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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
28th May 1863.*

No. 62. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Mint Master; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Mint, 22nd May 1863, No. 19.

Paragraph 1. With reference to the Orders of Government, No. 315, of the 15th instant, communicating to me a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, No. 15 of 30th March 1863, requiring explanations regarding the large demand for Steel and Copper slips which was made in my Indent No. 3 of the 20th January 1863, I have the honor to explain that, although a larger quantity than the "established proportion" of the former was

		Indented for.	
Round Steel...	...	6	Tons.
Blister do.	...	3	do.
		Tons.. 9	
		Expended in 1862-63.	
Round Steel...	...	6½	Tons.
Blister do.	...	2¼	do.
		Tons...8½	

in Store, and three tons were known to be in course of supply, the rate at which the article is now consumed, owing partly to the increasing work of the Mint and partly to the very indifferent quality of much of that which has been supplied for the manufacture of Dies, is so much increased that the quantity indented for will not more than replace the expenditure within the last twelve months.

2. With regard to the largeness of the demand for Copper for coinage, I have to explain that shortly before the date of the preparation of the Indent, and before I had received intimation of the actual shipment of the last 300 tons, orders were received from the Government of India to coin the whole of the Copper on hand as rapidly as possible. In compliance with that Order the Mint was working extra time and turning out of Copper coin alone at the rate of more than 3,50,000 pieces per diem, and I consider it necessary to indent for a full year's supply not anticipating that the requisition would be so promptly complied with. The demand for

* In Store...	...	980	Tons.
Under receipt...	...	300	do.
Ordered..	...	500	do.
		Total...1,780	

Copper having moderated the Mint is again working ordinary time, and the stock on hand* with the 500 tons ordered to be supplied is ample for the present. No more need be sent out till the end of 1864, when the remaining

700 tons should be shipped in order to keep up a stock of at least one year's consumption of the metal for the coinage.

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1863, No. 360.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter be transmitted to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, with reference to his Despatch, dated the 30th of March last, No. 15.

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

N^o 19.
Fort St. George,
Mint 22^e May 1863.

From
Lieut. Col. C. A. Orr B. E.

To
Mint Master
The Chief Secretary
to Government.

Sir,
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Orders of Government N^o 315
of the 5th Instant, communica-
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Indented for.
Round Steel 6 Tons
Blister d^o - 3 d^o -
9
Expended in 1862/63.
Round Steel 6 1/2 Tons
Blister - d^o - 2 1/4 d^o -
8 3/4

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* In tow 980.
Under receipt 300.
Ordered - 500.
1780.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servt.
Wm. A. Br.
Mint Master

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Order - No 366 - 28 May 1863 -

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letters be transmitted to the At. Secy of State for Sweden. Reference to be made to the order dated the 30th of March last - No 15.

[Signature]

Financial Department
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From 366

The United States

The Chief Secretary to Government

At. Secy

Dec 23rd 1863

No 366

With reference to Order of Govt No 14315, submit explanation regarding the large demand for stock of copper which required for the United States and Order

No. 5 May 13 1863

28th May 1863
of 1863.

Relaid to 24th June
1863 of 1863.

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