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No. 23. Read the following letter from T. L. SECCOMBE, Esq., Financial Secretary; to the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Financial Department, Calcutta, dated India Office, London, 11th April 1864.

With reference to your letter addressed to the Under Secretary of State for India, No. 31, dated the 6th February 1864, acknowledging the receipt of an advice of Bills of Exchange payable on demand, Nos. 173 to 183, drawn on the Government of Madras, which had inadvertently been sent to Calcutta (being numbered 23 in the List of Packet) *viâ* Marseilles, dated the 26th December 1863, and stating that it had been forwarded to Fort Saint George, I beg to observe that the advices are sent in sealed Packets from the Bank of England, where the envelope is endorsed with the name of the Presidency for which it is intended.

2. The inscription on the envelope is copied in the List of Packets for the Presidency indicated on the face of the envelope. A reference to the envelope would therefore show whether the mistake in question originated at the India Office, by the incorrect insertion in a Bengal List, of a Packet marked for Madras, or at the Bank of England, where a Packet for Madras may have been erroneously marked for Bengal. In the present instance it is probable that the envelope has been destroyed, but should a similar mistake again occur, the envelope should be preserved and sent to England, in order that the origin of the mistake may be ascertained.

3. A sealed Packet, endorsed Original advices of Bills of Exchange payable on demand, drawn on the Government of Madras, was included in the List of Packet sent to that Presidency *viâ* Marseilles on the 26th December last. A Packet containing similar advices reached Calcutta in the Packet of the same date. The question arises, what has become of the Bengal advices of which your letter makes no mention.

4. The duplicate advices were sent in Packets to the respective Presidencies (Calcutta and Madras), through the Post Office on the 2nd of January for transmission by the Southampton Mail Steamer of the 4th January 1864. I have therefore to request the favor of being informed whether the duplicate advice received in Calcutta corresponds with that which previously arrived, as in that case a reference should be made to Madras to ascertain whether that Government is in possession of the advices intended for Bengal.

No. 2341.

FORT WILLIAM, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, THE 11TH JUNE 1864.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter be sent to the Governments of Madras and Bombay for information and guidance, in the event of the occurrence of a similar mistake.

(Signed) T. PEACHEY,
Prinl. Asist, Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1864, No. 350.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

India Office
London 11th April 1864.

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Thomas Peachey
Pmt: Asstt: Secy: to the Govt of India

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Sent 12th July 1864

Financial Dept

Rec'd 25th June 64 Secy to the
Govt of India Fin'l Dept
No 2334.

Dated 11th
Rec'd 25th June 64.

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Answer, copy of a Despatch from the Secy of State, directing, in the event of the Commence Shanghai question, in respect to Bills of Exchange &c. the Drafts being transmitted to Shanghai [illegible] Auditor, that the Envelopes containing them be forwarded to Europe in view to avoid having the Seals opened on the voyage

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