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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 23rd December 1857.

No. 9. From J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Secretary Mint Committee; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 12th December 1857, No. 299.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 30th Ultimo, No. 768, Financial Department, I have the honor by desire of the Mint Committee to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Acting Mint Master, dated 8th Instant, No. 248, and to state for the information of Government that the Accountant General having intimated his assent, the Acting Mint Master has been authorized to commence the fabrication of Copper Cents for the Straits, as soon as the Dies are ready.

(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 8th December 1857, No. 248.

GENTLEMEN,

Para: 1st. With reference to your Secretary's letter of the 4th Instant, No. 287, and the Minutes* of Consultation, &c., accompanying it, I beg to say that I am unable
* *Herewith returned.* to undertake immediately the fabrication of Cents for the Straits, in consequence of the dies sent down from Calcutta being too short for the Presses in this Mint. I have however written to Major Bell, pointing out this difficulty and requesting him to send as soon as he is able the Punch dies required for making the dies here, and when they arrive the coinage of Cents can be commenced.

2nd. With regard to the interruption that will be caused to the issue of Copper for this Presidency by the coinage of Cents, I need hardly say that whatever quantity is sent to the Straits, by so much will the issue here be reduced. There is I believe a large supply of Copper in the Treasury of Fort Saint George, but I must leave it to the Accountant General to say whether the stoppage of the Copper Coinage for a month will cause inconvenience or not.

3rd. The coinage of Copper has been delayed for the last 17 days from the want of Copper in the Mint, but some is now landing and the work will be begun again in a day or two, after which probably a month must pass before the Cent dies have been prepared even if the Mint Master in Calcutta acts upon my requisition immediately on its receipt.

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

(True Copy.)

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

No. 10. From J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Secretary Mint Committee; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 16th December 1857, No. 304.

SIR,

With reference to my letter of the 12th Instant, No. 299, I have the honor by desire of the Mint Committee to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Acting Mint Master, dated 12th Instant, No. 253, reporting that having succeeded in adapting the Cent Dies received from Calcutta to the Mint Presses, he has commenced the fabrication of the Cents for the Straits Settlements.

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

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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 12th December 1857, No. 253.

GENTLEMEN,

Having contrived means by which the Cent Dies from Calcutta can be used in the Mint Presses, I have begun the coinage of Copper pieces for the Straits Settlements, and shall continue the fabrication of those Coins, pending further instructions from your Committee. I have been induced to do this, as by the wording of the Minutes of Consultation of the Government of India, dated 30th November 1857 there appears to be an urgent demand for them.

(Signed) FRED. C. COTTON,

Acting Mint Master.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,

Secretary Mint Committee.

No. 11. To THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, dated 18th December 1857, No. 808.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 20th Ultimo, No. 4887, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acquaint you, for the information of the Government of India, that the Acting Mint Master having succeeded in adapting the Cent Dies received from Calcutta to the Mint Presses, has commenced the fabrication of the Copper Cents required for the Straits Settlements.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Encl. F. Cartledge.

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Financial Department

Mr. Pycroft to Mr. Cotton.

No 808

The Secretary to the Govt of India

Sir, In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 20th Ultimo, No. 4887, I am directed by the R. H. the Governor in Council to acquaint you, for the information of the Govt of India, that the Acting Mint Master, having succeeded in adapting the Cent Dies received from Calcutta to the Mint Presses, has commenced the fabrication of the Copper Cents required for the Straits Settlements.

I have &c.

For the Secretary
18th December, 1857

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