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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 13. From R. E. MASTER, Esq., Acting Secretary Mint Committee; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 7th January 1858, No. 7.

SIR,

1. I have the honor, by desire of the Mint Committee, to request you will have the goodness to submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Acting Mint Master, dated 24th December 1857, No. 261, with an Indent* for 300 Tons of Coke required from England for the Mint.

2. The Committee instruct me to solicit an early recommendation of the Indent to the Honorable the Court of Directors.

(Signed) R. E. MASTER,
Acting 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 24th December 1857, No. 261.

GENTLEMEN,

Para: 1st Now that the use of Coke has been proved far more economical than Charcoal in all the most important operations of the Madras Mint, it is highly advisable that a supply of the former fuel should be obtained from England.

2. Hitherto I have been able to purchase Coke in the Port of Madras, at a lower price than I could have imported it for, if ordered from England, but it is essential that the supply should not be precarious, and as under any circumstances it will be cheaper than Charcoal, I think it very advisable that 300 Tons should be indented for from England, with as little delay as possible.

3. The price the Railway Company's Agents have paid for Coke purchased in Madras, has been about 25 Rupees a Ton. Purchasing in competition with them, I have had to pay from 20 to 28 Rupees, but as the Mint in Calcutta has had to pay 40 Rupees per Ton, even this may be considered very cheap. In England I observe that the finest Coke is 35s. a Ton, allowing 30s. for freight, &c., the cost of such fuel in Madras would be 65s. or 32½ Rupees, but it is probable that a cheaper description of Coke than is here quoted, would answer the purpose of the Mint.

4. If I am right in supposing that large Coke is more expensive than that which is in smaller pieces, it would be more economical to buy the latter, as excepting in the Iron Foundry, where only a small quantity is consumed, all other departments use the Coke advantageously, when in pieces weighing ½ lb. There is no object in its being larger, and even pieces of ¼ lb. will suit sufficiently well.

5. In shipping and landing [small Coke there will be a greater waste in dust, and particles too small for use; for which some allowance must be made; but I imagine that even with that allowance, it will answer better not to purchase such large Coke as is required for Locomotive Engines.

6. I need hardly say that it would not answer to ship Coke of bad quality. It cannot be too good for use in the Mint.

7. I am not able to calculate with certainty what quantity of Coke will be consumed in the next year, but I may safely say that not less than 300 Tons will be wanted. Of which 100 Tons should be shipped as early as possible, as the present supply in the Mint will not last more than 2 months and the receipt of Coke in the Port of Madras is very uncertain. It would be a serious loss to the Mint if the supply failed, while with a good stock on hand favorable purchases might be made, if Coke was offered for sale in Madras.

8. If it is found advisable to work up the scissel Copper, and coin it, rather than sell it by auction, a great additional quantity of Coke will be required; and judging by the price offered now for waste Copper, it is very probable that it will be necessary to bring the scissel into Coin.

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 12th January 1858.

age. Under these circumstances, I trust that at least 300 Tons will be shipped in the course of the next few months.

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

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. E. MASTER,
Actg. Secy. Mint Committee.

No. 14. To SIR JAMES C. MELVILL, K. C. B., Secretary at the East India House, dated 12th January 1858, No. 22.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit, for submission to the Honorable the Court of Directors, the accompanying Indent forwarded by the Mint Committee for 300 Tons of Coke required for the use of the Madras Mint.

2. The Acting Mint Master represents that the use of Coke has proved far more economical than Charcoal in all the most important operations of the Mint, and considers it highly advisable that a supply of the former fuel should be obtained from England. Of the 300 Tons now indented for, it is requested that 100 tons may be shipped as early as possible, as the present supply in the Mint will not last more than two months, and the receipt of Coke in the port of Madras is very uncertain.

3. Under these circumstances, I am directed to request that the application may be complied with, and that arrangements may be made for the shipment of the 300 Tons of Coke for Madras in the course of the next few months.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Indent of Articles required from England
for the use of the Madras Mint.

300 Three hundred Tons of Coke } For Draught and
Cupola Furnaces

Fort St. George,
Mint.
2 Dec 1857 } Fred Cotton
Actg Mint Master

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Financial Department.

No 22

To

Sir James C. Melville. Kt. C. B.

Secretary at the East India House.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to transmit, for submission to the Honble the Court of Directors, the accompanying Indent forwarded by the Mint Committee for 300 tons of coke, required for the use of the Madras Mint.

The Acting Mint Master represents that the use of coke has proved far more economical than charcoal in all the most important operations of the Mint, and considers it highly advisable that a supply of the former fuel should be obtained from England.

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Fort St. George }
15th January 1858.

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Recomendation
of the Board of Directors
of the 19th March 1858

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The Secretary of the
East India House

of the 19th March 1858

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