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No. 58. Read the following letter from the Assay Master, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 24th February 1868, No. 163.

The humid or chloride process of assay having received the sanction of the Government of India, and being the only method which I am accustomed to, I have introduced it at this Mint without loss of time. The delicacy of the test, and the extreme accuracy of the results, have in the other Indian Mints been long proved to be most completely satisfactory both to the Bullion Merchant and to Government.

2. Certain articles are still urgently required in this office for the efficient working out of the process.

3. I have, therefore, the honor to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be pleased to move the Secretary of State for India to direct the supply of the accompanying emergent Indent for Stores with as little delay as possible.

4. Most of the items in the accompanying Indent have hitherto been supplied to the Calcutta Mint by Messrs. Osler & Co. of London, and as they have always given satisfaction, (and also have the necessary patterns, especially of the assay bottles and wedgewood crucibles,) I would beg to suggest that they may be directed to furnish those herewith indented for.

5. I have further to remark that the small wedgewood crucibles now in the office are very few in number, and as they are essential for the humid process, and as there is every likelihood of a pressure of work coming on at this Mint in consequence of the state of the Cotton market at Home, the Assay Office may find it difficult to meet the demand made upon it. I would, therefore, urge that these wedgewood crucibles may be transmitted separately from the other items of the Indent by the Overland route as soon as possible. They would occupy a small space only, and the cost of carriage would be trifling.

6. The decimal chloride weights I require are the same precisely as those used at the Calcutta Assay Office, and I should write myself to Messrs. Oertling (the Balance Makers in London), giving minute particulars as to what I want.

No. 59. Order thereon, 18th March 1868, No. 153.

Ordered that the Indent received with the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. B. Bantleman.

No. 163.

Fort St. George,
H. M.s Assay Office,
24th February 1868.

From,

H. W. Graham Esqr.
Surgeon,
Assay Master.

To,

R. S. Ellis Esqr. C. B.
Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir.

Para. 1. The Humid or chloride process of assay having received the sanction of the Government of India, and being the only method which I am accustomed to, I have introduced it at this Mint without loss of time. The delicacy of the test and the extreme accuracy of the results have in the other Indian Mints been long proved to be most completely satisfactory, both to the Bullion Merchant and to Government.

2. Certain articles are still urgently required in this Office for the efficient working out of the process.

3. I have therefore the honor to request, that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be pleased to move the Secretary of State for India, to direct the supply of the accompanying emergent Indent for Stores, with as little delay as possible.

4. Most of the items in the accompanying

accompanying Indent, have hitherto been supplied to the Calcutta Mint by Messrs Oster and Co of London, and as they have always given satisfaction, (and also have the necessary patterns especially of the assay Bottles and Wedgwood Crucibles) I would beg to suggest that they may be directed to furnish those herewith indented for.

5 I have further to remark, that the small Wedgewood Crucibles now in the Office, are very few in number, and as they are essential for the Humid process and as there is every likelihood of a pressure of work coming on at this Mint, in consequence of the state of the Cotton market at home; the Assay Office may find it difficult to meet the demand made upon it. I would therefore urge that these Wedgewood Crucibles may be transmitted separately from the other items of the Indent by the Overland route, as soon as possible. They would occupy a small space only, and the cost of carriage would be trifling.

6 The Decimal Chloride Weights I require, are the same precisely as those used at the Calcutta

Assay

Assay Office, and I should write myself to Messrs Oertling (the Balance makers in London) giving minute particulars as to what I want.

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

Henry H. Parkes
Surgeon
Assay Master.

To
The Master
Mint Madras

March 6th 1868.

18 March 1868 No. 153.

Ordered that the Indent received with the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Right Honble the Secy of State for India.

C.H.

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Forwards an Indent for Ordnance Stores for the Expedition against Abyssinia.

Encloses copy of Indent.

Requests that the Stores may be completed with the utmost expedition.

Encloses Copy of Memorandum of Ordnance Stores and requests that the Stores may be shipped in the Transports about to proceed to Zoulla.

Encloses copy of Indent for Stores to be shipped on board the Transports about to proceed to Annesley Bay.

Encloses copy of Indent for Stores required for the Expedition