

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 651

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Dated 14-10-1857

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Ans

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 20th October 1857.

No. 6. From the Secretary to the Government of India; to the Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 25th September 1857, No. 4088.

SIR,

I am desired to state for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the Honorable the Court of Directors were addressed on the 22nd January last, to the effect that it had been felt by this Government, that the supply of small Silver Coins was far from being equal to the requirements of the Country, but that it was impossible so long as the demand for Copper Coins and for the Coinage into whole Rupees of Merchants' Bullion continued, for more than a very moderate number of small Silver Coins to be issued without an addition to the Coining powers of the Mint; it was added that great improvements might in the opinion of this Government be made in the Mints of Madras and Bombay, at a comparatively small charge, which would enable them to forward to the General Treasury at Calcutta, supplies of Coins as occasion might require.

2. The Honorable Court having stated in reply that they are prepared to authorize such moderate Charges being incurred as may be

Para: 4 of the Honorable Court's Despatch, necessary to introduce improvements into the
No. 48 of 1857, dated 22nd July. Mints of Madras and Bombay, as being likely

to conduce to the material assistance of the

Government in obtaining supplies of Coin from those Mints, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to request that you will be good enough to report what improvements in the Madras Mint the Right Honorable the Governor in Council would recommend as being likely at a moderate cost, to add materially to its efficiency.

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,

Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, No. 651; dated 14th October 1857.

Resolved that this letter be communicated to the Mint Committee for early consideration and report.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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~~A~~ Resolved that this letter be
communicated to the Anti-
Slavery Committee for early considera-
tion and report.

For 6th George, 2
14th October, 1857. 3

To the Anti-Slavery Committee. Signed 14th 6