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Financial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 10. From G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General ; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 30th November 1858, No. 272.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated the 15th Ultimo, No. 681, calling upon me to furnish explanation on the subject of the Honorable Court's remarks, as contained in their Despatch of the 18th August, No. 16 of 1858, in respect to the large amount of small Silver Coins in the General Treasury on the 10th March last, to the value of Rupees 14,33,800.

2. In my letter to Government of the 2nd March last, No. 364, I submitted a Memorandum of the supplies of small Silver and Copper Coins that had been despatched in the previous two months, as well as of those then packed up and ready for despatch, and of the quantity that would be subsequently despatched, including the requirements of the General Treasury, and the reserve of such Coins to be kept at Trichinopoly, Masulipatam, and at the Presidency. I pointed out at the same time that, large as was the stock of small Silver Coins then in the General Treasury, (amounting in value to Rupees 13,37,920,) it was not sufficient to meet the supplies required, being Rupees 13,69,583.*

Packed and ready for Despatch.....	1,70,000
To be despatched to the Provinces, including the requirements of the General Treasury at Madras, &c.....	11,99,583
	* 13,69,583.

3. The small Silver Coins in the General Treasury on the 10th March last, as noticed by the Honorable Court, amounted in value to Rupees 14,33,800. The quantity since despatched to the Provincial Treasuries, up to the 20th Instant, including those issued by the Sub-Treasurer in his disbursements, have amounted to Rupees 10,28,809, and would, if no accession had been made to the small Coins after that date, have left only Rupees 4,04,991, *i. e.*, would have left less, by Rupees 95,009, than the reserve* of such Coins which it was proposed† should be kept in the General Treasury, as sanctioned by Government in Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 6th October 1855, No. 416, para : 7.

* *Rupees* 5,00,000.

† *In letter from Mint Master, dated 4th August 1855, No.* 102.

4. The small Silver Coins in the General Treasury on the 20th Instant, amounted in value to Rupees 10,11,505, consisting of receipts into the General Treasury since the 10th March, and including the sum of Rupees 4,04,991 abovementioned. The Silver Coinage at the Mint is at present confined to single Rupees, and as the balance of Silver Bullion there is now comparatively small, it is not likely that supplies of small Silver to any large extent will be received from it for some little time. Deducting from the above sum, the five lacs of small Silver to be held as a reserve, there remain only Rupees 5,11,505 to meet the wants of the Provincial Treasuries and the general disbursements of the Sub-Treasurer, early in the ensuing year.

5. I shall not be in a position to say to what extent supplies of small Silver Coins will be required by Collectors for disbursement during the ensuing year, until their half-yearly Estimates are received, which may be all expected in about the close of next month. There will still be the requirements of the Sub-Treasurer to provide for, which, in that case, must be met by fresh supplies from the Mint in the mean time, or, in the event of that proving insufficient, which is likely, by drawing on the Stock in reserve.

6. It will be seen from the foregoing explanation that nothing could have been spared for Calcutta out of the Stock of small Silver in the General Treasury on the 10th March* last, nor is the Stock now† in hand,—which is less, by Rupees 4,22,295 than the former amount,—excessive. It must be borne in mind that the requirements here of small Coin will be beyond those of former years because of the vast augmentation in the number of European Troops.

* *Rupees* 14,33,800.

† *Rupees* 10,11,505.

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 14th December 1858.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, No. 792; dated 10th December 1858.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be brought to the notice to the Home Authorities with reference to paras : 7 & 8 of the Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 18th August, No. 16 of 1858, and with the remark that the Government consider the explanation furnished by the Accountant General to be satisfactory.

Ordered also that copy of the Accountant General's letter be forwarded to the Government of India for their information.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 12. TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, dated 10th December 1858, No. 793.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit, for the information of the Government of India, copy of a letter from the Accountant General, furnishing explanation on the subject of the remarks contained in paras : 7 & 8 of the Honorable Court's Financial Despatch, dated 18th August, No. 16 of 1858, in respect to the large amount of small Silver Coins in the General Treasury on the 10th March last.

Dated 30th November 1858, No. 272.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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To The Secretary to the Govt of India

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I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit for the information of the Govt of India copy of a letter from the Accountant General, furnishing explanation on the subject of the remarks contained in paras 7 & 8 of the Public Financial Consultation dated 18th August No 16 of 1858, in respect to the large amount of small Silver Coins in the General Treasury on the 10th March last.

Dated 30 Nov 1858 No 272.

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