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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 15th March 1867.

Read the following papers:—

No. 56. From the Accountant General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 22nd December 1866, No. 338.

Book Department.

In submitting, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copy of a report by my 1st Assistant, on the Audit of the Mint Store Accounts, prepared in conformity with instructions received from the Financial Department, Calcutta, * I have the honor to draw attention to the 8th paragraph of that report, and to the explanation of the Mint Master in respect to the practice therein referred to. It does not appear from Colonel Carpendale's letter, whether or not his Department is engaged out of the usual office hours in stamping for the Mysore State; but, under any circumstances, the payment of the amount received from that State, as extra remuneration, seems to me of doubtful propriety.

* Dated 20th September 1865, No. 2462.

From the Acting 1st Assistant Accountant General, to the Accountant General, Madras; dated Fort Saint George, 21st November 1866.

I have the honor to report that, in conformity with your directions, based upon the instructions* of the Comptroller General of Accounts, Calcutta, I have examined the Mint Store Accounts to 31st October 1866, and found all correct, with the exception of certain articles marginally noted, of which, on examination, an excess was found.

* Vide letter from Comptroller General of Accounts, No. 399, dated 19th August 1865, to the Financial Department, and reply from it, No. 2462, dated 20th September 1865, communicated by Comptroller in his letter, No. 587, dated 16th October 1865.

Sweedish iron, brass padlocks, and files.

2. This is accounted for by articles received into Store, but for which no moneys had been received at that time, not being brought on to the Mint Accounts, though in some cases issues of those Stores may have been made.

3. In the case of Sweedish iron, brass padlocks, and files, I find issues have been made in June, July, August, and September last, while the articles themselves were only brought to account in October. The issues of the previous months were treated as issues in October.

4. In the absence of the Invoice, no valuation can be put upon the articles; hence, the delay in passing them through the accounts.

5. The quantities are ascertained from the "packing account" received from the Marine Department before arrival of the goods, and these, on receipt at the Mint, are examined by a Committee of three persons appointed by the Mint Master; any discrepancies between the "packing account" and the actual out-turn being noted in the records of the Store-keeper, who also forms one of the Examining Committee. But as, under orders† from the Financial Department, directing the separation of Cash and Store Accounts, the Store-keeper need take no concern as to the value of the articles in his custody—indeed his books now are simply Store-books and show no record of value—I see no reason why the system of delay pointed out in the foregoing paragraphs should continue. The packing account will give the Store-keeper all the information necessary for his Department; and, with reference to the Account Department of the Mint, where the value of all Invoices of Stores are passed through the monthly accounts rendered to you by the Mint Master, by crediting their value to "Account Current with London" and debiting to "12 Mint," any delay in receipt of Invoice will of course delay the adjustment entry necessary in the Mint Accounts. I have suggested to the Acting Mint Master that, at the foot of his monthly list of Stores in stock and which *have* been brought on to his accounts, a supplemental list be added of articles in store but *not* brought to account in the absence of Invoice, adjusting the same in due course in the ordinary manner.

† No. 4014, dated 19th December 1864.

6. The Store Accounts I found faithfully kept by Mr. J. W. Bowie, the Store-keeper, who has them ready for examination about the 5th of every month. Formerly, when his accounts also showed value as well as quantities, the extra labor imposed delayed the closing of the monthly accounts until the 25th of each month.

7. I enclose two statements received from the Mint Master—one showing the quantities and value of the articles brought on to his accounts, the other of Machinery. My examination has been confined to the former only.

8. The balance of the Mint Master's Account Current, on 31st October 1866, stood at Rupees 11,39,865-6-7 ; but this is composed wholly of Bullion and Copper, no value being shown for the balance of Stores on hand, as those are charged off the accounts by transfer entries in the manner previously pointed out.

9. *Accounts.*—I have examined the entries of all Invoices received from 1st November 1865 to 31st October 1866, and found their value and freight correctly exhibited therein, under their appropriate heads, on both sides of the account, viz., value of Stores credited under "Account Current with London," and freight thereon to "Remittances and transfers between Officers of the Civil Department," and charged off per contra to "12 Mint."

10. In the item "sale proceeds of unserviceable articles sold at the Mint," the credit in October is only Rupees 665-15-8, being the amount actually remitted to the Bank, while the detailed account of the articles sold exhibits a sum of Rupees 1015-3-2 as having been received—difference Rupees 349-3-6. Of this amount (Rupees 1015-3-2), I find Rupees 81-11-8 have been received from the Deputy Accountant General, Mysore, viz., for stamping paper Rupees 73-0-8, and Rupees 8-11-0 for articles supplied by the Mint in connection therewith. The sum of Rupees 73-0-8 was paid as extra remuneration to the Stamping Department. This money or charge has consequently been borne by the Mysore State, and not paid from Her Majesty's Indian Revenue ; but as the charge for stamping paper cannot be considered as the value of unserviceable articles, it should, in my opinion, be separately exhibited as a charge for work done, charging off, per contra, the amount so paid as extra remuneration to the Stamping Department. Rupees 73-0-8 does not, however, account for the whole deficiency of Rupees 349-3-6; a balance of Rupees 276 2-10 is accounted for thus—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Sale of old bricks...	3	12	0
Money recovered from Dr. Hunter, for silver supplied to him...	30	0	0
Amount deducted from the Contingent Bill, and paid from the sum of Rupees 1015-3-2	242	6	10
	276	2	10

The first item 3-12-0 has erroneously been retained, and will be credited in November's account. The second sum, received in cash, has been remitted and added to the stock of Bullion, to rep[lace] value of that sold to Dr. Hunter. As regards the third item, I do not understand why the pra[ctice] should prevail of paying a portion of the heavy Mint Contingent Account from the proceeds of articles sold, and should, I think, be discontinued. With regard to re-melting the money received for silver sold, it certainly seems a needless waste of time to convert money into Bullion, which again has to be received. If the money is simply remitted to the Bank, like the proceeds of other articles sold, the Bank's receipt will be sufficient voucher for the debit in the account, and for the reduction shown in the balance of Bullion in stock.

11. A sum of Rupees 327-14-3, debited to "Mint" in October's account, being loss on uncurrent Gold Fanams received from the Resident of Travancore through the Bank of Madras, at sundry times, requires the sanction of Government for the entry, which, when obtained, the date and number of the sanction should be inserted opposite the item in the Mint's office copy of the monthly account current, and corresponding correction made in the account rendered to you.

12. The Mint Accounts are evidently prepared with great care and exactness under the supervision of Mr. Scriven, the Manager of that Department of the Mint ; and the errors of practice alluded to in paragraphs 10 and 11 need only to be pointed out to meet with correction.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
15th March 1867.

13. I would suggest for your consideration the propriety of making the Annual Report on the Mint Store Accounts in April of each year, being the first month after the termination of the official year; the instructions* of the Comptroller General of Accounts simply direct that a report be made annually to the Government, and as my first examination was made in November 1865, the first report becomes due this month.

* No. 874, dated 12th December 1865.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Auditor General of India ; dated Simla, 20th September 1865, No. 2462.

I am directed to inform you that the suggestions contained in your letter, No. 399, dated 19th August 1865, in respect to the adjustment of the charges for the three Mints of the value of Europe and Country Stores, consisting of Coke, Coal, Fire-bricks, and other articles of that nature, have been approved.

From Colonel J. CARPENDALE, R. E., Mint Master, to the Accountant General, Madras ; dated Madras, 17th December 1866, No. 255.

I have the honor to return the report, dated 21st November, on Mint Store Accounts by the Acting 1st Assistant Accountant General, forwarded by you for my explanatory remarks.

2. *Paragraphs* 2, 3, 4, *and* 5.—The mode proposed for dealing with Stores from England prior to the Invoice reaching Madras appears unobjectionable.

3. *Paragraph* 10.—It has been customary in executing small jobs of work in the Foundry and Workshops, as an accommodation for private parties, to deduct the value of the labor so expended from the contingent bill for workmen, or in other words to short draw so much from the Government Treasury, and to pay into the Bank, to Government Account, the value of material used. It will be equally convenient to bring the whole amount recovered on bills to account, and write them off on paying them to the Madras Bank.

4. *Rupees* 3-12-0, *realized by the sale of old bricks,* was remitted to the Bank on the 30th ultimo, being part of the item, Rupees 161-6-4, in account for November.

5. *Rupees* 30 *for fine silver supplied to Doctor Hunter at the School of Arts.*—Sums of money received in this way may, as suggested, be remitted to the Bank, and carried to account as you may direct.

6. *Amount received from Commissioner of Mysore for stamping paper being extra remuneration to Stamping Department.* This item, having no connection with Her Majesty's Government of India, need not appear in the Mint Accounts at all, except as a receipt into the Mint in the Treasury Cash-book, and a payment *per contra* out of it.

7. *Paragraph* 11.—I have applied to Government for sanction to write off Rupees 327-14-3, for loss on refining Gold Fanams and Ingots.

Referred to the Mint Master, for report as to how and when the practice adverted to by the Accountant General originated; under what circumstances the extra remuneration is demanded or received; and how it is disposed of.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
28th January 1867.

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

No. 57. From Colonel J. CARPENDALE, R. E., Mint Master, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 30th January 1867, No. 302.

I have the honor to return letter from the Accountant General as per margin, referred with your endorsement of 28th instant, and to report that payment from the Commissioner of Mysore for paper stamped in the Mint was first received in November 1865, on the completion of a large Invoice which was urgently required, and necessitated, not only the employment of as many extra hands as there was room for, but work during *extra* hours from the fixed establishment of the Stamp Paper Department, on which account all in that Department were considered deserving of additional remuneration. After one other large Invoice, the requirements of the Mysore Govern-

No. 338, 22nd December 1866, with three enclosures.

ment were comparatively small ; no extra hands were engaged, and the stamping was done by the fixed establishment for the most part in their leisure time ; the value of the work received from the Mysore Government being divided rateably among all from the Head Accountant down. The last transaction of this kind was in September 1866, and it was not my intention to continue the practice, as I considered that the usual requirements of the Mysore Government, if not urgent, might be met by the employment of the fixed establishment on occasional days, when there was not a sufficient demand from the Stamp Office to keep them fully employed.

No. 58. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1867, No. 130.

The foregoing letter from the Mint Master will be communicated to the Accountant General, who will observe that Colonel Carpendale considers that the requirements of the Mysore Government for stamping can be met in future by the employment of the fixed establishment on days when it is not fully occupied.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant General.
,, Mint Master.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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No. 2462

To
The Auditor General of
India

Financial Dept.t

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the suggestions contained in your letter No. 397, dated 19th August 1865, in respect to the adjustment of the charges for the three Mints of the value of Europe and Country stores, consisting of Coke, Coal, fire-bricks and other Articles of that nature have been approved.

I have &c.a
(Sgd.) E. H. Lushington
Secy to the Govt of India

Simla
the 20th September
1865

(True Copy)
(Sgd.) H. Ronaldson
Offg Chief Assistant

(True Copy)
D. Rispenbeing
Ag Chief Assistant

Compd. P.D.C.

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30th Jan. 1867

No 302.

30th January 1867.

From Colonel S. Carpendale R.C.
Mint Master.

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to return letter from
Acct. the Accountant General as per margin re-
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

J Gabriel
Asst Master

Book Department.

No. 338

Fort Saint George.
Accountant General's Office,
22 December 1866.

From The ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS.

To The Chief Secretary to Government

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dated 20th Sept. 1865
No 2462

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

E. Cushingham
Accountant General

Compd. 1866
Gds
C. Sathasivam

Fort St. George
Accountant General's Office
22 December 1866
From
The Accountant General
To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Dated 22 December 1866
Rec'd 27 December 1866
No. 338
Subject
Explanation
with reference to Accountant
General's letter regarding
remuneration paid to
Stamp Department.

Read

To

F. Lushington, Esquire.
Accountant General
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From
The Accountant General
Fort St George

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government

Dated 22nd
Rec'd 24th

No 338
Fort St George
22nd January 1867.

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Received & the Mint Master for report as to how the deficiency noted by the Accountant General originated, and the actual circumstances the extra remuneration is claimed or received and how it is disposed of.

F. Brandt
28th January 1867.

for the Chief Secy.

Mr Master Atty

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Sale of old bricks	3-12-0	
Money recovered from Dr. Hunter for Silver supplied to him	30-0-0	
Amount deducted from the Contingent bill and paid from the sum of Rs. 1015-3-2	242-6-10	
	276-2-10	

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11 A Sum of R. 327-14-3 debited to "Mint" in Octobers Account being loss on uncurrent Gold Fanams received from the Resident of Travancore through the Bank of Madras at Sundry times requires the sanction of Government for the entry, which when

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when obtained, the date and number of the sanction should be inserted opposite the item in the Mints' Office Copy of the monthly Account Current, and Corresponding Correction made in the Account rendered to you.-

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× No 874 dated 12th Dec.r 1865

I have &c.
(Sgd) J. Mackey
Ag 1st Ass.t Acct Genl.

Accountt Genls Office
Fort Saint George
21st November 1866.-

True Copy
D. Bispham
Ag Chief Assistant

Compd J.M.C.

Fort Saint George
17th December 1866

No. 755

From
Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Mint Master

To
The Accountant General

Sir,

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-ment Treasury, and to pay into the Bank to Government Account the value of Material used. It will be equally convenient to bring the whole Amount recovered on bills to Account, and write them off on paying them to the Madras Bank.

4 Rupees 3-12-- realised by the sale of old bricks was remitted to the Bank on the 30th Ultimo being part of the item Rupees 161-6-4 in account for November.-

5 Rupees 30 For fine Silver supplied to Doctor Hunter at the School of Arts: Sums of Money received in this way may as suggested be remitted to the Bank and carried to Account as you may direct.

6 Amount received from Commissioner of Mysore for Stamping Paper being extra remuneration to Stamping Department. This item having no connection with Her Majesty's Government of India need not appear in the Mint Accounts at all except as a receipt into the Mint in the Treasury Cash book, and a payment per Contra out of it.

7 Para 11 I have applied to Government for Sanction to write off Rupees 327-14-3 for loss on refining Gold Fanams and Ingots.-

I have &c.

(Sgd) I. Carpendale
Mint Master

True Copy

D. Rajamudeiy
Ag Chief Assistant

Copy to Comptr
Nagarathnam

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Ans'd 15th March 1867 No. 55

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters.

From the Accountant General (Mr. enclo. 22nd December 1866 No. 338)

" Mint Master Madras. (" " 30th January 1867 No. 302)

Order thereon, 15th March 1867 No. 130.

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Dated. 15 March 1867