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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 11th December 1863.

No. 48. Read the following letter from R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Acting Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, Madras; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated 8th December 1863, No. 287.

I have the honor with reference to my letter, No. 284, dated 3rd instant, to bring the following matter to the notice of His Excellency in Council, as it shows that the opinion I then gave has proved to be correct.

2. By accompaniment No. 1, it will be seen that the Government of India gave me to understand that 40 lacs of Bullion were to come round here from Bombay for coinage.

3. As I was told to hold the equivalent of that amount at the disposal of Mr. Birch, and I have not a fourth part of that sum at present available, I considered it necessary to telegraph an inquiry as to whether the amount referred to was to be held at Mr. Birch's disposal *after* or *before* the coinage of the Bullion (vide No. 2).

4. On receiving the Supreme Government's answer (No. 3), which, as will be seen, is to the effect that the demand for Copper is to be held in abeyance, and that I must provide for Mr. Birch's wants at once, I considered it right to issue instructions to the Mint to work up all its uncoined Bullion without delay and by placing the establishment on extra hours.

5. I have further called on the Collectors marginally* noted to send down the sums placed against their nameswith all haste, and by this means I hope to have in a short time 27 lacs† ready to meet Mr. Birch's first calls.

* Collector,	Coimbatore,..	3 lacs.
Do.	South Arcot,	4 ,,
Do.	Salem,.....	2 ,,
Do.	Trichinopoly,	2 ,,
Do.	North Arcot.	1 ,,
Do.	Madura... ..	2 ,,
	Total..	14 lacs.

†	From Collectors..	14 lacs.
	From Mint.....	8 ,,
	In the Bank	5 ,,
	Total..	27 lacs.

6. Mr. Birch has been telegraphed to No. 4, on the subject as ordered in the telegraphic instructions from Calcutta.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1863, No. 803.

The Governor in Council approves of the course taken by the Acting Accountant General as reported in the foregoing letter.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

No 1

From Calcutta | To Madras
" Financial Secretary. | " Accountant General

Mr. Birch will send you forty lakhs of Bullion to be minted at Madras and you are desired to hold an equal sum in Coin at his disposal this is in addition to the thirty five lakhs withdrawn from the Currency deposited.

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(True Copy)

A.S. 1st Asst. Acct. Genl.

№2

From Madras. To Calcutta – Bengal
" Accountant General. " Financial Secretary.

Fifth December.

You mean of course forty lakhs are to be held at Birch's disposal after Bullion is coined –

2 I cannot do so before – not understood how your wishes about Copper coinage are now to be carried out – See your letter №. 5586.

(True Copy)

A/ 1st. Asst. Acct. Genl.

No 3

From Calcutta
& Financial Secretary

To Madras
" Accountant Genl

Forty lakhs must be held at Birch's disposal from the present time without waiting for the Bullion - It is not likely that Birch will want the whole forty lakhs at once, but you should communicate with him by telegram and if after ascertaining his wishes you find you will not have the means of supply=ing them, refer to me by telegram for further orders - My letter on Copper Coinage must under present Circumstances be held in abeyance -

6th -16-9.

(True Copy)

A. 1st Asst Acct Genl

№ 14

From Madras	To Bombay
" Accountant Genl.	" Accountt. General

Seventh December

I am told to hold forty lakhs at your disposal without waiting for the Bullion you are to send me - Let me know at once when you will require first instalment giving me latest date possible -

(True Copy)

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As 1st Asst. Acct. Genl.

No. 287 FORT SAINT GEORGE, 1149

DEPUTY AUDITOR AND ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

December 8th 1863.

From

THE ACTING DEPUTY AUDITOR AND ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,

Madras.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF Madras —

R. I have the honor with reference to ~~Government Order~~ my letter No. 284 dated 3d instant ~~186~~, to bring the following matter to the notice of His Excellency in Council as it shows that the opinion I then gave has proved to be correct —

2- By accompaniment Nos. it will be seen that the Govt of India gave me to understand that 40 Lacs of Bullion were to come round here from Bombay for coinage —

3- As I was told to hold the equivalent of that amount at the disposal of Mr Birch & I have out a 4th part of that sum at present available I considered it necessary to telegraph an enquiry as to whether the amount referred to was to be held — at Mr Bird's disposal after or before the coinage of the Bullion (vide No 2)

4- On receiving the Supreme Govt answer (No 3) which as will be seen is to the effect that the demand for coppers is to be held in abeyance & that I must provide for Mr Bird's wants at once I considered it right to give instructions to the Mint-to work off the uncoined Bullion without delay & by placing the establishment on extra hours

5- I have further called on the Collectors mentioned to send down the sums placed against their names to the Mint & by this means I hope to have in a short time 27 Lacs ready to meet Mr Bird's first calls —

6- Mr Birch has been telegraphed to, (No 4) as ordered in the telegraphic instructions from Calcutta on the subject —

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R M Sodwith.

Ag. Dy. Audr. and Acct. General.

* From Coll^r 14 lakhs
From Mint 8 "
In the Bank 5 "
27 lakhs

Coll^r Coimbatore 3 lakhs
" S. Arcot 4 "
" Salem 2 "
" Trichinopoly 2 "
" N. Arcot 1 "
" Madura 2 "
Total 14 lakhs.

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Financial 62 Dept
From
the Acct General
Fort St George

Dated 8th Dec
Rec'd 8th Dr } 1863

No 803 — 11th December 1863.

The Governor in Council approves of the Acting Accountant General as reported in the foregoing letter.

To the Acct General
— Mint & Master } dated 11th

No 835 —

Enclosed.

Forwarding copies of certain telegrams from the Govt of India & the Accountant General of Bombay relative to the transmission of treasure to Bombay and reporting what steps he has taken on the subject —

with an order

cy dated 4th 4th