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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
4th August 1862.*

No. 5. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel C. A. ORR, Mint Master; to Lieutenant Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, dated 23rd July 1862, No. 75.

The self-acting Presses, with Steam Machinery to work them, which were indented for by this Government on the 7th September 1859, having at length arrived in the Ship "Rockcliff," it is very necessary that no time should be lost in setting them up in order that the wasteful daily employment of the labor of about 250 men in the operation of stamping, by means of obsolete hand driven Presses, may be dispensed with, and that thereby a most important improvement in the power and efficiency of this Mint, as well as a large reduction in the cost of the Coinage may be effected. I accordingly herewith forward an Estimate of Rupees 4,300 for setting up the Presses and the Engine to drive them, prepared from plans* sent out from England, slightly modified, and I have the honor to request that you will submit it with the utmost despatch to Government for sanction on emergency, and that you will recommend the amount to be advanced from the Funds at the disposal of the District Engineer of the Presidency, or, if that be impracticable, that I may be authorized to charge the cost of setting up the Machinery to the expenses of the Coinage, there being ample provision for the amount in the Budget, since the saving that will be effected as soon as the new Presses are brought into operation will in less than two months cover the outlay in setting them up.

No 2,305.

Submitted to Government with a recommendation that the Mint Master may, in accordance with his request be authorized to proceed at once with the setting up of the Machinery connected with the new Coining Presses, the estimated cost of which, Rupees 4,300, can be met from the General Funds placed at the disposal of the District Engineer Presidency, as in the event of its being hereafter found necessary, the latter may be supplemented by a transfer from the Reserved Fund.

The rates allowed in the Estimate for brick and chunam are below those charged by the District Engineer Presidency for similar work, but as it is to be carried out by the Mint Master, I have not thought it desirable to alter his Estimate.

CENTRAL OFFICE PUBLIC WORKS, (Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
CHEPAUK, Chief Engineer, D. P. W.
28th July 1862.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Referred to the Financial Department for consideration.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 4th August 1862, No. 570.

The Governor in Council sanctions the execution of the work referred to in the foregoing letter for setting up the Steam Engine and Coining Presses received from England for the Mint. It will be executed under the orders of the Mint Master, and the estimated cost, Rupees 4,300, will be disbursed by the District Engineer of the Presidency from the General Funds at his disposal.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

N^o 75.

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Fort S^t George,

Mint, 23^d July 1862.

From

Lieut. Colonel G. A. Orr

Mint Master

To

Lieut. Col. W. J. Birdwood

Chief Engineer G. P. M.

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Mr. Smith (Secretary
of the Blue Boy's Club)

Dated 23rd July 1862.
Dec. 24th

No. 75.
With 5 Conclusions

There are 24 Copies of the
and one estimate of 20
4000 for setting up a steam
engine and 20 Conclusions
I have in the mind and
request that it may be
submitted with dispatch
to the Committee and to
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Bureau of the Chicago
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Dated 4 Aug 1862