

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 13th October 1857.

No. 8. From J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Secretary Mint Committee, to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 2nd October 1857, No. 227.

SIR,

1. With reference to the orders of Government, noted in the margin, I have the honor, by desire of the Mint Committee, to forward the accompanying copy of a letter, from the Acting Mint Master, dated 26th Ultimo, No. 153, containing his reply to the enquiry of the Supreme Government regarding the manufacture at Madras, of Copper Cents for the Straits Settlements.

2. On the point alluded to in para: 1 of the letter, it is the opinion of the Accountant General that the Coinage of Madras Copper Coins cannot be stopped at present.

3. As the Acting Mint Master proposes to undertake the fabrication of Copper Cents after the completion of the requisite local Copper Coinage, the Committee beg that, if the proposition be approved of, Authority may be given for the purchase of Sheet Copper in the Bazar for the work. It will be also necessary that a sufficient quantity of Cent Dies be procured from the Mint at Calcutta. This can be done through the Acting Mint Master here.

(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.,
„ W. H. BAYLEY, Esq.,

} Mint Committee,

Dated 26th September 1857, No. 153.

GENTLEMEN,

Para: 1st. The Accountant General having on the 7th Instant sent an urgent demand to the Mint for Copper Coins, a promise was made that one lac of Rupees' worth should be sent to the General Treasury by the end of next month. When this requisition has been complied with, there will remain in the Mint 35 Tons of Copper, which might, if it could be spared, be coined into Cents for the Straits Settlements, and it is for the Accountant General to determine whether the Copper Department of the Mint should under present circumstances be so employed or not.

2nd. The coinage of 12,000 dollars' worth of Copper Coin, in equal numbers of the three denominations required, would occupy a month, and delay for that period the manufacture of Copper for Madras. It would also take up nearly all the Copper Straps that will remain in store, after the delivery of the order before alluded to.

3rd. We have no information of any Copper having been shipped from England for the Madras Mint, but it is possible that Sheet Copper for a month's work might be purchased in Madras.

4th. If the fabrication of Cents in this Mint is approved of, authority might be given to purchase Sheet Copper for the purpose in the Bazar, (should it be procurable at a moderate price,) rather than leave the Mint entirely without it.

5th. I see no objection whatever to the fabrication of Coins for the Straits being undertaken in the Madras Mint, but as we have no Cent Dies, they must be obtained, as Major Bell suggests, from Calcutta. If this is to be done, a requisition for them should go by the very first Steamer.

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

(True Copy.)

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

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 13th October 1857.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, No. 632; dated 9th October 1857.

In reply to Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 19th September last, No. 589, the Acting Mint Master has informed the Committee that it would take him one month to turn out 12,000 Dollars' worth of Copper Cents for the Strait Settlements, and he advises that Sheet Copper be purchased for the fabrication of these Cents in the local market, the Copper Straps at present in the Mint being in no greater quantity than is sufficient for the Coinage required at Madras, and no intelligence having been received of the remittance of further supplies from England.

2. The Government sanction the Coinage of the above quantity of Cents at the Mint, whenever the Indents of the Accountant General for out-turns of Copper Coins for local use will permit of the Mills being so employed, which, it seems, cannot be expected "at present." Lieutenant Colonel Cotton will procure the Dies from Calcutta.

No. 10. Ordered that the following letter be despatched.
TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, dated 9th October 1857, No. 633.

SIR,

With reference to your letter, dated 4th September last, No. 5708, I am directed by the Governor in Council to state that orders have been given to the Mint Authorities here to devote one month to the Coinage of Copper Cents for the Straits Settlements, so soon as the existing local demand for Copper Coins shall have partially been met, which, the Accountant General reports, cannot be expected at present. The out-turn of a month would be Cents to the value of 12,000 Dollars, or 2,000 Dollars in excess of the minimum stated in your letter under acknowledgment, to be required.

(Signed) E. MALTRY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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No 632.

Em. G under date 9th Oct 1857

the following letter

Secy. to the Mint Comm^{ee}

} here under No 227
of 2 Oct 1857.

In reply to Em. G of 19th September last No 589, the acting Mint Master has informed the Committee that it would take him one month to turn out 12,000 Dollars' worth of Copper Cents for the Strait Settlements, and he advises that sheet copper be purchased for the fabrication of these cents in the local market, the copper straps at present in the Mint being in no greater quantity than is sufficient for the coinage required at Madras, & no intelligence has been received of the remittance of further supplies from England.

2. The Govt sanction the coinage of the above quantity of cents at the Mint, whenever the indents of the Accountant for out-turns of copper coins for local use will permit of the mills being so employed, which, it seems, cannot be expected "at present". Lt Col Cotton will procure the dies from Calcutta.

Mint Committee
Signed 14th

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From the Chief Secy. to Govt

To the Secy. to the Govt of India

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Fort St George.
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