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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 5th December 1863.

No. 21. Read the following letter from G. J. SHAW, Esq., M. D., Officiating Mint Master; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Mint, 2nd December 1863, No. 283.

I have the honor with reference to the accompanying copy of a letter and Memorandum, to inform you that I have thought it advisable to resume the coinage of Copper coins, working extra time from the 1st instant, so that the out-turn may be kept up to two lacs and forty thousand Rupees in value per mensem.

Enclosure 1.
Copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India with Memorandums from the Acting Accountant General and Mint Master annexed.

2. As the amount of Silver Bullion available for coinage only amounts to seven lacs and sixty thousand Rupees, I beg to be favored with the instructions of Government with reference to G. O. dated 31st October 1863, No. 703, as to the temporary suspension of the Silver coinage until the balance of Copper remaining (9½ lacs) be worked up and the urgent requisition from the Government of India be complied with.

From E. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to the Officiating Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, Madras, dated Fort William, the 14th November 1863, No. 5586.

Financial Department.

I am directed to inform you that the demand for Copper money in various parts of India continues to increase, and to desire that you will report whether, after making due provision for the wants of the Madras Presidency for the current financial year, any quantity of this coin can be remitted to Calcutta.

2. You are also requested to ascertain and report at what rate the Madras Mint is furnishing supplies of this coin, and whether these could be increased.

The Mint Master is requested to favor the undersigned with information on the subject of this letter and to write the same below.

30th November 1863. (Signed) R. W. LODWICK,
Ag. Dy. Audr. and Accountant General.

The ordinary out-turn of Copper coins is at present in value Rupees 1,20,000 per mensem, which can be raised by working at extra hours to Rupees 2,40,000. Ten of the hand Presses are engaged in coining Silver, two for Rupees and eight for small coins. Were the whole powers of the Mint exclusively employed on the Copper coinage, the monthly out-turn could be increased to Rupees 2,70,000, which is the utmost that could be produced by the present Machinery.

30th November 1863. (Signed) G. J. SHAW, M. D.,
Officiating Mint Master.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) G. J. SHAW,
Officiating Mint Master.

Referred to the Accountant General for his opinion.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd December 1863. (Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 284.

The undersigned has the honor to furnish a copy of his report to the Government of India in answer to their letter, and to state that in his opinion it is advisable to order the out-turn of Copper to be brought up to 2,40,000 a month only on receipt of the order from the Supreme Government as there is at present upwards of 5 lacs worth of Copper in the Bank, so that even after 3 lacs have been sent to Bombay any emergent wants on the part of the Supreme Government can be met at once.

(Signed) R. W. LODWICK,
3rd December 1863. *Acting Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.*

Silver

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
5th December 1863.

From R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Acting Accountant General; to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Fort Saint George, 1st December 1863, No. 278.

I have the honor with reference to Supreme Government Order, No. 5586, dated 14th ultimo, to report that the Mint Master has given me to understand that by working extra hours he could make his monthly out-turn of Copper 2,40,000 Rupees, the present quantity coined being 1,20,000 Rupees.

2. Silver is being coined by ten of the hand Presses, two being engaged on whole Rupees, and eight on small coins.

3. If, however, the Mint were wholly employed in coining Copper the out-turn per month could be brought up to 2,70,000 Rupees, which is the utmost that the present machinery could produce.

4. The wants in this Presidency are estimated at 36,000 Rupees per mensem, and as it would not be advisable to make use of the ten hand Presses now engaged on Silver, seeing that the demand for small Silver coins is large there would be left out of the 2,40,000 Rupees 2,04,000 Rupees available for shipment.

5. Bombay has received two, and is about to receive three more lacs immediately, so that the demand there is brisk, and putting aside 50,000 a month for it about 1,50,000 could go to Calcutta.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. MACKEY,
Ag. 1st Asst. Accountant General.

No. 22.

ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1863, No. 787.

Under the circumstances stated by the Accountant General in his letter to the Government of India of the 1st instant, No. 278 the Governor in Council does not wish the coinage of Silver to be suspended. It will suffice if the coinage of Copper is brought up to Rupees 2,40,000 a month.

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

Exd. T. McMeatry.

No. 283

Fort St. George,
Mint, 2nd Dec.r 1863.

From
G. J. Shaw Esqr. M.D.
Offg. Mint Master

To
A. J. Arbuthnot Esqr.
Chief Secretary
to Government.

Sir,

Para 1. I have the honor with reference to the accompanying Copy of a letter and Memorandum, to inform you that I have thought it advisable to resume the Coinage of Copper Coins, working extra time from the 1st Instant, so that the outturn may be kept up to Two lacs and Forty thousand Rupees in Value per Mensem.

2. As the amount of Silver

(Enclosure)
Copy of a Letter from the Govt. to the Govt. of India with Memorandums from the Acting Accountt. Genl & Mint Master annexed.

Silver Bullion available for coinage only amounts to seven lacs and sixty thousand Rupees, I beg to be favored with the instructions of Government with reference to G.O. dated 31st October 1863 No. 703 as to the temporary suspension of the Silver Coinage until the balance of Copper remaining (9½ lacs) be worked up and the urgent requisition from the Government of India be complied with.

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

H. J. Shaw
Offg Mint Master

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N°. 5586.

To The Offg. Deputy Auditor and
Accountant General
Madras.

Dept. Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the demand for Copper Money in various parts of India continues to increase, and to desire that you will report whether, after making due provision for the wants of the Madras Presidency for the Current financial year, any quantity of this Coin can be remitted to Calcutta.

2. You are also requested to ascertain and report at what rate the Madras Mint is furnishing supplies of this Coin, and whether these could be increased.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt.,
(Signed) E. W. Lushington
Secr. to the Govt. of India

Fort St. William
14th Novr. 1863

N°. 1284

The undersigned has the honour to forward a copy of his despatch to the Court of Directors in the Public Department of Madras to the Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George.

Dated 23d Recd 30th Dec 1863.
N°. 283.
With Enclosure
No 282

Forwards Copy of a letter from the Acting Government of Madras to the Deputy Auditor & Accountant General Madras requesting to be informed whether any demand for Copper Money in that Presidency for the Current year will require part of the Copper Coin now in Calcutta and expressing a wish that the Coin may be sent to Madras as early as possible.

Recd 30th Dec 1863
Ansd 31st Dec 1863
No 1284

Dated 1863 Dec 14th
From
The Offg Deputy Auditor
& Accountant General
Madras
To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a letter from the Government of Madras, No. 283, dated the 23d instant, requesting to be informed whether any demand for Copper Money in that Presidency for the Current year will require part of the Copper Coin now in Calcutta and expressing a wish that the Coin may be sent to Madras as early as possible.

2. I am directed to request that you will inform me whether any part of the Copper Coin now in Calcutta is required for the Madras Presidency.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt.,
(Signed) E. Cracroft
Offg Deputy
Asst Accountant
Genl.

Immediate.

The Mint Master is requested to favor the undersigned with information on the subject of this letter and to write the same below.

/Signed/ R. W. Lodwick.
Actg Dy Audr & Accountt
General.

Nov. 30. 1863.

The ordinary Outturn of Copper Coins is at present, in Value Rs. 120,000 per Mensem which can be raised by working at extra hours to Rs. 240,000 - Ten of the hand presses are engaged in Coining Silver two for Rupees and eight for small Coins. Were the whole powers of the Mint exclusively employed on the Copper Coinage, the Monthly Outturn could be increased to Rs. 270,000 which is the utmost that could be produced by the present Machinery.

/Signed/ G. I. Shaw Mr.
Offg Mint Master

30th Nov. 1863.

(True Copies)

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Offg Mint Master

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No. 278

Fort Saint George
Accountt Genl's Office
1st December 1863

From
The Acting Accountant General
To The Secretary to the Government
of India

Sir

I have the honor with reference to Supreme Government Order No. 3586 dated 18th ultimo to Report that the Mint Master has given me to understand that by working extra hours he could make this monthly outturn of Copper 240,000 Rupees the present quantity coined being 120,000 Rupees.

2. Silver is being Coined by 10 of the hand presses two being engaged on whole Rupees and eight on small coins

3 If however the Mint were wholly employed in coining Copper the outturn per month could be brought up to 270,000 Rupees which is the utmost that the present Machinery could produce -

4 The wants of this Presidency are estimated at 36,000 Rupees per Mensem and as it would not be advisable to make use of the 10 hand presses now engaged on Silver seeing that the demand for small Silver Coins is large there would be left out of the 240,000 Rupees 204,000 Rupees available for Shipment -

Bombay

Coinage

5 Bombay has received 2 and is about to receive 3 more lakhs immediately so that the demand there is brisk and putting aside 50,000 a month for it about 150,000 could go to Calcutta.

I have &c.
(signed) R. M. Ladwick
Ag. Accountt. Genl.

True Copy

Ag. Asst. to Accountt. Genl.

Financial Department

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Read the following papers:

From the Offg. Mint Master } Dated 2nd Decr. '63 N° 283

From the Ag. Deputy Auditor & Acctt. General } —" — 3rd —" — " — 284

Order. N° 787 of 5th Decr 1863.

Under the circumstances stated by the Accountant General in his letter to the Government of India of the 1st Instant N° 278, the Governor in Council does not wish the Coinage of Silver to be suspended. It will suffice if the Coinage

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