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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,

5th January 1865.

Read the following papers :—

No. 7. From Lieutenant Colonel J. CARPENDALE, R. E., Mint Master, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Mint, 8th December 1864, No. 272.

The contemplated introduction of a gold coinage renders necessary that a room should be set apart for refining gold, an operation which has hitherto been occasionally performed in the silver melting room, but which would not be suitable habitually. The present copper cleaning room adjoins the silver melting room, and, on being put in proper order for the purpose, is the room best adapted for gold refining, which is done under the superintendence of the Officer in charge of the silver melting room.

2. A new copper cleaning room can readily be built in the yard at back of the stamping room, and advantage might be taken of the circumstance to build a silver cleaning room in conjunction with it—the most suitable position for both, as they are in charge of the Superintendent of the stamping room.

3. The present silver cleaning room, thus set free, might be appropriated as pattern makers' shop. This arrangement would allow those proposed in my letter, No. 247, of 17th November last, for the "Exchange Department of Paper Currency," to hold good, without any further addition to the Mint buildings—vide Order in Financial Department, No. 580, 23rd November last. An estimate of the cost of the proposed alterations is being prepared.

4. In Order of Government, No. 755, of 25th November 1863, I observe that the expediency of renewing Mr. G. L. Scott's engagement as Founder and Moulder has been suggested to the Secretary of State ; but the transfer of the new Foundry to the Department of Public Works will, as a matter of course, entail the withdrawal from the Mint Foundry of the large orders for castings now executed for that Deqartment, and will so considerably reduce the quantity of work to be done in the Foundry, that a European Moulder and Founder will no longer be requisite, either on account of the nature of the castings or their quantity.

No. 8. From Lieutenant Colonel J. CARPENDALE, R. E., Mint Master, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Mint, 19th December 1864, No. 287.

1. With reference to my letter as per margin, I have the honor to forward herewith, for the sanction of Government, an Estimate, with two Plans, for building a new room at the back of the Stamping room, to be used as a silver and copper cleaning Department ; and for altering the present copper cleaning room, to adapt it for melting and refining gold ; also for building a new staircase to make the Paper Currency Office accessible to the public as an Exchange Department.

No. 272, 8th December 1864.

2. The staircase to lead into the Exchange Department will be put between the outer and inner gates of the Mint, and no inconvenience will be felt by persons who will constantly be coming to change Currency notes and cash, when arrangements are made for such transactions at the Mint.

3. I request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of Government to the Estimate for Rupees 4000.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1865, No. 5.

The Governor in Council sees no necessity for providing accommodation for the coining of gold in the Mint, as the measure recently sanctioned, with a view to the introduction of a gold currency, merely provides for the receipt into, and payment from, the public Treasuries of English or Australian Sovereigns. The Mint Master will revise his plan and estimate accordingly.

2. The Governor in Council does not deem it necessary to address the Secretary of State with reference to the re-engagement of Mr. G. L. Scott. If Mr. Scott should be re-engaged his services will be very valuable at the Foundry about to be erected at Chepauk.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Mint Master, (with two Plans and one Estimate returned).
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

No. 272.

Fort St. George,
Mint, 8th Dec. 1864.

From

Lieut. Colb. J. Carpendale R.A.
Mint Master

To The Chief Secretary
to Government.

Sir,

Para 1. The contemplated introduction of a Gold Coinage renders necessary that a Room should be set apart for refining Gold, an operation which has hitherto been occasionally performed in the Silver Melting Room but which would not be suitable habitually. The present Copper Cleaning Room adjoins the Silver Melting Room, and, on being put in proper order for the purpose, is the Room best adapted for Gold refining which is done under the Superintendence of the Officer in charge of the Silver Melting Room.

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2. A new Copper Cleaning room can readily be built in the Yard at back of the Stamping room, and advantage might be taken of the circumstance to build a silver Cleaning room in conjunction with it, the most suitable position for both: as they are in charge of the Superintendent of the Stamping room.

3. The present Silver Cleaning room thus set free, might be appro=priated as pattern Makers shop. This arrangement would allow those proposed in my letter No. 247 of 17th November last for the "Exchange Department of Paper Currency" to hold good, without any further addition to the Mint buildings Vide Order in Financial Depart=ment No. 580 23d November last; An Estimate of the cost of the proposed alterations is being prepared.

4. In order of Government

No.

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

J. Grundler

Mint Master

No. 287.

Fort St. George,
Mint, 19th Dec.r 1864.

From

Lieut.t Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Mint Master

To The Chief Secretary
to Government.

Sir,

Para 1. With reference to my
No. 272. letter as per Margin I have the
8th December 1864. honor to forward herewith for the
sanction of Government an Estimate
with two Plans for building a
New Room at the back of the
Stamping Room to be used as a
Silver and Copper Cleaning
Department: and for altering
the present Copper Cleaning Room
to adapt it for Melting and
refining Gold; also for building
a New Staircase to make the
Paper

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To
The Deputy Accountant
&c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George.

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From
The Chief Secretary to
Government
Fort St. George.
Dated 8th Dec.r 1864.
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No 5580

With reference to orders in the
Financial Department, No 58
Proforma, to convert the Silver
Cleaning Premises, Station Mint,
into a Carpenter's Shop, and the arrange-
ment to accommodate the Gold
Department, We build a new room
for the Cleaning Department at
back of the Stamping Room
in the New Foundry, it is requested
by the Department of Public Works
and the Order of Government No 5580
conveiden it is expedient to have
Mr. S. Hall's assistance

Paper Currency Office accessible to the Public as an Exchange Department.

2. The Staircase to lead into the Exchange Department will be put between the outer and inner Gates of the Mint and no inconvenience will be felt by persons who will constantly be coming to change Currency Notes and Cash when arrangements are made for such transactions at the Mint.

3. I request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of Government to the Estimate for Rupees 4000.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servt.,

J. Prinsep
Mint Master

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters
from the Mint Master
Here with 8th and 19th December Nos 272
& 287

Order thereon 5th January 1865. No 3

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estimate accordingly.

2. The Governor in Council
does

I should like to see Wood's despatch & some good Calcutta & Bombay Mint. I believe one is in progress at present

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From
The Mint Master
To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Dated 19th Dec. 1864.
Rec. 23rd Dec. 1864.
No 287.

No 272

Forwards for sanction an estimate for £4,000 with two Plans for building a Silver and Copper Cleaning & Assay Office altering the present Copper Cleaning Room to Melting & Refining Gold and building a Staircase for the Basement

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To the Asst Master — with 2 Plans of Alternate returned
— Public Works Deptt —

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PROCEEDINGS *of* GOVERNMENT.

Dated 5 January 1865.

Government request the Mint Master to revise his plan & Estimate for making certain alterations & additions to the Madras Mint as they do not see the necessity for providing accommodation for the coinage of Gold &c.

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