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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated

20. 11. 1857

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No. 5. From J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Secretary Mint Committee; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 11th November 1857, No. 262.

SIR,

Para: 1st. I have the honor by desire of the Mint Committee to submit for the sanction of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council three Bills* of the Acting Mint Master, for Servants employed, Articles supplied, and Bullocks hired, during the month of September 1857, on account of the Silver and Copper Coinage, amounting to Rupees (7,442-10-3) seven thousand four hundred and forty two, Annas ten, and Pice three.

To the Acting Mint Master, dated 5th November 1857, No. 255.

From do. do., dated 7th November 1857, No. 209.

2. The Committee instruct me also to forward the correspondence, noted in the margin, having reference to an item in the Contingent Bill for Articles, and to request the orders of Government, regarding the wish expressed by Colonel Cotton, to have a latitude allowed him in the Contingent Expenses of the Mint under present circumstances.

(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 5th November 1857, No. 255.

SIR,

Store Room.

5 New Platform Carts with sides fixed and unfixed at 79½ Rs. per Cart, Rupees 397-8-0.

With reference to the item noted in the margin which appears in your usual monthly Contingent Bill for September 1857, I am directed by the Mint Committee to request that you will be so good as to explain why so heavy a charge has been entered therein. The proper course would have been to forward an application for Government Authority to procure the Carts, and then the submission of an especial Bill for sanction accordingly.

(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 7th November 1857, No. 209.

GENTLEMEN,

Para: 1st. I regret to find that your Committee object to my having laid out 397½ Rupees upon the new Carts that were wanted in the Mint, without previously obtaining the sanction of Government for the expenditure. Had I supposed for a moment that such sanction was necessary, I should undoubtedly have troubled your Committee with an application, but as I am obliged to be constantly renewing old Apparatus, and preparing new appliances, I did not think that I need make a special application for these, which were as absolutely necessary as any other.

2nd. I quite admit that I might in this case have waited for the sanction of Government, and I regret now that I did not do so; but I must urge on your Committee the necessity, as the Mint is now circumstanced, of my being allowed great latitude in my Contingent Charges. The results of the last Statement will show that the Mint is working economically, even though the whole of the Establishment, and Apparatus is overtaxed. And I am quite sure that Mr. Bayley who has examined the Buildings and Machinery thoroughly, will agree with me in saying that the work now turned out, could not be obtained from it, if the Mint Master was not allowed to act a great deal on his own responsibility, and permitted the use of all the expedients he finds necessary from day to day.

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

(True Copies.)

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

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 24th Novr. 1857.

No. 6.

ORDER THEREON, No. 737; dated 20th November 1857.

The Government sanction the three Bills of Expenses incurred in the Mint on account of the Silver and Copper Coinage for the month of September 1857, amounting together to Rupees (7,442-10-3) seven thousand four hundred and forty-two, Annas ten and Pice three.

2. Under the circumstances represented by the Acting Mint Master in his letter of the 7th Instant, the Government are disposed to allow him greater latitude in the Contingent Expenses of the Mint, and they resolve accordingly to permit him to incur, on his own responsibility, such expenditure as may be absolutely necessary.

Financial Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date 20 November 1857-

Read letter from the Secy to the Mint Committee.

Dated 11 Novr. 1857. No 202.)

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To the Mint Committee
a Asst. General (with 3 Bills in duplicate) } Disp. 24.
a Civil Auditor } Disp. 23.
a Sub Treasurer } 10/10 P 10

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