

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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Dated

22. 12. 1857

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

No. 30. From J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Secretary Mint Committee; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 11th December 1857, No. 296.

SIR,

I have the honor, by desire of the Mint Committee, to forward for submission to Government the accompanying copy of a letter from the Acting Mint Master, dated 7th Instant, No. 247, requesting authority to purchase a Lathe for the use of the Mint, tendered by Mr. Rohde "at a price far below its value." As the Machine is adapted for the execution of various works performed at the Mint, I am instructed to recommend its purchase for a sum not exceeding 1,200 Rupees.

(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 7th December 1857, No. 247.

GENTLEMEN,

Para: 1st. In a letter to the Superintendent of Stamps regarding the preparation of Stamps in the Madras Mint, I stated that if the work was to be done, it would be advisable to purchase a Lathe, for cutting the dies, offered for sale by Mr. Rohde, at a price far below its value, as no answer was received to this letter, I imagine that the introduction of a new Stamp has been postponed. I consider however that it would be a great mistake to miss the opportunity of buying the lathe, as it is an implement that the Mint should possess, and one that could not be obtained at the cost named, or indeed in India at any cost.

2nd. Mr. Rohde left the lathe in the Mint pending the decision of Government, and now requests me to send it, if it is not wanted here, to England, where it will sell for a better price than it is now offered for. But before I carry out these instructions, I take the liberty of requesting that you will support my application for the purchase of this Machine, which will be available for the Stamp dies, or any other of the various works required at the Mint. The sum for which sanction is asked is 1,200 Rupees.

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

(True Copy.)

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

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, No. 823; dated 22nd December 1857.

Government authorise the purchase for the Mint of the Lathe tendered by Mr. Rohde for the sum of Rupees (1,200) one thousand two hundred.

No 823

And authorise the
for the Mint purchase of the Lathe tendered by
Mr Rohde for the sum of Rупees
(1200) One thousand two hundred

Fort St George
22 December 1857

JF

To the Audit Committee
" Asstt General } Disptd
" Civil Auditor.
" Sub Treasurer

increased by 20% (Verde) at a price far below the
value." The Machine is adapted for the operation
of various works performed at the Mine, and

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Wm. B.
Secretary Mining Committee

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