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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 17th April 1862.

No. 68. Read the following letter from F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Accountant General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 11th April 1862, No. 377.

Book and Adjustment Department

I have the honor to forward for the consideration and Orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, two letters* in original, from the Secretary† and *Treasurer of the Madras Bank*, and the Mint‡ Master, on the subject of the Copper Coins now in the Treasury vaults. The Government of India having already, upon a full consideration of the facts brought to their notice in the 3rd paragraph of my letter to Government, No. 238, dated 27th January last, recorded their opinion, that the *Copper should not be excluded from the* maximum and minimum Government balances allowed to the Bank, no further remark from me appears to be called for.

* To be returned.
† Dated 2nd April 1862.
‡ Dated 9th April 1862.

From JOHN McIVER, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras; to F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Accountant General, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd April 1862, No. 17-1862.

I have the honor by desire of the Directors to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, annexing extract from a letter *addressed by you to the Madras Government* on the 27th January last, enquiring if the Copper Coin was to be excluded from the Government maximum and minimum balances, also a Telegraphic reply from the Government of India to *the effect* that it was not to be excluded; and you conclude by requesting that the Copper Coin now at the Mint and Treasury may be received *and credited accordingly*.

2. I am instructed by the Directors to observe that not wishing to throw obstacles in the way of taking over the entire balance at the Treasury, they have already received and credited the Copper Coin in the Treasury vaults amounting to upwards of two lacs; but in doing so, they did not understand that it *was to form a part* of the minimum balance. Indeed they cannot but feel surprised that such a proposal should be made by Government.

3. It would be ridiculous to argue that the 7½ lacs of Copper Coin held by the Government is part of the Government balances available for Banking purposes. The Copper Coin is merely a token and not a legal tender. The Bank cannot meet its liabilities either to Government or the public by payments in Copper! And when it is *considered* that the effect of receiving so large an amount of it in the manner proposed, would be to leave the Bank with scarcely any certain compensation for the loss of its Note circulation, the amount of Copper being nearly equal to that of the minimum balance, while it may at any time exceed it, and that such an arrangement formed no part of *the Bank's agreement* with Government. The Directors are unwilling to believe that the Government of India could seriously contemplate the idea of forcing on the Bank an agreement so much opposed, to what they consider its interests.

4. In the foregoing remarks the Directors have been referring merely to the position in *which the proposed arrangement* would place the Bank, but they believe they are warranted in stating that the custody and management, receiving and shipping of the Copper *Coin* can be much more conveniently and economically undertaken by the Master of the Mint, with the establishment at his command, than by the Bank.

5. On this point the Directors beg that a reference may be made to that Officer.

6. In conclusion I am desired to say that the Directors are not influenced by any desire to rid the Bank of the trouble of receiving, packing and shipping the *Copper Coin*. This they are quite willing to undertake, and to exercise every economy, if on inquiry the Government is satisfied that the work cannot be done better and cheaper by the Mint Establishment.

From Colonel C. A. ORR, Engineers, Mint Master; to F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Accountant General, Fort Saint George, dated Mint, 9th April 1862, No. 349.

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date, No. 1,633, giving cover to an Extract from a letter to your address from the Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Madras, under date the

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17th April 1862.

2nd instant, No. 17-182, and requesting my views of the statement therein made to the effect that the custody and management, receiving and shipping Copper Coin could, in the opinion of the Directors, be more conveniently and more economically undertaken by the Mint than by the Bank, I have the honor to state that I believe the Directors are not mistaken in supposing that, so far as the possession of facilities, for packing and despatching Copper Coin, either by sea or by land, is concerned, the Mint has the advantage of the Bank, but they are misinformed as to the custody of the Coin, for our vaults are neither large enough to hold the great quantity which it will probably always be advisable to keep in reserve, nor well suited to preserve the bags in which it is packed.

The large stock of Copper Coin now on hand is retained at the Mint at considerable inconvenience and some risk, but being for the present necessarily kept there, I think its removal to the Bank, if merely for the purpose of its being packed and despatched for shipment, is needless, as these operations can be performed at the Mint without difficulty, and probably at the least possible cost.

Additional accommodation at the Mint being greatly required for the safe keeping of coined money, both of Silver and Copper, and for the custody of the Reserve of Bullion and Specie belonging to the new Paper Currency Issue Department, twenty lacs of Rupees of which are still at the General Treasury, I would suggest that in the event of your proposing to Government the transfer of the permanent charge of the Copper Coin, as well as of its packing and shipment, to the Mint, you should recommend the construction there of a sufficiently large and suitable detached strong room.

No. 69. ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1862, No. 299.

Resolved that the above letter and its enclosures be forwarded to the Government of India for their consideration.

2. Resolved also that the Chief Engineer, Department of Public Works, be directed to prepare, in communication with the Mint Master, and submit to Government a Plan and Estimate for a strong room at the Mint, such as is alluded to in the conclusion of Colonel Orr's letter.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 70. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort Saint George, 17th April 1862, No. 300.

With reference to paragraph 5 of my letter dated 27th January last, No. 70, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward for the consideration of the Government of India, the accompanying copy of a communication from the Acting Accountant General, together with its enclosures, regarding the Government Copper Coins forming a part of the Government minimum balances of the Bank of Madras.

Dated 11th April 1862, No. 377.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Bank and Adjustment Department. No. 377. Fort Saint George, Accountant General's Office, 11th April 1862.

From The Acting Accountant General,

To The Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, two letters in original, from the Secretary and Treasurer of the Madras Bank, and the Mint Master, on the subject of the Copper Coins now in the Treasury Vaults. The Government of India having already, upon a full consideration of the facts brought to their notice in the 3rd paragraph of my letter to Government No. 295, dated 27th January last, recorded their opinion, that the Copper should not be excluded from the maximum and minimum Government balances allowed to the Bank, no further remarks from me appear to be called for.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
F. Cartledge
Acting Accountant General.

To be returned.
* dated 2nd April 1862.
* dated 9th April 1862.

Compd. & Dr.
Capt. McCoubrey

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by the Court of Directors
which then was to be
done on this Day

Yours
Sincerely Thos
Chas Arbuthnot

Chas
12th April 1862

Bank of Madras.

Madras, 18

My dear Mr Pigott

The Gov.t Cash balances
on the Treasury of the Bank
on the 5th instant, the
date of the last Return,
Rs 41,81,216- from which
Rs 4,&8,477 Securities, the
Rs 36,92,739 of Coin. are in
the Treas.y of which Rs 31,8,628
are in Bullion Coin. and Rs 2,10,376
in Copper - Besides this there
is at the Mint a large sum of

Yours

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Cotes supplied to the Bank
in exchange for the same
Amount of Current Coin Circ
Bank in Cotes in Circ
Thus on 10,42,310 Cotes
with in Circulation with
the Jubilee, Amo 14,57,690 Cotes
in the Bank -

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T. Symonds Esq
Chief Secretary

N° 27

No 2349.

Fort St George,
Mint 6th April 1862.

From Colt C. A. Dr Engineers Mint Master
To F. Lushington Esqre Accountant General,

Sir,

In reply to your letter of Yesterdays date, No 1693, giving cover to an Extract from a letter to your address from the Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Madras under date the 2d Instant, No 97 of 1862, and requesting my views of the Statement therein made to the effect that the custody and management, receiving and shipping Copper Coin could, in the opinion of the Directors, be more conveniently carried and more economically undertaken by the Mint than by the Bank, I have the honor to state that I believe the Directors are not mistaken in supposing that, so far as the possession of facility for packing and despatching Copper Coin, either by Sea or by Land, is concerned, the Mint has the advantage of the Bank, but they are misinformed as to the Custody of the Coin, for our Vaults are neither large enough to hold the great quantity which it will probably always be advisable to keep in Reserve, nor well suited to preserve the bags in which it is packed.

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The large stock of Copper Coin now on hand is retained at the Mint at considerable inconvenience and some risk, but being for the present necessarily kept there, I think it removed to the Bank, if merely for the purpose of its being packed and despatched for Shipment is needless, as these Operations can be performed at the Mint with at least sufficiently, and probably at the least possible Cost.

Additional accommodation at the Mint being greatly required for the safekeeping of Coined Money, both of Silver and Copper, and for the Custody of the Reserve of Bullion and Specie belonging to the new Paper Currency Issue Department, Twenty Lacs of Rupees of which are still at the General Treasury I would suggest that in the event of your proposing to Government the transfer of the permanent Charge of the Copper Coin, as well as of its packing and Shipment to the Mint you should recommend the Construction there of a sufficiently large and suitable Locked Strong Room.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Chas. A. Bn.
Mint Master

J. C. V.

No. 17/182.

N°545

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Bank of Bengal.
2d April 1862.

To
J. Cushington Esq.
Offg Accountt. General.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor by desire of the Directors to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th March, conveying Extract from a letter addressed by you to the Madras Govt. on the 27th January last, requesting that the Copper Coin now in the Cyclone from the Govt. Magazines & Treasuries, also a telegraphic reply from the Govt. of India to the effect that it was not to be replaced; and you conclude by requesting that the Copper Coin now in the Mint & Treasury may be received & credited accordingly.

2 I am instructed by the Directors to observe that not wishing to throw obstacles in the way of taking over the entire balance at the Treasury, they have already received & credited the Copper

Coin

Bank and Agency Office,
Port St. George.

From The Offg Accountt. General
To
The Asst. Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George.

Dated 5th
Rec'd 7th } April 1862.

Sir,

In reply to Letter of the 2d instant, I beg to state that the Bank will be prepared to receive the Copper Coin now in the Cyclone in exchange for Silver Coin of the Madras Mint, as soon as the Government Steamer can with safety enter the harbour.

I have &c.
Signed
Offg Accountt.
No 1551
C.

Coin in the Treasury would a-
-mounting to upwards of two
lacs; but in addition, they did
not understand that it was to
form part of the Minimum Ba-
-lance. Indeed, they cannot but
feel surprised that such a pro-
-posal should be made by Govt.
It would be ridiculous to ar-
-gue that the 7/2 lacs of Copper
Coin held by the Govt. is part
of the Govt. Balances available
for Banking purposes. The Cop-
-per Coin is merely a token of Govt
legal tender. The Govt
-ment must be called upon
to Govt. on the public by keep-
-ing it in Copper. And when it
is considered that the object of
receiving to charge an account
of it in the manner proposed,
would be to leave the Bank
with scarcely any certain com-
-pensation for the loss of its Note
Circulation, the account of
Copper being nearly Equal to
that of the Minimum Balance,
while it may at any time exceed
it, & that such an arrangement
formed one part of the Bank's
agreement

with Govt. — the Directors are
unwilling to believe that the
Govt. of India could seriously
contemplate the idea of forcing
on the Bank an agreement so
much opposed, to what they con-
-sider its interests.

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Directors have been restricted merely
to the position in which the pro-
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place the Bank, but they be-
-lieve they are warranted in
stating that the embodying & mem-
-bering of the Copper Coin can be made
more conducive to economy
& convenience
under taken by the Master of the
Mint, with the establishment
as his command, than by the
Bank -

On this point the Directors
beg that a reference may be made
to that Officer.

In conclusion I am desired
to say that the Directors are not
influenced by any desire to aid
the Bank of the trouble of re-
-ceiving, packing & shipping
the

the Copper Coin - that they are
Guide, willing to undertake, and
to execute every Economy, if
on inquiry the Board & Court.
- deem that the work cannot
be done better & cheaper by
the Mint Establishment.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obt. Servt.

John Mc Leod
Secretary to Government

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Dated 3/4

Recd 3/4

Dated 27th April 1852
Read 3/5

Acknowledge the
receipt of Letter No. 1852
& advise to whom the
Bank of the Madras Treasury
Cashier cause -

Fort St. George
The 28th April 1852

To
The Secretary
to Government
Financial Department

Dated 1st April 1852
Rec'd 3/5

Ans. 1st Dec. 1852

Fort St. George
The 1st December 1852

To
The Secretary to Government
Financial Department

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3777 dated the 11th ultimo, and to inform you that the Treasurer of the Madras Bank has been directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Mint the sum of Rupees Two Lakhs on account of the Copper Coinage.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

John Mc Leod
Secretary to Government

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Financial Department.

Read letter from the Acting Accountant General

(Dated 11th April 1852 No. 3777)

Order thereon 17th April 1852 No. 999

Resolved that the above letter with its enclosures be forwarded to the Court of India for their consideration.

Resolved also that the Chief Engineer, Dept. of Public Works, be directed to prepare, in communication with the Mint Master, & submit to Government an plan & estimate for a strong room at the

The Mint made no report
included in the remit-
tance of the 15th inst.

32 P. L. 2240

To Chief Engineer
P.W.D. Deptt 21
Mint Master } 20 & 19 respectively
Deptt. General } 3
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Custody & management of the Copper Coins lodged in the Treasury vaults.

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Fort 1862 Department.

No. 299

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Dated 17th April 1862

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Council

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Financial Deptt.

No. 300.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India

Financial Deptt.

Sir,

With reference to para 5 of my letter dated 27th January last No. 70, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward for the considera-tion of the Govt of India the accompanying copy of a communication from the Ag. Actt. General, togeth-er with its enclosures, regarding the ~~custody and management of the~~ Copper Coins ~~lodged in the Treasury vaults of the~~ ~~Bank of Madras & of its~~ forming a part of the Govt Minimum balances of the Bank of Madras

Dated 11 April 1862 No 377.

Govt.

Govt.

Fort St George,
17 April 1862

I have &c.

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June 1862 Depositions

Re

The Secretary of the Interior

vs Indians

Affidavit 1862

Sworn to before me this 4th day of June 1862 at Washington City and I do hereby certify that the said Commissioner is duly authorized by the Court of Claims to administer oaths in cases pending in said Court

Richard D. Cutts
Clerk

Refiled to 23d June 62

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