

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 352

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Dated 13. 7. 1869

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,

13th July 1860.

No. 29. Read the following letter from Major CHARLES A. ORR, Mint Master, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 7th July 1860, No. 9.

Paragraph 1st. I have the honor to submit a Bill for Rupees 3,868-10-6 for Plumbago purchased from Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., and to request you to be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for the disbursement of the amount.

2. I beg to state that quantities of this material are required for use in this Mint, owing to the substitution of blacklead for cast iron pots in melting Silver and in fusing the Copper Scissel which is now largely cast into ingots for coinage, the former description of crucible having the great advantage of being made here cheaply and, when worn out, of being readily reduced to powder for the recovery of the bullion that may have been absorbed.

3rd. A number of Plumbago pots, from the patent Plumbago Crucible Company, were lately sent out by the Home Government with directions to give them a fair trial in this Mint. This having been done, the result is, that although the English Crucibles do not stand the number of pourings that they are described to be equal to by the manufacturers, they last three times as long as ours, but being ten times as costly they are not economical. It will be advantageous therefore to continue the manufacture here, and to enable us to do so I have thought it advisable to lay in the necessary supply of the requisite material from Ceylon through the Agency of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1860, No. 352.

Under the circumstances represented, the Government sanction the Bill for Plumbago Dust purchased from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. for the use of the Mint, amounting to Rupees (3,868-10-6) three thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, Annas ten and Pice six.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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To the Mint Master
" Accts. General. }
" Civil Auditor }
" Sub-Treasurer }

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