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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
11th February 1861.*

No. 14. Read the following letter from Major C. A. ORR, Mint Master, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 8th February 1861, No. 351.

Paragraph 1. As the two Engines of 15 Horse-power which the Government, on the 5th August 1859, requested might be sent out for the Silver Laminating Department of this Mint have not yet been received, although the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, with his Despatch of the 22nd December 1859, No. 35, intimating their being in course of construction by Messrs. Watt and Co., forwarded a plan of their arrangements and of the position of the Boilers, I have the honor to request that steps may be taken to prevent further delay.

2. The Engines now in use, though working wonderfully well considering the circumstances under which they were made on the spot, cannot be relied on, and may any day fail, owing to their faulty complicated arrangement and rough workmanship, and we may be compelled to fall back on expensive Bullock power, of which we have for sometime past been independent, if we do not speedily receive the two new Engines. The old Engines if worked separately will be free from the principal objection against them as now arranged together with four Cranks on one shaft, and on the receipt of those expected from England, they may, with great advantage, be set up in the Copper Laminating Department, where room for great saving exists in working up Copper Scissel Ingots on a more extensive scale than there exists the means of now doing.

3. I beg also to call the attention of Government to my letter of the 7th September 1859, No. 173, recommending application being made to the Home Authorities for the supply of 9 stamping Presses of the pattern of one received by the ship "Tartar," and an Engine of 12 Horse-power to drive them, a copy of which was transmitted in the Despatch of the Madras

Government to the Under Secretary of State on the 13th idem, with a strong recommendation of an early compliance with the requisition on the grounds of economy, as well as of the other advantages of substituting Steam Machinery for human labor.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1861, No. 70.

The Government resolve to forward a copy of the foregoing letter to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India with reference to his Despatch, dated 22nd December 1859, No. 35—and to the letter of this Government to the Under Secretary of State, No. 510, on the 13th idem—and to recommend that for the reasons therein urged the Mint Master's requests may be complied with the least possible delay.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

N^o 351.

Fort St. George,
Mint, 8th Feb^y 1861.

From, Major C. A. Orr,
Mint Master.

To, J. Pycroft Esq^{re},
Chief Secretary to
Government.

Sir,

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great saving exists in working up Copper Seisel Ingots on a more extensive scale than there exists the means of now doing.

3. I beg also to call the attention of Government to my letter of the 7th September 1859 No 173, recommending application being made to the Home Authorities for the supply of 9 Stamping Presses of the pattern of one received by the Ship "Tartar", and an Engine of 12 H. P. to drive them, a copy of which was transmitted in the Despatch of the Madras Government to the Under Secretary of State on the 13th idem, with a strong recommendation of an early compliance with the requisition on the grounds of economy, as well as of the other advantages of substituting Steam Machinery for human labour.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most Obed^t Serv^t.

Charles A. Barr
Mint Master

Order Hearn

11 February 1861. No 50.

The Govt resolve to go
-ward a copy of the foregoing letter
to the Honorable the Secy of State &
include with reference to his Despatch
dated 22nd Decr. 1859 No 35-96 to the lat
of this Govt to the Under Secy of State
No 510 on the 13th idem. & to recommend
that for the reasons Hearn's urge
the strict Hearn's requests may be
complied with the least possible delay

To the Hon. Secy - Dec 21 12-2-61.

J. C. H.

20th Feb 61
J. C. H. 1861 Sept 11

From the Print Works
to the Chief Clerk
to Government

For J. C. H. 1861

Dated 8th Feb 1861.

No. 351.

No 38

Resolved that steps may be
taken to prevent further
delay in sending out from
England the two steam
engines referred to in Order of
Government dated 20th Jan'y
1860 No 35. Also calls atten
tion to the application for a
Change of Order and on Engi
Copy of which was transmitted
to the Under Secretary of State
on the 13th September 1859.
W. C. H. and Order.

7005 - Aug 1/59 No 11715
16th Sept 1861 - 7005
" 28th Jan'y 1861 - 12013.

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Financial Delta to Aug 1/12th
February 1861
Replied to by 25th May
1861 No 40 of 1861.

9th Feb 141/5