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No. 10. Read the following letter from Colonel J. CARPENDALE, R. E., Mint Master, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 26th May 1869, No. 79.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the telegram from the Government of India communicating the approval of the Secretary of State to the abolition of the Madras Mint, and directing that all necessary preparations be made in anticipation of the receipt of orders.

2. In the absence of specific instructions, I assume it to be intended that on the abolition of the Mint the Assay Office will be retained as was proposed by the Government of India last year, and that a Bullion Depôt as formerly existed will be formed under the Assay Master ; and that the object of the telegram is that all hands not required for the above establishment should be dispensed with immediately. I have accordingly warned all the bulk of the establishment that their services will be dispensed with from the 31st of this month, retaining only—

1st.—Sufficient for the Bullion Depôt as reported to be necessary in my letter, No. 65, of 9th May 1868.

2ndly.—Such part of the office establishment as is necessary to close the accounts, and prepare Pension and Gratuity Rolls.

3rdly.—The Superintendent of Machinery and a few workmen pending arrangements for the disposal of the machinery and for completing the stamping presses lately ordered for the Office of the Superintendent of Stamps.

4thly.—The Superintendent and workmen in the Die-Cutting Room for fourteen days or so to complete the medals and seals for various public departments which are actually in hand.

5thly.—Two or three men in the stores which are absolutely necessary until arrangements are completed for the disposal of the stores by transfer to other departments, or by sale by auction.

3. All hands in the Silver Melting Room, Laminating Room, Stamping Room, Iron and Brass Foundry, and all the Workshops with the few exceptions mentioned above will be dispensed with from the 31st instant.

4. I will furnish the Superintendent of the Public Works Stores and the Commissary of Ordnance, Grand Arsenal, with a list of all stores on hand in order that they may be supplied with any quantities they may require, and as it is not improbable that they may not desire to receive many articles on account of the prices, I beg to observe that it would be to the advantage of Government that all new stores should be transferred to other public departments, even at reduced prices, in preference to forcing a sale of large quantities at auction.

5. The copper for coinage on hand is valued at Rupees 10,83,447-2-0, about 4,48,000 lbs. is ready packed as received from England, and I would recommend that this quantity should be transferred to the Calcutta or Bombay Mints. The greater part of the remainder is new copper slips for coinage, and is unsuitable for anything else. It would cost a great deal to pack it for transmission elsewhere, and as the loss would be very considerable if it was all thrown on the market at once for sale, I am inclined to think it would be better to transfer it to the Arsenal for sale gradually.

6. Copper " scissel" on hand, that is scrap, might be sold by auction together with all other metal scrap, old tools, and sundry articles.

7. I request authority for transferring to the Department of Public Works Workshops at Chepauk, the castings for cooking ranges which have been ordered for barracks at Bangalore and other places, in order to their being fitted up, together with all other work for various departments.

8. I have ordered the immediate preparation of Pension and Gratuity Rolls for all men thrown out of employment; but this is a troublesome and tedious work, as the diary orders for the whole of each man's service have to be searched to trace his career, including promotions and variations in rates of salary, and it will certainly require six weeks to two months to complete them.

9. I await the receipt of detailed orders from the Government of India before offering any suggestion regarding the disposal of the large stocks of dies for coinage and for medals of various kinds.

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2nd June 1869.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1869, No. 250.

Pending the receipt of detailed instructions from the Government of India, His Excellency the Governor in Council approves of the arrangements proposed by Colonel Carpendale in the letter above recorded.

(True Extract).

To the Mint Master.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Military Department.
,, Examiner of Claims.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE MINT MASTER,
Madras.

Dated June, 2nd.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 2nd June 1869, No. 250.

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Nos. 10-11.

Approving of the steps taken by the Mint Master towards the abolition of the Mint, pending the receipt of detailed instructions from the Government of India.

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No. 79 Dr. 237

Ackn.ges Rec.t of Tel.gram 25th inst.

Pending the receipt & detailed instructions from this Govt of India, the Government cannot express any opinion on the arrangements proposed by the Madras Govt in the letter above recorded

R.S.

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1869 Department

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From

The Mint Master

Madras

To The Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort St.t George

Dated 26th

Rec.d 31/3 May 1869

No. 79 Dr. 237

Acknowledges receipt of the Telegram communi=cating the approval of the Secretary of State to the abolition of the Madras Mint and states that with the exception of few hands required for the Bullion depôt, with an Order depôt,

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depôt to prepare Pension and Gratuity Rolls for completing the Stamp=ing Presses for the Supt.t of Stamps for the disposal of Stores and finishing the Medals & Seals in hand in the Die Dept.t, the remainder have been warned that their services will be dis=pensed with on the 31st instant.

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Govt. of {1869} Madras.
Jail

To Inspector General of Prisons

Dated 2 June

Rcvd. Encl.

G. O. 2 June 1869, No. 250.

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Fort St. 260.

Approving of the steps taken by the Inspector towards the abolition of the Punishment heading the receipt of detailed instructions from the Govt. of India