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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 22nd September 1857.

No. 15. From C. HUGH LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India ;
to the Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 4th
September 1857, No. 3708.
SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 397, dated 7th July last, trans-
mitting copy of a communication from the Mint Committee, specifying the extent of the unexecut-
ed demands for Copper Coins for issue in the Madras Presidency, and desiring to be informed,
before giving a decided answer to the reference made by this Government, what quantity of Cents
is required for the Straits, and what is the thickness of the Cent.

2nd. In regard to the latter point, I am desired by the Right Honorable the Governor Ge-
neral in Council, to forward for the information of
the Right Honorable the Governor in Council,
* No. 52, dated 1st Ultimo, to the address of the Mint Committee at Calcutta. copy of a letter* from the Mint Master at Cal-
cutta, together with specimens of the whole, half
and quarter Cents, and on the former point, to state that as many Cents as can be prepared will
be required in the Straits Settlement, the supply, however, not being, if possible, less than 10,000
Dollars worth. But to effect this, the Governor General in Council cannot allow any expendi-
ture for additional Buildings, as suggested by the Mint Master at Madras.

3. The Calcutta Mint, I am desired to add, has been able to Coin 9,700 Dollars worth only,
and is not likely to be able to give more for some time to come.

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

From Major J. H. BELL, Officiating Mint Master; to E. F. HARRISON, Esq., Secretary to
the Mint Committee, dated 1st August, No. 52 of 1857.
SIR,

I have the honor in answer to your letter of the 27th July 1857, to state that the thickness
of the Cent is .0625 inch, the weight being 144 grains. As the Madras
No. 99, received 31st. Mint is supplied with slips for Coining double Pice (called at Madras
"half Anna") the thickness of which is .0745 inch; there is no doubt of
the ability of that Mint to Coin Cents. I beg to forward a Cent as directed.

I presume that there are Cent Dies in the Madras Mint, as Lieutenant Colonel Cotton does
not apply for them. If not they can be supplied from hence.

(Signed) J. H. BELL,
Officiating Mint Master.

(A True Copy.)
(Signed) E. F. HARRISON,
Secretary Mint Committee.

(A True Copy.)
(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, No. 589; dated 19th September 1857.

Ordered that copy of the foregoing letter and its enclosure, with specimens of the Cents, be
furnished to the Mint Committee for communication to the Acting Mint Master, in reference to
his letter of the 27th June 1857, No. 62.

No 5899 Ordered that copy
of the foregoing letter and its en-
closure, with specimens of the
cents, be furnished to the Mint
Committee for communication
to the Acting Mint Master in
reference to his letter of the 29th
June 1854. G. 62.

Fort St. George
14 Sept. 1854

[Signature]

To the Mint Committee
with 2 specimens of
the cents

Disp. 19th