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No. 21. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel C. A. ORR, R.E., Mint Master; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 5th May 1863, No. 2.

Para. 1. As the consumption of fuel in this Mint is now very large, owing to the great increase of work that has taken place, especially in the Copper Coinage Department, where nearly all the Scissel resulting from the cutting up of slips, which formerly was sold at a heavy loss, is now melted and re-melted till it is converted into Coin, I find that the supply of Coke which was lately obtained from the Public Works Department will not last more than from eight to ten months from this date, and as, under these circumstances, no time is to be lost in taking measures for obtaining a large fresh supply from England, I herewith forward the necessary emergent special Indent for 1,000 tons, and have to beg that it may be transmitted by the next Mail, with an urgent request from the Government for the requisition to be speedily complied with.

2. The marginal Statement of the receipts and expenditure of Coke during the last four years shows the progressive increase that has taken place in the rate at which the article is being consumed owing to the causes I have above explained, the out-turn of Copper Coin in 1859-60 from re-meltings of Scissel having been Rupees 72,000 in value as compared with Rupees 2,87,000 during 1862-63, and the loss from the sale of Scissel in the former year having been Rupees 17,698 against Rupees 700 in the six months just past.

Receipts.	1859-60.	1860-61.	1861-62.	1862-63.
Coke...	466¾	675	.....	427¾
Issues.	**Tons.**	**Tons.**	**Tons.**	**Tons.**
May.....	19	18¾	25¼	28½
June.....	18¾	19½	29	34¼
July.....	19½	21¼	14½	30¼
August.....	17¾	22½	16½	35¾
September..	19½	20⅝	17	32¾
October..	18½	16⅝	24	27⅜
November...	20½	18⅞	25⅜	34½
December.....	21¼	22½	31	37¼
January.....	18¾	16	26¼	36⅝
February..... ...	19	18¾	32¾	35¼
March.....	16¼	21⅛	32¾	38
April.....	18	28	33¾	44
Total.....	227	244½	308	414

3. As the amount entered in the Budget Estimate for 1863-64, for stores from England, will not allow of the value of more than 300 tons of Coke being disbursed from it during the current year, it will be sufficient if that quantity be forwarded at once, and the remaining seven hundred tons at the beginning of 1864-65, when provision will be made in the Budget to meet the cost.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1863, No. 322.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter be sent to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, with a request that, under the circumstances therein represented, early arrangements may be made for complying with the emergent Indent therewith submitted for 1,000 tons of Coke required for the use of the Madras Mint. It will at the same time be explained that it will be sufficient if 300 tons are forwarded at once, and the remaining 700 tons at the beginning of the next official year 1864-65.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

No. 2

Fort St. George,
Mint, 5th May 1863.

From

Lieut. Coll. C. A. Orr R.E.
Mint Master

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government.

Sir,

Para 1. As the consumption of fuel in this Mint is now very large owing to the great increase of work that has taken place, especially in the Copper Coinage Department, where nearly all the Scissel resulting from the cutting up of Slips, which formerly was sold at a heavy loss, is now melted and remelted till it is converted into coin, I find that the supply of Coke which was lately obtained from the Public Works Department will not last more than from Eight to Ten Months from this date, and, as under these circumstances no time is to be lost

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in taking measures for obtaining a large fresh supply from England, I herewith forward the necessary emergent special Indent for 1000 tons, and have to beg that it may be transmitted by the next Mail, with an urgent request from the Government for the requisition to be speedily complied with.

2. The marginal Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of Coke during the last 4 Years shows the progressive increase that has taken place in the rate at which the Article is being consumed owing to the causes I have above explained, the Outturn of Copper Coin in 1859/60 from remeltings of Sicca having been Rs. 72,000 in value as compared with Rs. 287,000 during 1862/63, and

	1859/60	1860/61	1861/62	1862/63
Receipts				
Coke	466 3/4	675	..	427 3/4
Issues	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
May	19	18 3/4	25 1/4	28 5/8
June	18 3/4	19 7/8	29	34 1/4
July	19 1/4	21 1/4	14 1/2	30 1/4
August	17 3/4	22 1/4	16 1/2	35 3/8
September	19 1/2	20 3/8	17	32 3/8
October	18 3/4	16 3/8	24	27 3/8
November	20 1/2	18 7/8	25 5/8	34 1/2
December	21 1/4	22 1/2	31	37 1/8
January	18 3/4	16	20 1/4	36 7/8
February	19	18 3/4	32 3/8	35 1/4
March	16 1/4	21 1/8	32 3/4	38
April	18	28	33 3/4	44
Total	227	241 1/8	308	414

and the loss from the sale of Sicca in the former year having been Rs. 17,698 against Rs. 700 in the Six Months just past.

3. As the amount entered in the Budget Estimate for 1863/64 for Stores from England, will not allow of the value of more than 300 tons of Coke being disbursed from it during the current year, it will be sufficient if that quantity be forwarded at once, and the remaining seven hundred tons at the beginning of 1864/65, when provision will be made in the Budget to meet the cost.

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

Mint Master

No. 322 dy 9th May 1863.

Ordered, that a Wpy of the foregoing letter be
~~forwarded to the Mint Master of this~~ Co. St.
the Secy: of State for India, with a
request that, under the circumstances
therein represented, early arrangements may be made for complying with the emergent Indent therewith submitted for 1000 Tons of Coke required for the use of the Madras Mint. It will at the same time be explained that it will be sufficient if 300 Tons are forwarded at once, & the remaining 700 Tons at the beginning of the next Official year 1864/65.

To the Mint Master.

Desp.d 12/5/63

Financial
1863. Despatch

From
The Mint Master

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. Geo.

Dated 5th
Rec.d 5th May 1863.

No. 2.

No. 342

With two Enclosures.

States that from the increase of work there is now a larger consumption of Coke. Submits an Indent for 1000 Tons to be despatched to England by the next Mail with an urgent request for it to be speedily complied with.

With an Order

Replied to. 9th July 63. No. 49.

Fin.l Letter Engd. 12th May 63.
8 of 1863.

Replied to. Dated 9th
July 63. No. 49.

C.l May 29

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