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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 1. From C. HUGH LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 22nd October 1858, No. 5756 A.

SIR,

With reference to endorsement from this Department, No. 4119, dated the 2nd August last, I am directed to forward to you, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copy of a letter from the Government of Bombay, dated 30th Ultimo, No. 952, with enclosure, relative to a deficiency in the remittance of 20 lacs of Rupees, packed in 334 boxes, which, under a misapprehension, was sent on the 2nd July last, from Madras to Calcutta, instead of Bombay, on the Government Steamer "Coromandel," and was forwarded on the 8th Idem, in their original packing, from Calcutta to Bombay on the Government Steamer "Auckland."

2. This remittance was, it appears, while on its way to Bombay, transferred to the Government Steamer "Pottinger," the number of boxes however transhipped were 333 instead of 334, and the Sub-Treasurer at Bombay states that the 333 boxes appear to have originally contained Rupees 19,94,000* as per margin, which sum plus the amount believed to be contained in the missing box, *viz.*, 6,000 Rupees, makes up the remittance of 20 lacs mentioned in the Invoice, and the Government of Bombay has instructed the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy to obtain from the Commander of the "Auckland" an explanation as to the number of boxes transferred by him to the Steamer "Pottinger."

* *Current Coins*...	*Rupees*	19,93,770
Clipped Rupees...	„	61
		19,93,831
Found short in 5 boxes „		169
	Rupees	19,94,000

3. These being the circumstances of the case, I am desired to request that His Lordship in Council will be pleased, with a view to the satisfactory settlement of the account of the remittance in question, to communicate with the Government of Bombay in order to ascertain what has become of the missing box and inform this Government of the result of the enquiry.

From H. YOUNG, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay; to C. HUGH LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, dated 30th September 1858, No. 952.

SIR,

With reference to your Endorsement, No. 4118, dated the 2nd Ultimo, on a letter from the Sub-Treasurer at Fort William of the 30th July last, No. 263, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward, for the information of the Honorable the President of the Council of India in Council, copy of a letter (with accompaniment) from the Accountant General at this Presidency of the 10th Instant, No. 1193; and to state that the Commander-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; to HENRY YOUNG, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government of Bombay, 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 Peninsula and Oriental Steam Navigation Company on the subject.

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

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

2nd. "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."

3rd. "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; 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 Peninsula 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:

Contents of the 333 boxes.

In Currents Coins.....	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 & 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.
In box, having two Nos. 174 & 57, found less Rupees.....	98 0 0	This box was broken and cut on one side, 2 of the bags had holes in them.
Do. do. Nos. 233 & 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 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. 2. To the CHIEF SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of BOMBAY, dated 17th November 1858, No. 755.

SIR,

With reference to your letter, No. 951, dated the 30th September last, I am directed by the Governor in Council to state that this Government has been requested by the Government of India to communicate with the Bombay Government in order to ascertain what has become of the missing box of Treasure said to contain Six thousand Rupees. I am accordingly instructed to request that you will be so good as to furnish, for the information of the Madras Government, the explanation which the Commander in Chief of the Indian Navy has been desired to obtain from the Commander of the "Auckland," as to the number of boxes of Treasure transferred by him to the Steamer "Pottinger."

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Disp.d 20th

Rec.d 30th

Financial Dep.t

No 755.

To The Chief Secretary to the Govt.
of Bombay

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 951 dated the 30 September last, I am directed by the Governor in Council to state that the Govt have been requested by the Govt of India to communicate with the Bombay Govt in order to ascertain what has become of the missing box of treasure said to contain six thousand Rupees. I am accordingly instructed to request that you will be so good as to furnish for the information of the Madras Govt the explanation which the Commander in Chief of the Indian Army has been

desired to obtain from
the Commander of the
"Auckland," as to the num-
-ber of boxes of Tea sus-
pected by him to be
Steamer "Pottinger."

Fort St George
17th November 1858.

W H B

Copy of this letter to the Comrs
from the Govt of India
(without enclosures)
to the Asst Genl
for information.

Dispd 20th

Dy to Govt: 23rd November
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No 755

To The Chief Secy to the Govt
of Bombay

Dated 17th November 1858.

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