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Government of Madras.

*Financial* DEPARTMENT.

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from 30th April to 3rd May 1859.*

No. 5. Read the following letter from G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 8th April 1859, No. 456.

\* From Financial Secretary dated 26th March 1859.  
To do. 28th do.  
From do. 29th do.  
To do. 31st do.

A correspondence\* by Electric Telegraph has taken place between the Financial Secretary to the Government of India and this Office, which has resulted in my being directed to send without delay to the Commissioner of the descriptions and in the proportions noted in the margin. To do this, there are two routes before me, one by Steamer to Masulipatam and thence by land to Nagpore, a distance of 450 miles. The other route is to send the Treasure also by Steamer to Cocanada to Captain Rundall, the District Engineer, and thence by the Godavery, which appears by Extract Minutes of Consultation, of the 22nd Ultimo,† to be now available for the conveyance of Stores to Nagpore. Captain Rundall has informed me, in reply‡ to an enquiry made by me, that he can with safety take these Coins, which weigh about 54 tons and are contained in 850 Boxes, up the Godavery as far as Badrachellum, now 137 miles, and next month another hundred miles. Thence

Nagpore a supply of small Silver and Copper Coins of

| Silver Coins.       |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Quarter Rupees..... | 80,000         |
| Double Annas.....   | 20,000         |
|                     | ———— 1,00,000  |
| Copper Coins.       |                |
| Half Annas.....     | 70,000         |
| Quarter Annas.....  | 30,000         |
|                     | ———— 1,00,000  |
|                     | ————           |
|                     | Total 2,00,000 |

† No. 675, P. W. Department.  
‡ To Captain Rundall dated 31st March 1859.  
From do. 2nd April 1859.

there will be 230 miles land carriage to Nagpore which would require a guard. Captain Rundall has also stated that the expense of water carriage is 11 Rupees per ton.

2. On receipt of Captain Rundall's reply, I asked\* the Quarter Master General of the army to inform me which of these two routes he would prefer, and he has informed me "that he thinks it would be a better plan to send the Coins by the Godavery than by the

"long land route, though this mode of transit being quite in its first stage, there may possibly be more delay than is at present anticipated."

Under such circumstances I have the honor to solicit the instructions of Government as to the route which they may think preferable to be taken. On the Treasure being landed on the other side of the Godavery, the Commissioner of Nagpore might be requested to have sufficient conveyance and guard in waiting to bring it up to him. It will further be necessary, if either route be selected, that the services of one of the coasting Steamers should be made available, for the purpose of taking up the Treasure to Masulipatam, or Cocanada, as the Government may determine. The Superintendent of Marine

\* From Superintendent of Marine dated 31st March 1859, No. 1355.

has informed\* me that none will be available this month and in the month of May the weather is generally so unsettled that it is very doubtful whether it would be advisable then to send Treasure by Sea.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1859, No. 252.  
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2. The Accountant General will accordingly make the necessary arrangements, with the District Engineer, for the transport of the money by this route. He will also communicate with the Commissioner of Nagpore, and keep him informed of the time when the Treasure may be expected to arrive at the end of the river transit, and when a guard should be in readiness to escort it the remainder of the way by land to Nagpore. The expence of water carriage, it is remarked is Rupees 11 per ton, which for 54 tons will be Rupees 594. The Accountant General will place this sum at the disposal of Captain Rundall for the purpose.

3. On the conveyance of the Treasure hence to Cocanada Mr. Prendergast must communicate with the Superintendent of Marine. It does not seem to Government to be indispensable that a Steamer should be employed. A well found sailing vessel might, it would seem to them suffice, if a Steamer should not be procurable. The passage from Madras to Cocanada during the South West monsoon is effected in a few days, and the Treasure could be landed at Cocanada without any difficulty.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
Chief Secretary.

Financial Department.

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*Extract from the Minutes of Consultation,*

*Under date, 2d May 1859.*

*Read the following letter  
from the Accountant General*

*(Dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 1859, No 466.)*

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29<sup>th</sup> May 1859.

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Informing the Ac:  
Council and General in reference  
to his letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> March - as  
to the route to the prefecture  
in sending the same to the  
Commodore of the ship