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No. 18. Read the following letter from W. BALMAIN, Esq., Secretary, Mint Committee; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 3rd June 1859, No. 100.

By desire of the Mint Committee, I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government the following circumstances regarding the supply of Strap Copper for coinage.

2. The Mint Master reports that there is in Store 200 tons of Strap Copper, which is only sufficient for $2\frac{1}{2}$ months consumption at the rate of $4\frac{1}{4}$ tons per day, the amount coined by working extra hours, that 156 tons are still due on the indent of March 1857, but no advice of its despatch has been received and that 800 tons were indented for in January 1859 but in the ordinary course these will not arrive till next year.

3. The Mint Master recommends an emergent indent* for 1000 tons of Strap Copper and also for 600 tons to come out by the over-land route in 6 months, one hundred tons being sent out each of those six months: these indents being in addition to the Copper just mentioned in para. 2. The Committee however propose in the first† place to ascertain if there is any Copper available at Calcutta or Bombay which would obviate the necessity of incurring the expense of getting the Copper out over land. They would also suggest that Government should move the Secretary for India to expedite the despatch of the 156 tons and to consider the indent for 800 tons emergent to be sent out with as little delay as possible.

4. The Committee will report to Government the result of the references by Telegraph to Calcutta and Bombay as soon as they receive replies.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1859, No. 320.

Ordered that application be made accordingly to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India by the next Steamer, to expedite the despatch of the 156 tons of Strap Copper still due on the Indent of March 1857, and to consider as *emergent* the indent of January 1859 for 800 tons, to be sent out as early as practicable.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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tons of Strap Copper, and also for 600 tons to come out overland, in addition to the abovementioned Copper.

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States that the Committee have telegraphed to Calcutta and Bombay to know if Copper can be furnished for Indias and for purposes to report the result in due course.

To the Joint Committee.
(Signed) G.

Suggests that the Secretary for India be moved to expedite the 156 tons due, and that the 800 tons also be considered emergent.

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