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Financial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 5. From J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Secretary Mint Committee ; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th June 1857, No. 134.

SIR,

I have the honor, by desire of the Mint Committee, to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Acting Mint Master, dated 6th Instant, No. 40, suggesting certain changes which he considers very urgently demanded for his Department.

The Committee beg to solicit the attention of Government, to the 4th, 5th and 6th paras : of the letter, and request that sanction may be granted to the Acting Mint Master to raise a new building on the opposite side of the Street from the Mint at a cost of Rupees 840. The Acting Mint Master does not state whether or no he has communicated with the Government Officer under whose especial charge the compound of the Seven-Wells is placed, the Government will perhaps consider whether the urgency of the work is such as to require its commencement without the views of that Officer as to the expediency of the arrangement being ascertained.

The Committee also instruct me to request that permission may be granted to place the sum of Rupees 147 lately sanctioned by Government in the Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 26th May 1857, No. 302, at the disposal of the Superintendent of Police as requested in the first para : of the Acting Mint Master's letter.

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

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

To G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., }
„ S. D. BIRCH, Esq., } Mint Committee.
„ W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., }

Dated 6th June 1857, No. 40.

GENTLEMEN,

Para : 1st. On reconsideration of the arrangements for the Peons Guard of the Mint, I think it very advisable that the Establishment of Peons allowed by Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 26th May 1857, should be placed under the charge of the Superintendent of Police ; and in fact form a part of his Establishment.

2nd. By this arrangement the organization of the Guard may be made far more complete than if it was a distinct body under my management, and as a part of the General Police, the men can be changed occasionally ; a measure which is considered advisable both by Colonel Boulderson, and myself.

3rd. I have this morning seen the Superintendent of Police, and spoken to him on this subject, and as the plan I now propose has his entire approval, I do not hesitate to request that sanction may be obtained for the sum allowed, (*viz.* Rupees 147,) being placed at his disposal, instead of mine.

4th. As it will be necessary to provide shelter for these Peons, I should propose that the old Sepoy Guard Room was made over for their use, but its position is so objectionable that it must be removed and I take the liberty of requesting that I may be permitted to raise a similar building somewhat more high and airy on the opposite side of the Street from the Mint.

5th. This building including as it does at present 5 stalls for horses and 40 feet in length for carriages, measures 166 feet. For the new building so great a length is not necessary, about 133 feet only will be required, with a breadth of $13\frac{1}{2}$ feet. The site of this building can only be obtained by taking a strip of the necessary length, and $13\frac{1}{2}$ feet in breadth from the Seven-Well compound, but as the wall of the compound will form the front wall of the building, and there will be only barred windows opening into the well enclosure, it will not interfere in any way injuriously with that compound.

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 23rd June 1857.

6th. The cost of the building, I propose, will be about 840 Rupees; and I hope that I may obtain immediate permission to exact it, as the necessity for the work is very urgent. Estimates in due form will be forwarded to the Chief Engineer as soon as they are carefully prepared.

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

(True Copy.)

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

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 349; dated 18th June 1857.

The Government approve of the proposed construction of a Guard Room for the Watching Peons on the opposite side of the Street from the Mint at a cost of Rupees (840) eight hundred and forty, and direct that orders be issued through the Public Works Department for the early execution of the work, the necessity of which is represented to be very urgent.

2. They also authorize the sum of Rupees (147) one hundred and forty-seven per mensem, recently allowed for extra Peons to be entertained by the Acting Mint Master, being placed at the disposal of the Commissioner of Police, to strengthen his Establishment and enable him to furnish Watching Peons, as he is stated to approve of this measure and to concur in the opinion of the Mint Authorities that the organization of the Guard will thus be rendered more effective.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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*Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date 18th June 1857*

*Read letter from
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(Dated 18 June 1857. No. 349)

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