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Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 25th May 1858.

No. 14. From C. A. ROBERTS, Esq., Secretary, Mint Committee; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 12th May 1858, No. 97.

SIR,

1. I have the honor, by desire of the Mint Committee, to forward, for the purpose of being laid before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Acting Mint Master, dated 7th Instant, No. 3. The Steam Engine in question is that referred to by the Committee in their letter to Government, dated 26th March last, No. 75.

2. Colonel Cotton originally* wished to have the Engine repaired, but subsequently† proposed to have it exchanged for a new one from the Chief Engineer's Department; he now begs to be allowed to renew his original request, and to recommend that the Engine may be sent to Dowlaishwarum for repair, remarking that "it can be thoroughly repaired for a very small sum, which the Mint may well afford to pay when the Engine is fit for use."

* *Letter, dated 18th January* 1858, *No.* 283.
† *Letter, dated 4th February* 1858, *No.* 301.

3. The Committee beg to recommend the application for the consideration and orders of Government.

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 7th May 1858, No. 3.

GENTLEMEN,

Para: 1st. Referring to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 235 of 8th Ultimo, I beg again to recommend that the unserviceable Steam Engine received from the Engineer's Department in the month of July 1857, may be sent to Dowlaishwarum for repair.

2nd. If this Engine is returned to the Stores it will take up some room in the Arsenal and its use will be entirely lost, whereas if it is taken to the Workshop at Dowlaishwarum it can be thoroughly repaired for a very small sum which the Mint may well afford to pay when the Engine is fit for use. I made this proposal in my letter, No. 283 of 18th January last, and I trust that I shall be excused repeating my request now that I see how well several small Engines might be employed in the Mint.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, No. 339; dated 22nd May 1858.

Government sanction the proposal of the Acting Mint Master, to have the Steam Engine referred to, repaired at the Dowlaishwarum Workshop, and direct that the same be communicated to the Public Works Department in reference to the para: 2 of the orders of the 8th Ultimo, No. 235.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No. 339.

Gov.r Sanction the proposal of the Acting Mint Master to have the Steam Engine referred to repaired at the Dowlaishwarum Workshop, and direct that the same be communicated to the Public Works Dep.t in reference to para 2 of the Orders of the 8th Ultimo. No. 235.

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Engine repaired, and then proposed to have a new one for it, but that he now begs to be allowed to renew his original request, as the charge for its repairs will be so small a sum that the Mint can well afford it.

Recommends the application for the Orders of Government

To the Mint Committee
Public Works Dep.t
Disp.d 20th