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No. 25. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintendent of Army Clothing, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, December 1869.

If the whole of the Mint buildings are handed over to the Army Clothing Department, there will be ample room for all its requirements, and also for the stores now kept in the Fort.

2. It will be seen by the accompanying rough plan that the buildings enclose a square divided in the middle by the "Treasury" into two parallelograms, the buildings in the front one of these (facing east) are at present used as a Laboratory, a Stamp Office, a Paper Currency Office, and a Treasury and Bullion Office, and Dr. Bellew informs me that he could not vacate any of them; he, however, suggests that, if cellars for the bullion and coin were made in the building marked thus (*), he could give up the one now used as a Treasury and Bullion Office.

3. If it is the wish of Government that the Assay and Clothing Departments should be located in the same range of buildings it would be absolutely necessary to separate them, and it appears to me that the only way in which this could be done, would be to build walls from the "Treasury" to the buildings on its right and left. In the event of this being approved a covered verandah would be required for the upper story of the Treasury and iron bars to all the windows of the lower part of it, also windows would have to be knocked in the walls of some of the other buildings.

4. If the walls I have mentioned were built, the entrance to the Clothing Department would be on the north side as shown in the plan. This entrance would require widening, and the whole of the buildings must be white-washed internally before occupation, as many of them are in a dirty state from the oil, &c., consequent on the use of machinery.

5. As about two-thirds of the Tailors who take work to their own houses (and these the best hands) live in Triplicane, I anticipate that some difficulty would be experienced in getting them to come as far as the Mint, as the prices at which they now take the work are so low as to be scarcely remunerative, and I doubt if they can be induced to come so far without being paid higher rates. This, however, I hope would be but temporary, though, if the move is carried out before the end of March next, it might retard the work of the department at the most important time of the year, and some Regiments might be deprived of their clothing when it was due.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 9th December 1869, No. 598.

Resolved that this plan and letter be referred to the Public Works Department, with a view to instructions being issued to the Superintending Engineer for preparing, in communication with the Superintendent of Army Clothing and the Assay Master, an estimate of the cost of making the alterations necessary for adapting the Mint buildings for the accommodation of the Clothing Department, and the Assay and Currency Departments.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with plan.
,, Superintendent of Army Clothing.
,, Assay Master
,, Military Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Army Clothing Department

Madras December 1869.

Memo.

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To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, &c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 9th.

Recd. ——— *ends.*

G. O., 9th December 1869, No. 598.

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Yours truly

Rob.t Church

Fort
6th Dec/69.

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Acting Superintend
Army Clo

Feb 1. — 1869 — Depr.
From the Supdt.
Army Clothing Dept.

Ry. 7th Dec.,.
Inc. M 642.

Communicates his
observations regarding
the transfer of the Army
Clothing Dept to the late
Mint buildings.

Ack. an order

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To the P. W. Dept.
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Dated 9th Dec 9.
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