

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 605

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Dated 28.9. 1857

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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 29th September 1857.

No. 11. From the Accountant General; to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 22nd September 1857, No. 165.

SIR,

1. I am informed by the Acting Mint Master that he expects to be able to turn out into Coins the whole of the Copper Slips now in store, by the middle, or end of November next; and he adds that, rather than stop the fabrication of Copper Coins, it would be advisable to purchase Copper Sheets in the market.

2. In my letter to Government of the 6th December last, I pointed out that, of the quantity of Copper Slips indented for by the Mint Master in 1855, a balance of upwards of 340 Tons remained to be supplied, exclusive of the consignments which had not then been received, but were expected; and recommended that the Government would be pleased to move the Honorable Court of Directors to send out the remaining supply as early as practicable.

3. Not quite 400 Tons of the quantity of Copper Slips indented for in 1855 have as yet been received and nearly 2 Tons are expected by the "Harvest Home," which conveys the last consignment sent out. A balance of nearly 200 Tons yet remains to be supplied. I have the honor to request that the Government will be so good as to move the Honorable Court to expedite the consignment of it, with a view to obviate the necessity of purchasing Copper Sheets in the market for the purpose of fabricating Copper Coins.

4. It is necessary here to remark that Copper Coins of our Mint have been, and are expected apparently to be, supplied to the Bombay Government, the Straits, and Raichore Doab, and the Nuldroog Districts of Hyderabad.

(Signed) G. L. PRENDERGAST,

Accountant General.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 605; dated 28th September 1857.

1. Under date the 27th Ultimo the Government, on the urgent representation* of the Mint Committee, addressed the Honorable the Court of Directors on the subject of the small quantity of Strap Copper remaining in the Mint Stores, and requested that they would take steps for an immediate supply of the form indented for, and also for the shipment of an average of 70 Tons monthly for the Coinage of Madras.

2. Since the date of the above Despatch, the reply* of the Honorable Court has been received to the requisition made on the Accountant General's application of the 6th December 1856, No. 300, referred to in his present letter.

*Dated 21st August 1857, No. 203.

*Dated 14th July, No. 15 of 1857, para: 2.

They intimate that the first moiety of the Copper indented for was despatched per Ships "Gloriana," "Salamanca" and "Ackbar;" and that the remainder will be supplied without delay. This communication does not appear to have reached the Accountant General when he wrote his letter of the 22nd Instant.

Financial Department

No 105

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date 28th September 1857.

Read letter from the
Accountant General.

(Dated 22nd Sep. 1857 No 105)

25th 10 of 1857

21st Aug. 1857 No 203.

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1. Under date the 24th
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the urgent representation
of the Mint Committee, ad-
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subject of the small quan-
tity of Sharp Copper coin-
ing in the Mint Stores, &
requested that they would
take steps for an imme-
diate supply of Copper,
of the form indented for,
and the shipment of an
average of 70 Tons monthly
for the coinage of Kadav.

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* D. 14 July No 15 of 1857. p. 2.

2. Since the date of the above despatch the reply of the Honble Court has been received to the requisition made on the Accountant General's application of the 18th December 1856. No 900 referred to in his present letter. They intimate that the first quantity of the Copper intended for was despatched per Ships "Gloriana", "Salamanka" and "Dakkar"; and that the remainder will be supplied without delay. This communication does not appear to have reached the Accountant General when he wrote his letter of the 22d Instant.

JM

To the Accountant General
 & Secret Committee } Disp. 20th

