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No. 80. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel J. CARPENDALE, R. E., Mint Master, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Mint, 20th January 1865, No. 315.

1. With reference to the Order of Government, No. 5, dated the 5th instant, returning, for revision, a plan and estimate for providing a gold melting and refining room, and new silver and copper cleaning rooms, I have the honor to state, that although the order for the introduction of a gold currency is merely for the receipt and payment of English and Australian Sovereigns, it is very necessary that this Mint should have the means of refining and melting gold, whenever it is received either from merchants (authority being given to coin gold for private parties) or as remittances from other Treasuries.

G. O. 17th September 1864, No. 483.

2. The value of gold is very much depreciated, unless it is offered as coin, or as fine gold. Of the gold received from Tanjore in September 1863, valued at 90,227 Rupees, only 32,134 Rupees' worth has been disposed of up to the present time, and the merchant, who purchased the greater portion of it, took it on condition that it should be refined before delivery, and which was done at his expense: the balance, Rupees 58,093, could have been sold at the same time, had it not been for the great delay and expense of refining, consequent on the want of suitable furnaces, the operation having to be performed on open furnaces, which offer the further objection that there is no way of escape for the unwholesome gases that are generated, and which fill the room, to the great inconvenience of the establishment engaged in melting silver in the same room.

3. The object I have in seeking permission to build new cleaning rooms adjoining the stamping room, is not only to make the present silver cleaning room available for a Pattern-makers' shop, but also to allow of these operations being performed close to the stamping room, and under the observation of the Superintendent of that Department, who is responsible for them, although the rooms are at present in distinct parts of the premises, an arrangement which involves a considerable monthly expenditure for coolies to carry the bags of pieces from one room to another, and for Gollahs and Shroffs.

4. By the arrangement now proposed, a saving of Rupees ninety monthly is expected, and I therefore take the liberty of retransmitting the plans and estimate, and I trust that Government will be pleased to sanction the amount applied for.

No. 81. ORDER THEREON, 26th January 1865, No. 54.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council sanctions the additions and alterations to the Mint buildings which Lieutenant Colonel Carpendale has proposed.

2. The necessary orders for the execution of the work will be issued in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Mint Master.

,, Public Works Department, with the plans and estimates.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

No. 315

Fort St. George,
Mint, 25th January 1865.

From
Lieut.-Colo. J. Carpendale R.A.
Mint Master

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government.

Sir,

Para 1. With reference to the Order of Government No. 5 dated the 5th Instant returning for revision a Plan and Estimate for providing a Gold Melting and Refining Room, and new Silver and Copper Cleaning Rooms, I have the honor to state that although the Order for the introduction of a Gold Currency is merely for the receipt and payment of English and Australian Sovereigns, it is very necessary that this Mint should have the means of refining and melting Gold whenever it is received either from Merchants (Authority being given to Coin Gold for private parties) or remittances from other Treasuries.

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2. The Value of Gold is very much depreciated unless it is offered as Coin or as fine Gold. Of the Gold received from Tanjore in September 1863 valued at 90227 Rupees, only 32134 Rupees worth has been disposed of up to the present time and the Merchant who purchased the greater portion of it took it on condition that it should be refined before delivery and which was done at his expense: the balance Rupees 58093 could have been sold at the same time had it not been for the great delay and expense of refining consequent on the want of suitable furnaces, the operation having to be performed on open Furnaces which offer the further objection that there is no way of escape for the unwholesome Gases that are generated, and which fill the room to the great inconvenience of the Establishment engaged in Melting Silver in the same room.

3. The object I have in seeking permission to build new Cleaning Rooms adjoining the Stamping Room, is not only to

to make the present silver Cleaning room available for a Pattern Makers shop, but also to allow of these operations being performed close to the Stamping room and under the observation of the Superintendent of that Department who is responsible for them although the rooms are at present in distinct parts of the premises, an arrangement which involves a considerable Monthly expenditure for Coolies to carry the bags of pieces from one room to another, and for Gollahs and Shroffs.

4. By the arrangement now proposed a saving of Rupees Ninety Monthly is expected, and I therefore take the liberty of retransmitting the Plans and Estimate and Trust that Government will be pleased to sanction the amount applied for.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

G Gilpin Dale
Mint Master

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The Mint Master
To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
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Retransmits Plans and Estimate for providing a Gold Melting and Refining Room and New Silver and Copper Cleaning Rooms and requests that they may be passed as it is necessary that this Mint should possess means for Refining and Melting Gold and as a monthly saving of Rs. 90 is expected to build new Cleaning Rooms adjoining the Stamping Room

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Order thereon 26th January 1865. No 54.

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2. The necessary orders for the execution of the work will be issued in the Public Works Dept.

To

The Mint Master.

The Public Works Dept. with the plans & Estimate dispatched 31/1

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