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No. 11. From C. A. ROBERTS, Esq., Secretary Mint Committee; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 26th March 1858, No. 75.

SIR,

From the Acting Mint Master, dated 4th February 1858, *No.* 301, *with an enclosure.*
To the Chief Engineer, D. P. W., dated 19th February 1858, *No.* 39.
From the Superintending Engineer, N. C., dated 26th February 1858, *No.* 7688.
To the Chief Engineer, D. P. W., dated 1st March 1858, *No.* 52.
From the Chief Engineer, D. P. W., dated 5th March 1858, *No.* 7849.
To the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, dated 12th March 1858, *No.* 60.
From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, dated 18th March 1858, *No.* 10679.

1. I have the honor, by desire of the Mint Committee, to forward, for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the correspondence noted in the margin, and to request orders thereupon.

2. The Steam Engine alluded to was purchased from the Chief Engineer's Department under the sanction given in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 16th June 1857, No. 344, Financial Department; but on its receipt at the Mint it was found to be quite unfit for use, as stated in the Acting Mint Master's letter, dated 15th July, enclosed in his letter to the Committee, dated 4th February 1858, No. 301. In consequence of the Chief Engineer having failed to take any notice of his letter of the 15th July, the Acting Mint Master, in a letter to the Committee, dated 18th January 1858, No. 253, requested that the Engine might be sent to Dowlaishwarum for repair; but in his later letter of the 4th February, he requested that it might be exchanged for a new one from the Chief Engineer's Department. The Committee then called the Chief Engineer's attention again to the matter, and were referred by that Officer to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, whose letter in reply forms part of the correspondence now submitted.

3. The Committee, in forwarding the correspondence for the orders of Government, beg to remark that, as the Engine was made over to the Mint in a thoroughly unserviceable state, it appears to them that its cost should not be charged to that Department, but that the Engine should be re-transferred to the Department whence it came and the cost debited accordingly.

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 18th January 1858, No. 283.

GENTLEMEN,

Para: 1st. Your Committee are aware that the last Steam Engine purchased from the Engineer's Department, was found to be unfit for use. And it is so still, in consequence of the Mint Artificers having full employment in making the 20 Horse Engine for the Laminating Room and in keeping in repair the other machinery. From a continuance of the same cause it may be very long before this small Engine can be re-fitted in the Mint, and I think it would be better to obtain permission of the Chief Engineer for its repair at Dowlaishwarum.

2nd. May I therefore request your Committee to seek that permission, which I feel sure will be granted; as the Workshops on the Godavery are in want of work; if this is allowed, the Engine shall be packed up and sent by the first Vessel to Cocanada.

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 4th February 1858, No. 301.

GENTLEMEN,

Para: 1st. In answer to your Secretary's letter, No. 23 of 27th Ultimo, I beg to say that I was in error in supposing that your Committee were officially aware, that the Second Steam Engine, received from the Engineer's Department, reached the Mint in a state unfit for use. When it was found that this was the case, an immediate report of the condition of the Engine was sent to the Chief Engineer, and a request made that it might be inspected by some one deputed by him, but no answer has as yet been received to the request then made.

2nd. With reference to the second Para: of your Secretary's letter, I have only to inform your Committee, that the Engine was issued from the Chief Engineer's Stores as new. It had arrived from England some short time previous to my Indent being sent in, and was used for a few days only at the Madras Exhibition, where it could not have sustained any material deterioration. It was evidently an old Engine when it was sent out, for reasons given in the accompanying letter addressed by me to the Chief Engineer.

3rd. As I understand that a number of new Engines have been received from England for the Engineer's Department, I shall with the permission of your Committee request that one of them may be supplied in lieu of the unserviceable Engine for which the Mint has been charged the price of one entirely new.

From Lieutenant Colonel F. C. COTTON, Engineers, Acting Mint Master; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, D. P. W., dated 15th July 1857, No. 83.

SIR,

Para: 1st. I am sorry to inform you, that I am obliged to condemn the small Steam Engine, lately purchased from your Stores, as it is in so ruinous a state, as to require more labour for its repair than I can now afford.

2nd. The state of the working parts of the Engine may be accounted for by exposure to the weather, but the condition of the boiler leads me to think that it must have been used for some time in England, and sent out when considered unfit for use there.

3rd. It is impossible to suppose that the lime deposited $\frac{1}{10}$th of an inch thick upon the tubes, and heaped upon the bottom, could have been formed in the few days the Engine has been worked in this country. Nor can I believe that the boiler would have been so utterly destroyed, either while in work, or when in Store, as to be actually eaten through by rust. When removing the scale from outside of the boiler, below the fire box, the rust enfoliated in flakes, nearly half an inch thick, leaving the plate in a state that cannot be trusted.

4th. I have no idea where this Engine was purchased by the Court, but it has every appearance of having been worked with the water from a filthy Horse pond in England, and after having thrashed the corn of a Parish or two, having sold for export to India.

5th. Whether the Mint or the Engineer Department bears the loss of the cost of this Engine, matters little. It will be equally a loss to the Government in any case, but I think it very advisable if it is not taken again to your Stores, that you should have it carefully inspected and reported upon for the information of the Home Government, and as the Railway locomotive Department had charge of it for a while, I would venture to suggest that when the inspection is made, Mr. Wright should be requested to take part in the examination.

P. S.—The Engine though unfit for use in the Mint might be brought into working order at Dowlaishwarum by cleaning the tubes and replacing them and restoring the injured plates of the boiler.

From R. E. MASTER, Esq., Acting Secretary Mint Committee; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, D. P. W., dated 19th February 1858, No. 39.

SIR,

1. I have the honor, by desire of the Mint Committee, to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Acting Mint Master, dated 4th Instant, No. 301, and with reference to the unserviceable Steam Engine therein alluded to, to request that you will be so good as to favor this Department with a reply to the letter of the Acting Mint Master to your address, dated 15th July 1857, No. 83.

2. The Committee would also wish to know whether one of the new Engines alluded to in para: 3 of the letter to them, might not be made over to the Mint in lieu of the useless one, for which the Mint has been charged the price of one entirely new.

From Captain C. A. ORR, the Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle; to the Acting Min Master, dated 26th February 1858, No 7688.

Referring to your letter of the 10th February 1858, I am directed to inform you, that the Chief Engineer fully concurring in your opinion, that the Mint has more work at present for the Steam Engines received for this Department, than can be found elsewhere, will if so authorized, by the Government, be very happy to place at your disposal those two of the number now in the Arsenal which are best suited to your purpose, on their cost price being credited to the D. P. W.

From R. E. MASTER, Esq., Acting Secretary Mint Committee; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, D. P. W., dated 1st March 1858, No. 52.

SIR,

In acknowledging the letter, noted in the margin, copy of which has been communicated to this Department, with reference to the Committee's letter, dated 19th Ultimo, No. 39, I am instructed to request that you will be so good as to state what you propose to do about the useless Steam Engine alluded to in the Acting Mint Master's letter to your Department, dated 15th July 1857, No. 83.

From the Superintending Engineer, N. C., to the Acting Mint Master, dated 26th February 1858, No. 7688.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works, Fort St. George, under date the 5th March 1858, No. 7849.

Read the following letter from the Acting Secretary Mint Committee.

(Here enter No. 52, dated 1st March 1858.)

Resolved that the Acting Secretary Mint Committee be informed, with reference to his letter, No. 52, dated 1st March 1858, that the Chief Engineer has not the custody or charge of Public Stores, and accordingly requests that application may be made to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, for his instructions as to the disposal of the unserviceable Steam Engine at the Mint.

From R. E. MASTER, Esq., Acting Secretary Mint Committee; to Lieutenant Colonel G. BALFOUR, C. B. Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, dated 12th March 1858, No. 60.

SIR,

1. I have the honor, by desire of the Mint Committee, to forward for your information the correspondence noted in the margin, and to request that you will be so good as to favor this Department with instructions as to how the unserviceable Steam Engine therein alluded to is to be disposed of.

From the Acting Mint Master, dated 4th February 1858, No. 301, with an enclosure.
To the Chief Engineer D. P. W., dated 19th February 1858, No. 39.
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From the Chief Engineer, D. P. W., dated 5th March 1858, No. 7849.

2. From the correspondence you will observe that the Engine, when received at the Mint, was found to be in an imperfect state, and that consequently it has never been used by the Mint Department. If you see no objection to the arrangement, the Committee think that it ought to be re-transferred to, and the cost recovered from the Chief Engineer's Department.

From Lieutenant Colonel G. BALFOUR, Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Acting Secretary Mint Committee, dated 18th March 1858, No. 10679.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 60, dated 12th March 1858, proposing to return, to the Arsenal of Fort St. George, an unserviceable Steam Engine lately in use with the Mint, and I have the honor to state that I have foreseen difficulties connected with the return, into the Arsenals, of such Expensive Machinery, and, in the 13th Rule of the Regulations submitted to Government with letter, No. 388, dated 30th April 1857, it is declared that unserviceable Machinery can only be sent back into the Arsenal under special arrangements to be made.

2. The difficulties connected with the return of old Steam Engines are occasioned by the rate to be assigned, and to the final disposal of the same.

3. As all unserviceable articles taken once into Arsenals, unconditionally, fall on the Ordnance Branch, it is my duty to endeavour to protect this Branch from being saddled with undue charges or with the custody of useless stores.

4. If the Engine is quite useless, I have no objection to take it over at the fixed rate for unserviceable articles, *viz.*, 10 per cent of the serviceable price, but the Engine will then be liable to be broken up.

5. My own opinion is, that the component part of the Steam Engine will be found more useful if kept at the Mint than by giving it over to the Arsenal.

6. As this question requires the orders of Government I recommend your Committee to submit two points specially for consideration as respects the Ordnance Department, *viz.*, that the amount to be debited to the Ordnance Department for an unserviceable Steam Engine handed over by the Mint, shall not exceed the Ordnance Department valuation of the article; and that the Ordnance Department shall not be required to keep in hand unserviceable Steam Engines, but be at liberty to appropriate it, as allowed by the Rules of the Ordnance Service.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 235; dated 8th April 1858.

It appears from the correspondence submitted with the foregoing letter, that the second Steam Engine supplied to the Mint was issued from the Stores *as new*, but reached the Mint in a state *unfit for use;* and that when this was found to be the case, an immediate report of the condition of the Engine was sent to the Chief Engineer, and a request made that it might be inspected by some one deputed by him, but that no answer was returned to this communication.

2. It is resolved to forward the correspondence on the subject to the Public Works Department, in view to orders being issued for the unserviceable Engine being returned into Stores, and a new one supplied in lieu for the use of the Mint, the Chief Engineer being at the same time called upon for a report on the state of the Engine when he received it, the use it has been put to and its present condition, for communication to the Honorable the Court of Directors.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 13. To the SECRETARY to the GOVERNMEMT of INDIA, dated 8th April 1858, No. 236.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit to you, to be laid before the Government of India, the accompanying Statements of the Quick and Dead Stock of this Presidency, as it stood on the 30th April 1857.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Financial Depart B

No 235

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date 8th April 1858

Read the following
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Dated 26th March 1858 No 75

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To the Hint Committee
" Public Works Dep.t } Dispd 13th

Recd 8th for Steamer with 2 Statements

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Financial Department

No 936

To

The Secretary to the Government of India

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit to you, to be laid before the Government of India, the accompanying Statements of the Cattle and Dead Stock of this Presidency, as it stood on the 30th April 1857.

I have &c.

Fort St. George
8th April 1858

Financial Dispatch to Govt
Copy & Extract
dated 8th April 1858
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Received 23rd April 1858

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