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No. 16. Read the following letter from the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 11th February 1870, No. 5572.

With reference to the Order of Government, No. 367, dated 28th January 1870, calling upon me to report on the suggestions made by the Acting Assay Master for adapting a portion of the Mint buildings for the Army Clothing Department, I have the honour to state as follows :—

2. I have inspected all the buildings in company with Dr. Bellew and Captain Ross Church. Since the date of the Order of the 17th December last in this Department, calling for estimates in accordance with the latter officer's proposals, the Assay Master has intimated that it is not desirable to appropriate the stamping room for the purposes of a Treasury and Bullion office, so that the eastern range of buildings is not now available for Captain Church, and entirely new arrangements have to be provided.

3. The upper floor of these buildings are only to a very small extent, it is true, occupied by the Treasury Officers; but as both the Assay Master and Superintendent of Army Clothing admit the necessity for the complete isolation of the two departments, and this could not properly be effected if the upper story were in possession of the Clothing Department, I think the whole of this portion of the Mint should remain in Dr. Bellew's charge.

4. The Treasury also being in close proximity to the Stamping, Paper Currency, Assay office, and Paper Stamping-rooms, in some of which there is a laboratory, furnaces, and fittings, which it would be troublesome to remove, and the whole department now occupying the eastern half of the buildings forming the Mint, I think it would be undesirable to make any changes in the Assay Master's Department.

5. For these reasons, if the Clothing office is to be moved to these buildings, I would recommend that Dr. Bellew's suggestion of building a wall from north to south be carried out, and the western half of the Mint be given up to Captain Church.

6. The Superintendent has raised objections to this arrangement, as he states that many of the sheds are not adapted for stores, and this is perfectly true if they are left in their present condition. The roofs, however, would have to be repaired and renewed as well as the floors raised and laid with durable material. Some of the sheds, also, would have to be enclosed, and an office built for Captain Church and his establishment, as an upper floor. Captain Goddard has made an approximate estimate of the cost of these improvements, and I do not suppose that all the additions required by the Superintendent would amount to less than 20,000 rupees.

7. The space available on the two floors of the present Army Clothing office amounts to 12,200 square feet, and the stores which cannot be accommodated in this building are kept in a godown in the Fort containing 7638 superficial feet.

8. At the Mint, the silver and gold refining rooms, the copper and silver laminating and annealing rooms, the store, milling, assorting, and weighing rooms, contain 17,800 square feet, and if to this are added the sheds on the west side, not including those with lean-to roofs at the extreme outer wall of the Mint, and also the large coal shed near the northern entrance containing 11,900 square feet of additional space for stores, there will be an available area of 29,700 superficial feet.

9. No doubt some of the rooms are low and not available for storing bales of clothing; but such as are not adaptable can remain unoccupied without relinquishing too much space.

Transferred to the Financial Department, with reference to the under-mentioned Orders in that Department :—

No. 589, dated 9th December 1869.

Docket, dated 25th January 1870, recorded in Public Works Proceedings, No. 367, of the 28th idem.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.

14*th February* 1870.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
14th March 1870.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1870, No. 127.

His Excellency the Governor in Council approves of the arrangements proposed by the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, in the letter above recorded, for adapting the Mint buildings for the Clothing, Assay, and Currency Departments.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
,, Military do.
,, Assay Master.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of 1870 Madras.

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To

The PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Dated March, 14th.

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Sup.r Engr.s Office 4.th Dv.n

No. 5572 Madras 11.th February 1870

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Lieut.t Colonel J. Dean R.E.

Off.g Superintending Engineer 4.th Dv.n

To,

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Secretary to Government P.W. Dep.t

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Your most obedient Sv.

Henry L. Cole
Offg Supg Engr & Surv

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Financial Department.

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(Rec'd under 11th February 1870. No. 5572)

Order thereon 14th March 1870. No. 127.

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To The Public Works Department.
— Military —do— } Dept. 19/3
— Assay Master.

Transferred to the Financial Department with reference to the undermentioned orders in that Dept.

No. 598 dated 9th Decr. 1869.

Docket dated 25th Jan: 1870 recorded in P.W. Proceedings No. 367 of the 28th Idem.

Lieut. A. M— Col. RE.
Secy: to Govt: P.W.D.

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From,
The Offg. Supt. Engineer
4th Division
Thos: 11th March/70.

To,
The Secretary to Govt.
Public Works Dept.

Dated 11th Feby. 1870
Rec'd 12th Feby. 1870
No. 166 No. 5572.

Reporting on the suggestions made by the Acting Assay Master for adapting a portion of the Mint Buildings for the Army Clothing Department.

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