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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 12*th October* 1858.

No. 16. From H. YOUNG, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 30th September 1858, No. 951.

SIR,

With reference to your letter, No. 517, dated the 5th Ultimo, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward, for the information of the Government of Fort Saint George, copy of a letter (with accompaniment) from the Accountant General at this Presidency of the 10th Instant, No. 1193; and to state that the Command er-in-Chief of the Indian Navy has been requested to obtain from the Commander of the "Auckland" an explanation as to the number of Boxes of Treasure transferred by him to the Steamer "Pottinger."

From E. E. ELLIOT, Esq., Accountant General at Bombay; to HENRY YOUNG, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th September 1858, No. 1193.

SIR,

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that having, on the 27th Ultimo, received a letter from the Sub-Treasurer, stating that the Boxes in which the consignment of Specie ex-Steamer "Pottinger" was packed were in such a very bad state that some of the coins had dropped from them in landing; and that only 333, instead of 334 Boxes, as stated in the Invoice of the Treasure, had been received, I immediately addressed the Agent of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company on the subject.

2nd. In reply, that Gentleman informed me under date the 30th Idem.

"1. That only 333 Boxes of Treasure were received on board the "Pottinger," ex-"Auckland."

"2. That the Boxes were sent on board in the condition they were found to be upon "arrival here, so bad were they that the Commander of the "Auckland" sent three carpenters "to repair them, so far as practicable, at the time they were being shipped."

"3. The receipts given by the Officers on board the "Pottinger" state that the Boxes "were received in bad condition."

3rd. In communicating a copy of the abovementioned reply to the Sub-Treasurer, I requested that Officer to cause the state and contents of each Box to be carefully noted, and to report fully on the consignment, when the counting of it had been completed.

Invoice amount Rupees	20,00,000	
Received	19,93,831	
Lost.....	169	
	19,94,000	
Wanting Rupees.....	6,000.	

4th. Mr. Grant's report, which I have just received, is annexed, the result of the counting is, that Rupees 169 have been found short, in the 333 Boxes; and if 20 lacs were remitted, one Box of Rupees 6 thousand is also missing, *vide* margin.

5th. I beg to add that I have instructed the Sub-Treasurer to credit to Madras the sum of Rupees 19,94,000 and to carry the above reported difference Rupees 169 to Profit and Loss, agreeably to the instructions conveyed in the letter from the Government of India, a copy of which was received with your endorsement, No. 71, dated 19th Instant.

From G. GRANT, Esq., Sub Treasurer at Bombay; to the Accountant General, dated Bombay Castle, 8th September 1858, No. 1106.

SIR,

With reference to your Endorsement of the 31st Ultimo, on a letter to you from the Superintendent Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, I have the honor to inform you that after a careful examination of the Treasure consigned from Madras, received *viâ* Bengal per "Pottinger," the following was found to be the result,

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Contents of the 333 Boxes.

In Current Coins.....	Rupees	19,93,770-0-0
Clipped Rupees.....	„	61-0-0
		19,93,831-0-0
Found short in the undermentioned 5 Boxes	„	169-0-0
	Rupees	19,94,000-0-0.

In Box, No. 310, found less.....	Rupees	7	0	0 This box was found broken in several places and the bags in it damaged.
Do. having two Nos. 212 and 238 do.	„	37	0	0 This box was found broken in several places and two of the bags which were double had holes in them large enough and apparently made for the purpose of introducing the fingers.
Do. do. Nos. 174 and 57 do.	Rupees	98	0	0 Ditto broken and cut on one side, 2 of the bags had holes in them.
Do. do. Nos. 233 and 12 do.	„	2	0	0 Ditto broken.
In box No. 65 found less...	„	25	0	0 Ditto in many places, the bags entirely rotten and the money loose in the box.
Total found short	Rupees	169	0	0.

The greater number of the Boxes were in exceedingly bad condition almost falling to pieces, two Rupees dropped from them when being landed.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, No. 669; dated 11th October 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Accountant General with reference to his letter, dated 4th August last, No. 130. Enquiry should be made relative to the bad state of the Boxes.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No. 669.

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Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Bombay Castle,
30th September 1838.

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Chief Secretary to Govt

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Exd. J. A. Wilson.