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20th February 1864.

No. 63. Read the following letter from G. J. SHAW, Esq., M. D., Assay Master; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 16th February 1864, No. 288.

Since the abolition of the Mint Committee, it has been the custom to forward the Bill for the monthly Contingent expenses of this office for the counter-signature of the Mint Master before submitting it for audit.

2. This practice appears to me to be quite unnecessary, as the Mint Master is in no way responsible for the expenditure of the Assay Office, and as I have recently ascertained that in Calcutta the monthly Contingent Bill of the Assay Office is dealt with in the same manner as the monthly Establishment Bill, and the Bills for Mint Contingencies, I beg to suggest that the same course should be followed, and the Civil Paymaster be instructed to pass these Bills for payment in future on my responsibility.

3. As a certain amount is annually provided in the Budget Estimate, viz., Rupees 1440, for the incidental expenses of the Assay Department, it does not seem that any further sanction is required, so long as the aggregate of monthly Bills does not exceed that sum in each year.

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1864, No. 122.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Civil Paymaster, who will in future pass the monthly Contingent Bill of the Assay Office on the responsibility of the Assay Master.

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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No 288

Fort St. George,
Assay Office,
16th February 1864.

From

G. J. Shaw Esq. M.D.
Assay Master.

To

A. J. Arbuthnot Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

Since the abolition of the Mint Committee, it has been the custom to forward the bill for the monthly contingent expenses of this office for the countersignature of the Mint Master before submitting it for audit.

2. This practice appears to me to be quite unnecessary, as the Mint Master is in no way responsible for the expenditure of the Assay Office, and as I have recently ascertained that in Calcutta the monthly Contingent bill of the Assay Office is dealt with in the same manner as the monthly Establishment bill and the bills for Mint Contingencies, I beg to suggest that the same course should be followed and the Civil Paymaster be

instructed

instructed to pass these bills for payment in future, on my responsibility.

3. As a certain amount is annually provided in the Budget Estimate viz; Rupees 1,440 for the incidental expenses of the Assay Department, it does not seem that any further sanction is required, so long as the aggregate of monthly bills does not exceed that sum in each year.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

J. J. Shaw. M. D

Assay Master.

List of Inwards.

122 Finl. 1864 Dept.

From:
G. I. Shaw Esq. M.D.
Assay Master

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government

Date 16th
Rec'd 16th February 1864

No. 288 No. 101

Requests that the Contingent Bill be passed in future by the Civil Paymaster on the Assay Master's responsibility.

With an Order

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No. 122. 20th February 1864.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Civil Paymaster, who will in future pass the monthly Contingent Bill of the Assay Office on the responsibility of the Assay Master.

To Civil Paymaster
" Assay Master
" Mint Master
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