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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 329.

FROM

A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, No. 385, I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter from the Assay Master, furnishing explanation with reference to Dr. Graham's remarks as to the excess of work in the Madras Assay office when compared with that of Calcutta.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
25th June 1864.

Chief Secretary.

From G. J. SHAW, Esq., M. D., Assay Master; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 22nd June 1864, No. 63.

With reference to Government Order, dated 18th June 1864, No. 318, I beg to state that, whereas in the Calcutta Mint the samples of Bullion sent for assay represent from 12 to 14,000 Tolas, it has hitherto been the practice in the Madras Mint to take musters from bars of from 2 to 3000 Tolas. Twice the number of musters are also taken from each pot of Standard Silver, and more numerous assays are made of the fabricated coins than is the practice in Calcutta.

2. I presume that it is to this more intimate examination of the Silver Bullion that Dr. Graham refers in his remark as to the amount of work in this office when compared with that of Calcutta.

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Fort Saint George
Assay Office
22d June 1864.

From

G. S. Shaw Esqr. Pr. A.
Assay Master.

To,

A. J. Arbuthnot Esq
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

Para 1 With reference to Government Order dated 18 June 1864. No 515. I beg to state that, whereas in the Calcutta Mint the Samples of Bullion sent for Assay represent from 12 to 14,000 Tolas, it has hitherto been the practice in the Madras Mint to take masters from bars of from 2 to 3000 Tolas. Twice the number of masters are also taken from each pot of Standard Silver and more numerous assays are made of the fabricated Coins than is the practice in Calcutta.

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Remark

remark as to the amount of work in this Office when compared with that of Calcutta.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed.t Servant
F. J. Shaw
Assay Master.

Rec.d 18th June 64 33-3/4

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Mint Chief Cashier
Bombay.

Assay Master.

Date 22.
Rec.d 23rd June 1864.
No 63.

Mr Shaw
Explains why Graham remarks as regard the amount of work in this Office & that of Calcutta

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Financial Department.

No. 329.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

Fin.l Department.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 7th Ultimo No. 385, I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter from the Assay Master furnishing explanation with reference to Dr. Graham's remarks as to the excess of work in the Bombay Assay Office when compared with that of Calcutta.

Fort St. George
25th June 1864.

Financial 1862 Department

No 329

To

The Secretary to the Govt
of India

Dated 25th June 1864

Ans

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