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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 16th June 1857.

No. 22. From J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Secretary Mint Committee ; to E. MALTBY, Esq. Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 3rd June 1857, No. 130.

SIR,

I have the honor, by desire of the Mint Committee, to submit the accompanying copy of an application from the Acting Mint Master, dated 29th Ultimo, No. 27, with an
**In duplicate.* original Indent * soliciting sanction for the purchase of the small Steam Engine alluded to in the last para: of the Acting Mint Master's letter forwarded with Committee's letter to Government under date the 14th February last, No. 45.

The Acting Mint Master speaks highly of the advantage to be derived from the use of the Engine and adds that it is well suited to the Machinery Room. In the concluding para: of his letter he states that in the purchase of the

	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Value of the Engine..		2,364 9 1
Sanction required ... 1,378 14 2		
Already paid in excess to be refunded by the P. D. W.....	985 10 11	
		2,364 9 1

other Engine lately sanctioned† its stock value was taken at Rs. 4,729-2-2 instead of at Rs. 3,743-7-3, leaving a sum of Rs. 985-10-11 already sanctioned but unexpended. The Committee, therefore, request that a further sum of Rs. 1,378-14-2 may be added to the Rs. 985-10-11 already sanctioned; to make up the amount value of the present Engine (vide margin) for the

purchase of which the Acting Mint Master is soliciting sanction. While supporting the application of the Acting Mint Master, the Committee consider it their duty to bring to the notice of Government the successful exertions that have been made by Colonel Cotton to raise the power of the Madras Mint so as to meet the increased demand upon it for Silver and Copper Coins.

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

From Lieutenant Colonel F. C. COTTON, Engineers, Acting Mint Master.

To G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq.,	} Mint Committee, dated 29th May 1857, No. 27.
" S. D. BIRCH, Esq.,	
" W. H. BAYLEY, Esq.,	

GENTLEMEN,

Para: 1st. I do myself the honor to request that your Committee will support my application for permission to purchase another small Steam Engine for the use of the Mint which Colonel Faber has allowed me to indent for from the Engineer Department.

2nd. The great increase in the out-turn of the Mint is causing so rapid an expenditure of the apparatus used, that the means formerly employed to make good the wear and tear of Tools and machinery is now altogether inadequate for the purpose, and I propose to use this little Engine in driving the Lathes, Boring and Planing Machines which could not be worked with sufficient speed by any accumulation of manual power.

3rd. By the use of steam this part of the Mint apparatus will produce double the amount of work, at less cost than has been spent upon it hitherto, and the Engine I am indenting for is peculiarly well suited to the machinery room, because it can be worked without waste of fuel at any reduced power, so that it can from day to day, or hour to hour, be suited in power to the number of machines required to be put in motion.

4th. I need hardly say more in explanation of my wants, as your Committee will be able to judge from the amount of work done how great must be the difficulty of keeping up the additional power required in every Department of the Mint. We are indebted to the Engine, brought into use at the end of last year for the good supply of Copper Coin remitted to the Treasury in the last 5 months and I hope now by its aid to be able to increase the Silver Coinage to 75,000 pieces daily, till the large balance of Bullion which has accumulated during the Settlement is brought within moderate limits; or the Silver laminating Engine is doing its own work.

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 16th June 1857.

The use of the Engine has shewn that Steam power is hardly one quarter the price of bullock labour and is in every way far better suited to the Mint than either Cattle power or Manual labour.

5th. In the purchase of the Engine above mentioned it appears that a wrong sum was named as the stock value of it, and Rupees 4,729-2-2 were paid for it in lieu of Rupees 3,743-7-3, which was its real price. The present Engine is valued at Rupees 2,364-9-1 and for that sum I must now solicit sanction; but as there will be a refund of Rupees 985-10-11 on account of the excess paid for the other Engine the actual additional expenditure required is only Rupees 1,378-14-2.

(Signed) FRED. C. COTTON,
Acting Mint Master.

(True Copy.)

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

No. 23.

ORDER THEREON, No. 344; dated 16th June 1857.

Under the circumstances represented by the Acting Mint Master, the Government sanction the purchase of another small Steam Engine for the use of the Mint, at the value of Rupees (2,364-9-1) Two thousand three hundred and sixty four, Annas nine and Pice one, but deducting the sum paid in excess for the Engine previously purchased, at the additional expenditure of Rupees (1,378-14-2) One thousand three hundred and seventy-eight, Annas fourteen and Pice two.

Financial Department

No. 267

From the Secretary Mint Committee

Dated 3rd June 1857.

For Orders.

Supervisor.

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Under the circum-
stances represented by the Acting
Agent Master, the Govt. sanctioned
the purchase of another small
Steam Engine for the use of the
Mill at the value of Rs. 2304-9-1,
but deducting the sum paid
in excess for the Engine pre-
viously purchased, at the ad-
ditional expenditure of Rupees
(1378-14-2) One thousand three
hundred & seventy-eight Rupees
fourteen and Pice two.

To G. S. George,
16 June 1857.

only for Rs. 1378-14-2
instead of its actual value
Rs. 2304-9-1, the difference
being made up by a sum of
Rs. 985-10-11 already paid
in excess to be refunded
by the D. P. M. in the short
value of the other engine lately
sanctioned.
Brings to the notice of
Govt. the successful exertions
made by G. S. George to raise
the power of the Madras Mill for Cinase.

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