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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
24th December 1860.*

No. 62. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 19th December 1860, No. 2,450.

Communicating the Order passed on Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, submitting with the Board's observations letters from the Collector of Malabar and the Mint Master, soliciting sanction for the charges of 8 Silver Seals manufactured by Messrs. Orr and Co. of Madras for the Deputy Collector.

(Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated 19th December 1860, Nos. 328 and 329.)

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1860, No. 630.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue:—

Submitting with the Board's observations, letters
from the Collector of Malabar and the Mint
Master, soliciting sanction for the charges of
eight silver seals, manufactured by Messrs.
Orr & Co. of Madras for the Deputy
Collectors, (Here enter 22nd November 1860, No. 5,433.)

ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1860, No. 2,450.

1. From the foregoing Proceedings it appears that when, in consequence of the appointment of Deputy Collectors in the Provinces, a circular was issued by the Board of Revenue authorizing Collectors to have made seals similar to those used by their Covenanted Assistants, the Collector of Malabar under the impression, that such seals could not be manufactured in his District, and also under the belief that the "respectability and long established reputation" of Messrs. Orr & Co. of Madras were "sufficient guarantee against their making a charge which "would be considered otherwise than fair or reasonable," entrusted the work to that firm, without requiring an estimate of the probable cost.

2. The result was that eight silver seals were manufactured and a bill presented for Rupees 415-0-0, being on an average, Rupees 52 per seal. Messrs. Orr & Co. subsequently agreed to an abatement of Rupees 45 on their original charge, thereby reducing the cost of each seal to Rupees 46-4-0.

3. The Mint Master to whom the Board referred for inspection one of the seals in question, has informed them that a similar one if made in the Mint "in a superior style," would cost about Rupees 15-0-0, allowing Rupees 9-4-0 for silver and Rupees 5-12-0 for labor.

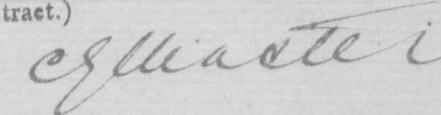
4. After taking into consideration that the Mint charges do not include any per centage for profit, and that work of this description can be obtained more economically from the Mint than from any other establishment, the Board cannot admit that even the smaller of Messrs. Orr & Co.'s charges "approaches what is fair and just." They therefore recommend that the Collector be authorized only to charge in his accounts at the rate of 25 Rupees per seal, i. e. Rupees 20 for the seal, including labor, silver, handle, packing, &c., and Rupees 5 for profit or at the rate of 25 per cent.

5. The Government quite agree with the Board and Mint Master in thinking Messrs. Orr & Co.'s charges exorbitant. Taking the Mint Master's valuation, their profit, even after the reduction made in their bill, exceeds 200 per cent.; and at the Board's liberal rate of calculation, viz. 20 Rupees, their profit would be more than 125 per cent.

6. The proposal of the Board as contained in paragraphs 6 and 7 of their Proceedings under review will therefore be carried into effect. Mr. Grant will be informed that Government cannot relieve him of any further portion of the expense incurred through his imprudence in having the work done by Messrs. Orr & Co., without an estimate.

7. The Governor in Council directs that in future, work of this nature should in all cases be done at the Mint.

(True Extract.)



Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ Accountant General.
„ Civil Auditor.
„ Mint Master.
„ Financial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Proc. of Court in the
Municipal Court 1850, 1851

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Copy the order passed in
Proc. of the Board of Revenue
Dublin 1851 with the Board's
observations to the same from the
Collector of the same & the
Print Master & the printing
costs for the charges of the
same as mentioned by
the 22nd 24th & 25th of the
for the duty of the same

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