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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 7th April 1857.

No. 15. Read the following letter from J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Secretary Mint Committee;
to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 21st March 1857, No. 76.

SIR,

I have the honor, by desire of the Mint Committee, to forward for submission to the Right

Honorable the Governor in Council,

From the Assay Master, dated 5th March 1857, No. 111.

To the Assay Master, dated 16th March 1857, No. 73.

From the Assay Master, dated 17th March 1857, No. 134.

copies of the correspondence noted in the margin.

2. I have the honor to state that the Building work alluded to in the first 3 paras: of the Assay Master's letter, dated 5th March, No. 111, has been referred to the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, for submission through his Office to Government, according to the Orders given in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 19th July 1856, No. 1217, Public Works Department;—and the other questions, treated of in the Assay Master's letter, have been disposed of in the Mint Committee's letter, dated 16th March, No. 73.

3. As the Assay Master, in his letter of the 17th Instant, No. 134, considers that a new scale of Establishment is indispensably necessary for the operations of the Chloride Process of Assay, which, by Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 7th April 1856, No. 149, Financial Department, was ordered to be introduced into the Assay Department, in the place of the present

less accurate mode of Assay;—the Committee instruct me to recommend his proposition as shewn in the original Tabular Statement*

*Dated 5th March 1857. accompany, for the favorable consideration of Government.

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,

Secretary Mint Committee.

From G. J. SHAW, Esq., Assay Master; to the Mint Committee, dated 5th March 1857, No. 111.

GENTLEMEN,

Para: 1. I have the honor, in compliance with the instructions conveyed in your Secretary's letter, dated 12th February 1857, No. 40, to furnish you with an Estimate for the additional accommodation which will be required in the Assay Office for conducting the operations of the Chloride Process of Assay.

2. In consultation with the Acting Mint Master, Lieutenant Colonel Cotton, I have decided that it would be the best plan to extend the recently erected room on the East face of the Mint, for the purposes of a Laboratory, and, as it will be necessary to protect this room from the dust and hot land winds, I have had Estimates prepared for Verandahs, on the West side of the Building, with venetian windows above.

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3. The necessity of providing space for the adjustment of the Weights and Measures sent from the various Departments, for comparison with the Standards in this Office, has induced me to include an additional Estimate for enclosing a Verandah on the ground floor, and erecting a partition wall across one of the rooms.

4. I however avail myself of this opportunity to suggest to your Committee, that it would be very desirable if this duty could be entrusted to some other Office, as the time of the Servants of the Assay Office will be completely occupied under the new system of work, and in the Calcutta Mint it was found necessary to transfer the Weights and Measures to the Office of the Mint Committee with a proper person to attend to their adjustment.

5. With reference to the changes which will be necessary in the Office Establishment, I find myself surrounded by obstacles connected with making due provision for the old Servants, and especially as regards the Head Accountant and Manager, Mr. G. D. Van Derwart.

6. Your Committee has observed, in para: 3 of your Secretary's letter, that the sanction of Government has already been obtained for the transfer of Mr. T. E. Scriven from the Mint to the Assay Office, but it has apparently escaped the recollection of your Committee, that this was merely as a temporary arrangement to enable me to send Mr. Scriven to Calcutta, and that on his return to Madras he resumed his duties as Deputy Accountant in the Mint, which had been performed during his absence by Mr. G. Duarte, the Deputy Accountant of the Assay Office, upon his own salary of Rupees 70 per mensem, that retained by Mr. Scriven being exactly double, viz., Rupees 140 per mensem.

7. In drawing up a scale of Office Establishment, very little aid can be derived from that found adequate in Calcutta, as the same Class of Servants can be obtained at a much lower rate in Bengal than at Madras, as your Committee will readily perceive on comparing the present Office Establishment with that which exists in the Calcutta Mint.*

8. With the view of avoiding any increased expenditure, I think that the Accountant's Department might be dispensed with altogether in the Assay Office, as I believe to be the case in the Bombay Mint, but as the double calculations are considered necessary as a check in the Calcutta Mint, your Committee may not deem it expedient to make any change in this respect at present.

9. If the Accountant's Office is to be maintained it will be the duty of the Laboratory Superintendent also to check the calculations which might be then made by two qualified Assistant Accountants. By this arrangement I consider that only one additional Writer would be required and thus a small saving effected in that Department of the Office.

10. The accompanying scale of fixed Establishment is what I consider necessary for the efficient performance of the work, and although somewhat above the present amount of salaries allowed to the Office, I hope, will meet with your Committee's approval and recommendation.

(Signed) G. J. SHAW,
Assay Master.

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From J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Secretary Mint Committee; to G. J. SHAW, Esq., Assay Master, dated 16th March 1857, No. 73.

SIR,

1. I have the honor, by desire of the Mint Committee, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant, No. 111, forwarding an Estimate for erecting an Upper Room in the Assay Office, and a Tabular Statement showing the scale of the fixed Establishment that you will require on account of the introduction of the new Process of Assay.

2. With reference to the suggestion contained in the 4th para: of your letter, I am instructed to state that the Mint Committee Office in its present locality will not admit of the transfer there of the Standard Weights and Measures, and the Committee also direct me to say that as the work of their adjustment was given to the Assay Office in 1832, that Department seems to them to be the one to have charge of them.

3. Regarding the transfer* of Mr. T. E. Scriven to the Assay Office, the Committee observe that, the Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 5th July 1856 approved of your proposed arrangements for securing Mr. Scriven's services as the fittest man available, and therefore in communication with the Acting Mint Master you are at liberty at any time to carry out your proposition.

4. On the subject of the Accountant's Department in your Office, I am to state that it is desirable to retain it for the purpose of efficient check, as is the case in the Calcutta Mint.

5. Before forwarding to Government your proposed scale of Establishment, the Committee wish to know whether, in framing the requisition, you have kept in view the Orders of Government contained in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 12th January 1857, No. 17, Financial Department.

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,
Secretary Mint Committee.

From G. J. SHAW, Esq., Assay Master; to the Mint Committee, dated 17th March 1857, No. 134.

GENTLEMEN,

Para: 1. With reference to para: 5 of your Secretary's letter, No. 73, dated the 16th Instant, I have the honor to state that the Orders of Government referred to were promulgated long after the arrangements for the Chloride Process were in contemplation, and that to carry them out the scale of Establishment proposed will be indispensably necessary.

2. At the same time however if it be deemed inadvisable by your Committee at the present time, to apply for any increase of expenditure, I have no hesitation in stating that the work as at present conducted may be allowed to continue, as the change, although desirable, cannot be considered "absolutely necessary."

(Signed) G. J. SHAW,
Assay Master.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. BREEKS,
Secretary Mint Committee.

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For estimated expenditure.		Years.	Revenue.		Charges.		Total.		Net.					
			Ordinary.	Extraordinary.	Ordinary.	Extraordinary.	Revenue.	Charges.	Surplus.	Deficit.				
														
No.	Date	Office to which the proposition refers.	Nature of Charge.										Proposed	
													Permanent.	
													Increase per month.	Decrease per month.
			Present Scale.					Proposed Scale.						
			Rs. A P.					Rs. A P.					Rs. A P.	
Assay Office.		I Head Accountant and Manager.....	200	.....	1	Superintendent of Laboratory and Head Accountant.....	200	.....						
		1 Deputy do.....	70	.....	1	1st Asst. do. do.	100	.....						
		1 Writer.....	30	.....	1	2d Asst. do. do.	50	.....						
		1 do.....	25	.....	1	Apprentice.....	25	.....						
		1 do.....	14	.....	1	Native Writer...	15	.....						
		1 Moochy.....	12	.....	1	Supt. of Musters.	35	.....						
		3 Peons at 7 Rupees each.....	21	.....	1	Asst. do. do.	20	.....						
						1 Moochy.....	10	.....						
						1 Armourer or Flattening man.....	10	.....						
		1 Supt. of Musters...	30	.....	1	1st Fireman.....	15	.....						
		1 Assistant do.....	15	.....	1	2d do.....	8	.....						
		1 Head Fireman.....	28	.....	1	3d do.....	7	.....						
		1 1st Assistant.....	10	.....	1	Bheesty.....	5	.....						
		1 2d do.....	8	.....	1	Head Peon.....	8	.....						
		1 3d do.....	7	.....	1	2d do.....	7	.....						
		1 Flattening man.....	10		1	3d do.....	7							
		1 Sweeper.....	3	8	1	Scavenger...	2							
	1 Scavenger...	1												
Rupees.....			484	8	Rupees.....			524		39	8			

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situation.			Temporary.			Casual or Extraordi- nary,	Grounds of Proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	Orders of the Government of India.		
Increase per month.			Decrease per month.						Home Dept.	Financial Depart- ment.	
Period.			Period.						Remarks.	Remarks.	Orders.
Rs.	A	P.	Rs.	A	P.		For the introduction of the new system of Assay by the Chloride Process.				

(Signed) G. J. SHAW,
Assay Master.

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Excerpt from the Minutes of Consultation
under date 7th April 1857.

Read letter from the
Rent Committee.

(Dated 21st March 1854. 804p.)

Of the questions treat-
ed of in the correspon-
dence submitted with
the foregoing letter, the
Print Committee request
orders ~~only~~ on that which
relates to the new scale
of Establishment proposed
by the Assay Master
for the Chloride process
of assay which was
lately ordered to be in-
troduced into his depart-
ment.

2. It is observed from the application forwarded by the Survey Master that

that the proposed scale involves an increase of Rs. 34-8-0 per man ~~year~~ above the cost of the present Establishment, and

Deputy Asst. & Manager on that the additions to the Rs. 40- to be 1st Asst. to Asst. Salaries of the 2^d and 3^d of Laboratory & Asst. Accountant. on increased salary of Rs. 100- 1st Writer on 30 Rs. to be 2^d Asst. & amount to Rs. 50 and ex. to do on increased salary Rs. 50.

ceed by nearly 10 Rs. the extra expense of the entire re-arrangement of the Establishment.

3. As the Deputy Master in his letter to the Joint Committee of the M. S. S. states "that the work as at present conducted may be allowed to continue, as the change although desirable cannot be considered absolutely necessary," the Govt. are of opinion that it should not be carried out, at least for the present, unless it can be done

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done without increase of expenditure which however they think it might with some little arrangement of the Establishment.

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