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No. 3. 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 23rd December 1863, No. 304.

I have the honor, with reference to my letter, No. 303, dated 19th instant, to state that I find, from a conversation I had with the Mint Master at the Bank Meeting yesterday, that I was wrong in supposing that the whole machine power of the Mint could be brought to bear on silver coinage.

2. Colonel Carpendale informs me that though the machinery might possibly be made available the establishment could not, as the coinage of silver is not understood by those who are engaged in copper coinage, and therefore to place these men on the former work would not be safe.

3. Under these circumstances it will be seen that the copper and silver* coinage must be continued simultaneously, but I am happy to say that this is not of any consequence as far as the present crisis is concerned, for the plan of having bill days daily has brought in nearly three lakhs, and my other arrangements have placed me in possession of sufficient funds to meet the heavy demands on me.

* NOTE.—The Mint Master hopes to turn out nearly one lakh a day of silver.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1864, No. 2.

To be recorded.

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

No. 304 FORT SAINT GEORGE,

DEPUTY AUDITOR AND ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

December 23d 1863.

From

THE ACTING DEPUTY AUDITOR AND ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,

Madras.

To

Chief

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF

Madras.

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Note.
* The Mint Master hopes to turn out nearly 1 Lakh a day of Silver

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. Chodwick

Ag. Dy. Audr. and Acct. General.

Dated 4th January 1864

Fwd 1863 Dept
From
Ag. Dep. Aud. & Acct
General Madras
No 304

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Dated 23d
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No 885

Rectifies an error made in supposing that the whole of the machinery at the Mint could be brought to bear on Silver Coinage.

4th January 1864 No 2.