most ordinary precautions being taken to fasten them. With contents so valuable, such a case is much too insecure. Every box ought to have strong iron hoops round it before it is placed on board ship, and if it were so, thefts could hardly be committed without their time and place being detected.

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George }
 Mint }
 6th March 1857 }
 Gentlemen
 Your most Obedient Serv^t.
 (Signed) Fred. C. Cotton
 Acting Mint Master

From Lieut. Col. F. C. Cotton Esq^r.
 To: J. L. Prendergast Esq^r. }
 J. D. Birch Esq^r. } Mint Committee
 W. H. Bayley Esq^r. }
 (True copy)

21 Aug 1857
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In a letter from the
 Secretary, Mount Committee
 dated 11th March 1857

From the Mt. Mint Master

To the Mount Committee

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Results upon the
 possibility for using more
 secure cases to the copper slips
 brought out from England
 coming to Mt. Mint
 reports of the committee will
 that the committee will
 indicate the same to the
 authorities in England for
 forwarding such measures

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Statement of Copper received from England showing
the difference between the Invoices, and the Reports
of the Committee, appointed by the Mint Master
to examine the same.

Names of Ships	Number of Slips		
	as per Invoices	as per Committee Reports	Difference
Ship "Northumberland"	14,000	13,985	15
"Columbia"	24,000	23,997	3
"Blackfriar"	27,000	26,998	2
"Gloriana"	31,000	30,960	40
"Sea Park"	23,021	23,011	10
"Salamanca"	49,000	48,940	60

For T. St. George
Mint
5th March 1857

(Signed) Thos. C. Cotton
Acting Mint Master

(True Copy)

James
Secretary Mint Committee

N.P.H.

His Excellency the Governor
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In a letter from
the Secretary of the
Committee dated 11th
March 1857 No 64.

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Statement of
received from
showing the
on several accounts.

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Fort St George
Mint Committee Office
11th March 1857

No 18

From.

J. W. Breckes Esq
Secretary Mint Committee

To

T. Pycroft Esq
Chief Secretary to Government
dated 11 March

Sir

I have the honor, by desire
of the Mint Committee, to forward for
submission to the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council the accompanying
copy of a letter from the Acting Mint
Master, drawing attention to the fre-
quent occasions deficiencies have been
reported in the contents of the Cases of
Hoop Copper received from England for
the Mint, and suggesting that every box
should have strong iron hoops bound
round it, so as to prevent its being
easily

x
dated 16th March
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broken or tampered with, after shipment.

2 The Committee instruct me to solicit that the necessary steps may be taken for carrying out the suggestion of the Acting Mint Master, should the same meet with the approval of Government.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

James
Secretary Mint Committee

Fort St. George }
Mint Committee Office }
11th March 1857 }

To.

The Chief Secretary to Government

A. P. H.

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Why may he have been
 - trying out the engine on of the
 old Hunt tractor that's sorry
 but should have changed on
 Cooper brand round it. So far
 - work is being run by well
 or completed with -
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Forwarded for the
care of the Right Honble the
Lord on Council, Copy of a letter
from the City of New York, draw-
ing attention to the frequent
occurrence of deficiency in the
conduct of the case of Wm
Boyd received from England,
and to state that the necessary
With an Order of the

Release that the fore

giving letter be brought to the no-
tice of the Honble the Court of
Directors in connection with
the statement from the Service
Board on the same subject.

To S. W. Hoag, Esq,
Boston, March 1857.