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Government of Madras.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
6th April 1861.*

No. 13. Read the following letter from Major C. A. ORR, Mint Master, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 3rd April 1861, No. 408.

Paragraph 1. In forwarding, for the information and consideration of Government, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Brigade Major of Fort Saint George, intimating to me, by desire of the Major General Commanding the Centre Division, that, with reference to the Orders noted in the margin, it will be necessary to withdraw the Military Guard at present furnished to the Mint by the Troops in Garrison, so soon as Police can be substituted, and suggesting that I should myself make arrangements with the Commissioner of Police for effecting

*Copy of a letter from Brigade Major, to Mint Master, dated 27th March 1861, No. 236.
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Military Finance Department, No. 3,982, 21st February 1861.
Proceedings of Madras Government, and Order thereon, No. 728, 22nd February 1861.*

the change by the 15th instant, I have the honor to submit a transcript of my reply, pointing out the danger of intrusting the protection of the Mint to any other than the Military, and referring the Major General to Government, under whose orders the Mint Guard was established, and is maintained on its present footing, and who would, undoubtedly, justly hold me responsible for any unfortunate consequences that might ensue, if, in the face of its Orders of the 20th February last, No. 90, I were without permission to concert with Major Wilson, or any one else, so important an alteration as that proposed to be made in the composition of the Guard.

2. The Government is aware of the strong opinion I, in common with my predecessors, hold of the absolute necessity of retaining a powerful Guard at this peculiarly ill-situated and indefensible Mint. That it should be a Military Guard, I think equally essential, as it is out of the question to feel the same security under the guardianship of Civil Policemen, who, from their organization and permanence, are not fitted to exercise the vigilance which is second nature to a Military sentry, and are more liable to seduction than the soldier, who, from his habit of discipline, his freedom from local family connections, his superior position and better prospects, and daily relief, is less likely to yield to temptation, and offers less opportunity of being tampered with.

3. The Orders referred to by the Major General cannot, I think, be intended to apply to the employment of Military Guards over establishments, containing vast amounts of public property in the most tempting and portable of all forms, such as a Mint. In no country in the world is a Mint left without Military protection, and as every one knows that even in England both the Bank and the Mint are guarded by strong detachments of Troops, it can scarcely be said that the duties required of the men placed over this Mint, are otherwise than those every where recognized as being of a strictly Military nature.

From Captain CHARLES ELLIOT, Brigade Major, Centre Division, to the Mint Master, Madras, dated 27th March 1861, No. 236.

With reference to the Proceedings, as per margin and to G. O. C. C. No. 25 of the 13th instant, I am desired by the Major General Commanding Centre Division, to acquaint you that, it will be necessary to withdraw the Mint Guard at present furnished by the Troops so soon as Police Guards can be substituted. The

Major General will, should you wish it, make arrangements with the Commissioner of Police for the protection of the Mint, but as you are the best judge of what number of men you require, he begs to suggest that you should make your own arrangements. He hopes however you will be prepared by the 15th proximo to relieve the present Military Guard.

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From Major C. A. ORR, Mint Master, to Captain C. ELLIOT, Brigade Major, Fort Saint George, dated 3rd April 1861, No. 407.

Believing that it would be a most hazardous and imprudent experiment to intrust the protection of the Mint to any other than a disciplined Military Guard of strength sufficient to detail the requisite number of sentries by day and night, and effectually to repel any attack, and feeling assured that Government would justly hold me responsible for the consequences, if, in the face of its Orders of the 20th February 1861, No. 90 in the Financial Department, I were, without permission, to take it upon myself to concert with the Commissioner of Police, or any other authority, a change of such importance as the substitution of Peons for Sepoys, I have the honor

Vide Proceedings in the Financial Department to state for the information of the Major General Commanding the Centre Division, in
under date 20th February 1861, No. 90. reply to your letter of the 27th ultimo, No. 236, that it is not in my power to make the

arrangement he proposes, and that I would respectfully refer him to Government, under whose orders the Mint Guard was established and is maintained on its present footing, and to whom I shall forward copies of your letter and of this my reply.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Major,

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 6th April 1861, No. 180.

His Excellency the Governor in Council does not consider the Resolution of the Government of India—Military Department, 29th January 1861—applicable to Establishments such as the Madras Mint and Bank of Madras. Buildings which contain so large an amount of public property in exposed situations cannot safely be entrusted to “mere watchmen” or Police, but eminently require to be protected by a Military Guard. The Government, in their Proceedings of 20th February last, Financial Department, No. 90, have refused to diminish the strength of the Mint and Bank Guards, and they are still less prepared to allow them to be withdrawn altogether. Those Orders must be strictly adhered to.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Draw
The Mint Master
To the Chief Secy to Govt
Fort St George

Dated 3rd April 1861.
Recd.

No. 1408.
With two Enclosures

Enclosed copy of letter from
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Fin. Pro. 20th Feb. 1861 No. 90.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.

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To
The Mint Master

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