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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 23rd March 1858.

No. 7. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department, dated 15th March 1858, No. 469.

(*Vide* Diary to Consultation P. W. Department, 19th March 1858, Nos. 30-31.)

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 201; dated 22nd March 1858.

The Government approve of the proposed enlargement of the Stamping Room at the Mint at the estimated cost of Rupees (4,700) Four thousand seven hundred, and direct that orders be issued in the Public Works Department for the execution of the work on emergency.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Public.

No. 469.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 15th March 1858.

Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to Government, dated 5th March 1858, No. 7871.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for early submission to Government, a Plan and Estimate for enlarging the Stamping Room at the Mint, at a proposed cost of Rupees (4,700) four thousand and seven hundred.

2. The objects and necessity of this work, and its certain and extraordinary returns of profit, are so clearly explained by the Acting Mint Master in his letter to the Committee, that I need add nothing to recommend the immediate sanction of the estimate on emergency, under Clause II. Extract Minutes Consultation No. 696, dated 18th October 1855.

Letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Acting Secretary, Mint Committee; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 27th February 1858, No. 48.

SIR,

With reference to the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 19th July 1856, No. 1217, Public Works 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 20th February 1858, No. 327, with an original estimate* and a Plan, and to request that the

* For increasing the size of the Stamping Room in the Mint. same may be submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for approval and sanction. The Committee beg also to direct attention to the Acting Mint Master's wish that the amount of the estimate may be furnished as an advance.

Letter from Lieutenant Colonel F. C. COTTON, Engineers, Acting Mint Master, to G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., S. D. BIRCH, Esq., and W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Mint Committee, dated 20th February 1858, No. 327.

GENTLEMEN,

Para. 1st. I do myself the honor to submit for your consideration an estimate for increasing the size of the Stamping Room of the Mint, which I am sure you will agree with me in thinking advisable.

2nd. Since I took charge of the Mint, five Stamping Presses have been added to the twelve formerly in use; and though the Presses are worked early and late the Mint is quite unable to turn out the quantity demanded of the smallest coins. In the fabrication of Copper Money for the Straits, I have been only able to Stamp $8\frac{1}{2}$ lacs of Quarter Cents, out of a total issue of seventeen times that value, although these pieces are cut of the same straps with the Half Cent pieces, and might have been coined simultaneously, had there been Presses for the purpose.

3rd. When the Laminating Mills are worked by Steam, the Silver coinage will be regulated by the power of the Stamping room, and if the coinage of Silver ever again interferes with the issue of Copper, it will cause a reduction in the profits of the Mint perfectly unjustifiable.

4th. The sum required for increasing the size of the Room is only 4,700 Rupees, and I am anxious to be allowed to spend this at once, because I have to repair and raise the roof of the present room; and it would reduce the cost of the work, and add to its security if the whole width of roof could be put on at once. When the old roof is taken off the Stamping Room, there will be some delay in the coinage in spite of all we can do to prevent it. And as we work to the full power of the Presses at all times, the blanks will accumulate without our having the

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Revenue Minister's Office
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Regarding for consideration
copy of a letter from the
City Engineer's Office
a plan and estimate for
enlarging the Stamping
Room at the Mint, at a
proposed cost of Rs. 14,700.
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on emergency.

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means of Stamping them when the roof is completed. But if we have four or five more Presses in readiness for the additional space I now wish to build, these blanks can be coined; and the profit upon them will exceed the whole cost of the additions I propose. The issue from five Presses is about 60,000 pieces daily. If these are Cents, their value will be 600 Dollars or 1,320 Rupees, and we may safely calculate upon a profit from them of 600 Rupees. If that coin is under coinage therefore, the room would be paid for in eight working days.

5th. Having a good supply of Old Guns and other waste Iron to use for the purpose, and the power of melting it exceedingly cheaply in the new Cupola, the cost of the Presses themselves will be very small. The only considerable expense is the room, and that as your Committee will observe is only 4,700 Rupees, although when the work is completed it will in that Department admit of the coinage being extended eventually to five lacs of pieces daily.

6th. I cannot recommend any smaller addition being made, as it would make the building incomplete, and render a further increase difficult and expensive. The Stamping Room, if so enlarged, will be in fair proportion to the Laminating Room, when its Mills are worked by Steam; and it certainly will not be too large for the requirements of the Mint a year hence. If I could receive permission to proceed with this work at once, I might remove the roof of the Stamping Room during the Easter holidays, which would be very advisable as it would then cause little interruption to the Silver coinage. Under these circumstances I would venture to ask your Committee to obtain sanction for the sum required, as an advance. The estimate being sent in the usual way through the Department of Public Works.

Ordered to be referred to the Public Department.

(A true Extract.)

[Signature]

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.

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For Mr. The Govt. Secretary of the proposed enlargement of the Stamping Room at the Mint at the estimated cost of Rs. 14,700. It is proposed that the room be increased to that extent by the addition of the Public Works Dept. for the execution of the work on emergency.

To the Public Works Dept. and the Committee on the subject.