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N^o 1 From C. Hugh Despatching on Esq, Secy to the
Govt of India, N^o 248

To The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Fort St. George.

Fort William 27 Feb
1857, No 248
Lieut. Dep^t Secy,

I am directed by the Right
Honble the Governor General in Council to
acknowledge the receipt of your letter N^o 65
dated 31st Ultimo, conveying the recommendation
of the Right Honble the Governor in Council
of Fort Saint George to certain suggestions
made by the Mint Committee in regard
to seven apprentices whom it is proposed to
entertain in the Mint, and stating that
His Lordship in Council will be glad if the
original Scheme submitted by Lieutenant
Colonel Cotton, the acting Mint Master, can
yet be reconsidered, as in that officer's opinion,
the reduction ordered by this Government will
not be found to be an economical measure,
seeing that the Mint will require the services
of a larger number of apprentices than 24,
the number originally proposed by him; and
that, as the work that would have been done
by

by them must be performed by artificers of some
kind, the opportunity of educating Artizans ^{to suit the various operations} of
the Mint will be lost, while a higher rate of
wages will be paid to those actually employed.

2 In reply I am desired to intimate
that the Right Honble the Governor General in
Council sees no objection to the Madras Govt
making whichever of the two arrangements (viz: that
obtaining at Calcutta or that proposed for Madras)
they prefer. within the limit of 170 Rupees already
sanctioned for Mint apprentices; but His Lordship
in Council is unable to understand how, if 12 apprentices
are sufficient for the Calcutta Mint, more than 24
can be required at the Madras Mint which has
not, it is believed, a tenth part of the power of
the Calcutta Mint.

Fort William }
the 27th February 1837 }
I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

My Servant

Secy to the Government of India

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