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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 24th November 1857. |

No. 3. From J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Secretary Mint Committee; to E. MALTBY, Esq.,
Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 6th November 1857, No. 257.

SIR,

From the Acting Mint Master, dated 21st October 1857, No. 184, with 2 enclosures.
To the do. do.
dated 29th October 1857, No. 245.
From the do. do.
dated 31st October 1857, No. 196.

I have the honor, by desire of the Mint Committee, to forward copies of the correspondence noted in the margin, and as Colonel Cotton, states that the price of land alluded to by him and shown in the plan is urgently required, I am directed to solicit that the early sanction of Government may be accorded for the purchase of the same.

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

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

To G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., } Mint Committee,
" S. D. BIRCH, Esq., }
" W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., } dated 21st October 1857, No. 184.

GENTLEMEN,

PARA: 1st. The crowded state of the Mint obliges me now to place the Blacksmiths' forges under low sheds in a narrow back yard, where the workmen are so confined that it is impossible for them to do half the work they would in a well appointed shop.

2nd. When any large iron has to be forged a fire has to be made upon the road leading to the Foundry and the dirt and confusion of the place is so great that it is no less unwholesome than inconvenient.

3rd. It is absolutely necessary that some change should at once be made and as the Smiths have already been driven from place to place out of the Mint buildings, it is evident that they must have a place allotted to them in the Foundry yard; as the only available site for their forges. But this cannot be done while the Bullocks occupy the buildings in that yard, as is the case at present, and the object of my addressing your Committee is to request your permission to purchase a piece of ground for their sheds outside the Mint.

4th. There is a piece of land which would answer this purpose between the Mint and the rampart. It is now waste, and could, as the Collector suggests, be taken at a valuation under Act VI of 1857.

5th. To show the extent of the land and how it is circumstanced, I submit with this Mr. Cunliffe's letter regarding it, together with a plan made from measurement, and should your Committee authorize my doing so, I will at once make an application for its valuation.

6th. That the Mint must be extended there is no longer a doubt, the Gold rooms are already employed for other work, and if the Coinage of that metal should be required, there would be no shelter for the workmen that now occupy them. Every room in the Mint is too crowded, and the work is steadily increasing. Under these circumstances, therefore, I do not hesitate to request that the necessary outlay for this additional space may be allowed; and as the profits from the Coin issued increases more and more rapidly as the operations of the Mint are extended, there can be no reason even at the present time why all the land actually required should not be purchased. It will shortly be advisable to increase the premises still further, but the demand I now make is urgent and altogether independent of what may be necessary hereafter.

7th. If your Committee approve of my doing so, I will apply at once for the land and prepare an estimate for the sheds required.

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

(True Copy.)

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

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From B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of Madras; to Lieutenant Colonel F. C. COTTON, Acting Mint Master, dated 11th September 1857.

SIR,

1. The land (Grounds 14 1324 Square feet) alluded to in your letter of the 11th Instant, No. 110, was the property of the late Ingoova Ramachendra Iyer.
2. Two parties now claim it, 1st Ramasawmy Iyer, on the part of his son, aged 15 years, alleged to have been adopted by the late proprietor, and 2nd Ingoova Vengoo Lutchmee Ummall, the widow of the late owner.
3. The land is waste, the Certificate for it is produced by Ramasawmy Iyer, and there can be little doubt that the adoption of his son was valid, and that the property belongs now to the latter.
4. The widow denies the adoption, and claims as heir to her late husband.
5. The, in my opinion, proprietor being a minor, the land cannot well be purchased until he is of age, so that if you permanently require it, I think that it will be better to take possession under Act VI of 1857.
6. Ground in that locality, sells, I am informed, for from 50 to 200 Pagodas per Ground, the value depending upon the frontage, whether on a Public road, &c., the monthly rent per Ground in that part of the Town being from 1½ to 2½ Rupees. The plan accompanying your letter is herewith returned.

(Signed) B. CUNLIFFE,
Collector.

(A true Copy.)

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

(True Copy.)

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

From J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Secretary Mint Committee; to Lieutenant Colonel F. C. COTTON, Engineers, Acting Mint Master, dated 29th October 1857, No. 245.

SIR,

1. I have the honor, by desire of the Mint Committee, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st Instant, No. 184, and with reference thereto, to inquire whether the proposal of the Supreme Government, to increase the powers of the Madras Mint* will not make some alterations in your proposition for the purchase of the land specified in your letter.
2. The Committee would observe that under the present intention of Government to increase the power of the Mint, steam power may possibly be brought into operation in the majority of cases where animal power is now used, in which case the plot of ground for building Bullock sheds may not be required by you.

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

(True Copy.)

(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 31st October 1857, No. 196.

GENTLEMEN,

Para: 1st. I have the honor to acknowledge your Secretary's letter, No. 245, of yesterday's date, and to state that the suggestion made by the Supreme Government, in no way affects the question of the additional land applied for, for the use of the Mint. The land in question is ur-

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gently required for the purpose stated, and if the Mint was increased in power, still, more space would be wanted, even though steam were used wherever it could be applied.

2nd. In making my requisition, I limited it to a portion only of the additional land that must be taken into the Mint, to meet the requirements of the Madras Presidency in the immediate future. The extent I named is only such as will enable me to make room for the Smiths, who as I reported, were working in sheds unfitted for the purpose. Since I wrote that letter, these sheds have been washed down, and if they had fallen in the day time, there would in all probability have been some loss of life. This was escaped by their fall taking place in the night, but there are still several sheds of the same description in use, which cannot be considered safe. And to give shelter to those who were employed in the building that fell, I have been under the necessity of stopping the recovery of Silver from the Bullion-room dross, in order that the Gold refinery which had been used for that purpose should be turned into a Smith's shop.

3rd. As this misapplication of rooms and sheds will shew, the whole Mint is in confusion for want of more ground, and the only immediate remedy I can devise, is to increase the space as I have recommended.

4th. The use of steam in the lamination of Silver will eventually lead to a reduction of the number of Bullocks used; but for many months to come the bullock mills must be employed, and even when they are removed to the Engine, it will be still necessary to keep a number of cattle for draught, to bring material to the Mint, and take Treasure to the Fort. There must always be a bullock yard, and the ground I am now applying for will continue to be used for that purpose, till it is required for more important purposes.

5th. The loss of the sheds mentioned above, induce me to urge that measures may be immediately taken to obtain the land required.

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

(True Copy.)

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

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 735; dated 19th November 1857.

In accordance with the provisions of Section II, Act No. VI of 1857, the Governor in Council declares all that piece of land situate between the Madras Mint and the Town rampart within the local limits of Madras, containing by a recent measurement (14) fourteen grounds and (1324) one thousand three hundred and twenty four Square feet, and being the land particularly delineated and described in the annexed Plan and thereon colored yellow to be land needed for a public purpose, and as hindrances have been found to exist to the immediate acquisition of such land by purchase from the parties interested therein, the Governor in Council resolves, under the provisions of Section III of the aforesaid Act, to order the said land to be taken possession of on the part of Government, and applied to the purpose for which it is needed, leaving claims for compensation for the land to be determined as provided in the said Act—and, further, to appoint the Collector of Madras, in communication with the Acting Mint Master, to carry this order into execution, and to execute any award and to do all things necessary for completing the business of taking and paying for the said land and for settling all disputes concerning it.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No. 735

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation,

Dated 17th November 1857.

Read the following letter from the Hunt Committee

(Here enter 5th Nov 1857 No. 257)

In accordance with the provisions of Section I, II
Act No. ~~XX~~ of 1852, VI of 1857, —

the Governor in Council declares
the land all that piece of land

situate between the Maas
River and the Towy Campyatt
within the local limits of Mad.
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measurement 1144 fourteeen
Grounds and (1324) One thou
sand three hundred & twenty
of the extent of four square feet and

being the land particularly de
scribed and described in the
surveyed plan thereon colored yph.

as described in the annexed plan, to be land
needed for a public purpose—and as hindrances
have been found to exist to the immediate acquisition
of such land by purchase from the parties interest
ed therein, the Governor in Council resolves, under
the provisions of Section III of the aforesaid Act, to
order the said land to be taken possession of on the
part of Government, and applied to the purpose for
which it is needed, leaving claims for compensation
for the land to be determined as provided in the
said Act—and, further, to appoint the Collec
tor of Madras in communi
cation with the Acting Chief
Magistrate, to carry this order into execu
tion, and to execute any award and to do all things
necessary for completing the business of taking
and paying for the said land and for settling all
disputes concerning it.

To the Hunt Committee
a Collector of Madras.
with Plans
Dispt. 2/1/57
P.H.

Chief Secretary.

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Extract from the Minutes of Commission.

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unauthorized in the manner of the land
needed for a public purpose—and a number
have been found to be in the immediate possession
of such land—by purchase from the parties in possession
of the same, the Governor in Council has recommended
the purchase of Section 11 of the said land, and to
order the said land to be taken possession of on the
part of the Government, and applied to the purpose for
which is needed, having a view to the compensation
for the land to be determined as provided in the
said Act, and further to give effect to the same.
To carry this order into effect
and to execute the same and to do all things
necessary for carrying the same into effect
and paying for the said land—and a resolution
thereon.