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

Read the following papers:—

No. 23. From R. H. HOLLINGBERY, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 27th April 1870, No. 2539.

With reference to your letter, No. 47, dated 25th January 1870, I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a Revised Tabular Statement submitted by the Mint Master, Calcutta, suggesting a further reduction in the establishments to be attached to the Paper Currency, Assay, Bullion, and Stamp Departments in Madras, and to state that the Governor-General in Council approves of the reductions therein proposed.

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Ordered that a copy of the above and of the Revised Tabular Statement be sent to the Accountant-General, Madras.

STATEMENT of Establishment of the Paper Currency Department, Assay Department, Bullion Depôt, and Stamp Paper Department of Madras.

Department.	Designation.	Present Establishment. No.	Present Establishment. Minimum salary.	Present Establishment. Maximum salary.	Establishment proposed by Madras Government. No.	Establishment proposed by Madras Government. Minimum salary.	Establishment proposed by Madras Government. Maximum salary.	Reduction recommended by Mint Master. No.	Reduction recommended by Mint Master. Minimum salary.	Reduction recommended by Mint Master. Maximum salary.	Remarks.
			RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.	
Paper Currency Department.	*Issue Department.*										
	Bullion-keeper and Treasurer ...	1	60	...	1	60	...	...	...	...	
	Deputy do. do. ...	1	60	...	1	60	...	...	...	...	
	Assistant do. do. ...	1	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Head Shroff	1	35	...	1	35	...	...	...	...	
	Gollah	1	10	...	1	10	...	...	2	2	The salary of Gollahs or Burkundazes in Calcutta is only 7 rupees, and in the Bullion Depot, Madras, 8 rupees.
	Do.	1	10	...	1	10	...	...	2	2	
	Account Department.										
	Accountant	1	200	...	1	200	...	...	...	...	
	Assistant do.	1	75	...	1	75	...	1	75	75	Two Clerks would be sufficient for the work.
	Clerk	1	60	...	1	60	...	...	...	...	
	Do.	1	40	...	1	40	...	...	...	...	
	Register Writer	1	50	...	1	50	...	1	50	50	Registers should be kept in the Exchange Office, and the two Register Writers there should be able to go through the work.
	Do.	1	40	...	1	40	...	1	40	40	
	Copyist	1	25	...	1	25	...	...	...	...	
	Moochee	1	14	...	1	14	...	...	...	...	
	Peon	1	7	...	1	7	...	...	...	...	
	Do.	1	7	...	1	7	...	...	...	...	
	Sweeper	1	4	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	
	Exchange Department.										
	Cashier	1	75	...	1	75	...	...	...	...	
	Note Receiver	1	50	...	1	50	...	...	...	...	
	Do.	1	30	...	1	30	...	...	...	...	
	Assistant Note Receiver	1	15	...	1	15	...	...	...	...	
	Coin Receiver	1	50	...	1	50	...	...	...	...	
	Shroff	1	25	...	1	25	...	...	...	...	
	Do.	1	20	...	1	20	...	...	...	...	
	Register Writer	1	20	...	1	20	...	...	...	...	
	Do.	1	15	...	1	15	...	...	...	...	
	Gollah	1	10	...	1	10	...	...	2	2	
	Do.	1	10	...	1	10	...	...	2	2	
	Do.	1	10	...	1	10	...	...	2	2	
	Note-sorting and Cancelling Department.										
	Examiner	1	40	...	1	40	...	...	...	...	
	Do.	1	30	...	1	30	...	...	...	...	
	Sorter	1	20	...	1	20	...	...	...	...	
	Pressman	1	12	...	1	12	...	...	...	...	
	Ballman	1	10	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	
	Moochee	1	10	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	
	Gollah	1	10	...	1	10	...	...	2	2	
Assay Department.	1st Asst. and Head Accountant ...	1	210	250	1	210	250	...	...	...	
	2nd do. and Deputy do.	1	80	100	1	80	100	...	...	...	The reductions in the Assay Office, Bullion Depot, and Stamp Office are made on the suggestion of Dr Busteed, the Assay Master, Madras, now officiating in Calcutta.
	Head Writer	1	30	...	1	30	...	...	...	...	
	2nd do.	1	25	...	1	25	...	...	...	...	
	3rd do.	1	14	...	1	14	...	...	...	...	
	Moochee	1	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Peons, at 7 rupees each	3	21	...	3	21	...	2 @ 7	14	14	
	Head Weighman or Superintendent of Musters	1	35	...	1	35	...	...	...	...	
	Assistant do.	1	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Apprentice	1	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	1st Laboratoryman and Fireman ...	1	15	...	1	15	...	...	...	...	
	2nd do. do. ...	1	8	...	1	8	...	...	...	...	
	3rd do. do. ...	1	7	...	1	7	...	1	7	7	
	Hammerman	1	10	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	
	Sweeper	1	3½	...	1	3½	...	...	...	...	
	Scavenger	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	
		18	516½	...	15	459½	...	...	...	...	

STATEMENT of Establishment of the Paper Currency Department, Assay Department, &c.—*(Concluded.)*

Department.	Designation.	Present Establishment.			Establishment proposed by Madras Government.			Reduction recommended by Mint Master.			Remarks.
		No.	Minimum salary.	Maximum salary.	No.	Minimum salary.	Maximum salary.	No.	Minimum salary.	Maximum salary.	
			RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.	
Bullion Depôt.	*Bullion Office.*										
	Accountant and Record-keeper ...	1	100	...							The Assay Office Establishment should be able to do the work of the Bullion Depot. If the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer are also Currency Officers, their salaries should be charged to the Currency Department, when their responsibility is greater.
	Writer	1	35	...							
	Peon	1	7	...							
	Lascars, at 7 rupees each	2	14	...							
	Bullion Room.										
	Treasurer	1	140	...							
	Deputy do.	1	40	...							
	Conicopillay	1	14	...							
	Weighman	1	14	...							
	Melter	1	14	...	33	665½	...	33	665½	665½	
	Assistant Melter	1	10½	...							
	Furnacemen, at 9 rupees each ...	3	27	...							As there is no coinage this officer is not necessary.
	Chickledar	1	8	...							
	Coolies, at 7 rupees each	3	21	...							
	Gollahs, at 8 ,, ,, ...	4	32	...							
	Gate.										
	Superintendent	1	100	...							
	Gollahs, at 10 rupees each	8	80	...							
	Sweeper	1	5	...							
	Scavenger	1	4	...							
		33	665½	...	33	665½	...	...	...	...	
Stamp Paper Department.	Manager	1	50	...	1	50	...	1	50	50	
	Writer and Accountant...	1	75	...	1	75	...	...	...	...	
	Engine Turner...	1	50	...	1	50	...	...	...	...	
	Filer	1	30	...	1	30	...	...	...	...	
	Blacksmith	...	...	...	1	25	...	...	...	...	
	Counters, at 15 rupees each	3	45	...	3	45	...	...	...	...	
	Pressmen, at 10 ,, ,, ...	6	60	...	6	60	...	...	...	...	
	Do. at 8 ,, ,, ...	12	96	...	12	96	...	...	...	...	
	Feeders, at 6 ,, ,, ...	6	36	...	6	36	...	...	...	...	
	Do. at 5 ,, ,, ...	6	30	...	6	30	...	...	...	...	
	Gollahs, at 10 ,, ,, ...	2	20	...	2	20	...	...	@ 2- 4	4	
	Bullock Driver	1	7	...	1	7	...	...	...	...	
		40	499	...	41	524	...	40	917½	917½	
		127	2910	...	124	2808	...	...	...	...	

(Signed) H. HYDE,
Mint Master.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERY,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 24. From the Acting Assay Master and Commissioner of Paper Currency, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 31st May 1870, No. 797.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 219, of the 27th instant, forwarding correspondence from the Assistant Secretary to Government of India, Financial Department, with suggestions for a further reduction in the establishments of the Paper Currency, Stamp, and Bullion Departments at the late Mint premises under my charge, I have the honour respectfully to state that I find these reductions are impracticable and cannot be carried out.

2. The present establishment attached to the Paper Currency, Stamp, and Bullion Departments was, under the orders of Government, after much careful consideration, appointed by Colonel Carpendale in May 1869, and then after further deliberation was confirmed by both the local and Supreme Governments. Colonel Carpendale having served here as Mint Master for many years was intimately acquainted with the working of these several departments, and, therefore, in a better position than any one else to fix the establishment that each would require. During the past year I can truly affirm that all the employés in the above departments under my charge have been fully occupied, and that, so far from there being any excess of hands, it has been found in the Stamp Department that the establishment was under-estimated.

3. Paper Currency.—In my Administration Report of this department for the official year 1869-70, submitted to Government on the 12th instant, I showed that, as compared with the previous year, a net reduction of Rupees 220 per mensem, or Rupees 2640 per annum, had been effected, and that there had been a considerable increase of business during the year since the abolition of the Mint. Compared with the other Presidency Paper Currency Offices the establishment sanctioned for Madras is in no way excessive. Indeed, the Treasurer here, an old and faithful servant of Government, for the combined duties of Treasurer and Bullion-keeper only receives a salary of Rupees 200 per mensem, whereas I am informed that at Allahabad and Lahore, the Treasurers, with considerably less work and responsibility, each receive Rupees 250 a month. As this department is now working in a very efficient and satisfactory manner, I would greatly deprecate any change in its constitution.

4. Stamps.—Since the new Stamp Act XVIII. of 1869 and the Court Fees' Act came into operation the work devolving on this department has doubled, as will be apparent on referring to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, No. 565, dated 23rd April 1870, in which the sum of Rupees 219 per mensem is sanctioned for the additional establishment required to meet its present demands.

5. Bullion.—Our stock of copper straps, prepared expressly for coinage by the Madras Mint machinery, amounts at present to 1100 tons, and has cost Government upwards of ten lacs of rupees. To remove this copper to Calcutta or Bombay for sale would involve a heavy loss, probably not less than two or three lacs of rupees. For some months past strenuous efforts have been made by myself and Mr. Lushington, the Accountant-General, to effect its sale locally; there has, however, been no demand as the copper is not in sheet or block, but all cut up into thin narrow strips for coinage, so that it is now useless for any other purpose.

On referring to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, No. 89, dated 24th February 1870, it will be seen that I have given in detail the particulars necessary for its coinage; and, as it would appear to be the only way of disposing of this copper without loss, I beg to recommend that the sanction of Government be now accorded to its coinage here.

6. After all this copper strap has been got rid of; and, should there continue no increase in the receipt of silver bullion here, I think that an amalgamation of the Assay and Bullion Departments might be effected, which would admit of the following reductions:—

	Rs.
Accountant and Record-keeper, Bullion Depôt	100
Writer, do.	35
Superintendent of Gate	50
Total...	185

7. On due consideration of these circumstances I beg to request that His Excellency in Council will be pleased to authorize the Accountant-General to pass the salary bills of these departments as usual.

No. 25. From R. H. HOLLINGBERY, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Simla, 20th June 1870, No. 1390.

I am directed to request the favour of an opinion from His Excellency the Governor in Council as to whether it is in any way worth while to keep up the Bullion Depôt and Assay Office at Madras. It appears from the "Administration Report of the Madras Mint for the year 1869-70" that very little work was done during the year.

No. 26. Order thereon, 14th September 1870, No. 384.

On a full consideration of the suggestions contained in the papers received from the Government of India and of the present requirements of the Currency, Assay, and Bullion Departments, the Government are of opinion that the Assay and Bullion Depôts, which now cost Rupees 1182,* may be amalgamated and the following establishment employed instead, viz.:—

Rs.
* 516½
665½
Total... 1182

	Rs.	A.	P.
Assistant	100	0	0
Writer	30	0	0
Weighingman and Muster Cutter	35	0	0
Assistant do. do.	15	0	0
Melter and Laboratoryman	15	0	0
Assistant do. and Fireman	12	0	0
Two Coolies, at Rupees 7 each	14	0	0
Two Gollahs, at ,, 8 ,, ...	16	0	0
Hammerman	10	0	0
Moochee	12	0	0
Sweeper and Scavenger	3	8	0
Total...	262	8	0

2. The Bullion-keeper and Treasurer in the Issue Department of the Paper Currency Department having great responsibility imposed on him in the charge of the large Currency Reserve of coin and notes, the Government deem it essential that his pay should not be less than Rupees 200 per mensem.

3. The net saving by these arrangements will be Rupees 779-8-0 per mensem, viz. :—

				Rs.	A.	P.
Present cost of Assay and Bullion Departments				1182	0	0
	Rs.	A.	P.			
Deduct cost of revised establishments	262	8	0			
Addition to the salary of the Bullion-keeper and Treasurer in the Issue Department	140	0	0			
				402	8	0
			Total...	779	8	0

4. The wages of the Gollahs in the several departments of Issue, Exchange, Note-sorting and Cancelling, and Stamp Paper, will be reduced, as vacancies occur, from Rupees 10 to Rupees 8 each.

5. The Assay Master will carry out the reductions and additions indicated in paragraphs 1 and 2 of these Proceedings from the 1st proximo, reporting the result of the working of the reduced establishment at the end of six months.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 27. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Ootacamund, 14th September 1870, No. 385.

With reference to Mr. Assistant Secretary Hollingbery's letters of the 27th April and 20th June last, Nos. 2539 and 1390, I am directed to transmit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, copy of the Proceedings of this Government, number and date as per margin, from which it will be observed that a reduction of Rupees 779-8-0 per mensem has been effected in the departments under the Assay Master.

No. 384, 14th Sept. 1870.

2. The Assay Master has been called upon to submit a report on the result of the working of the reduced establishment at the end of six months, a copy of which report will be submitted to the Government of India.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Erd. A. S. Rodgers.

1870.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT

From

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Fort Saint George,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,

Financial Department.

Dated 14*th September* 1870.

Recd.

No. 385.

Enclosure.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 23–27.

Reporting certain reductions which have been effected in the departments under the Assay Master, Madras.

Paper Currency Office
Madras 31st May 1870.

No 797

From

P. T. Bellew Esqr
Acting Assay Master & Commissioner
of Paper Currency

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

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of this Copper without loss, I beg to recommend that the sanction of Government be now accorded to its coinage here.

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Writer ——— do ———	do — "	35
Superintendent of Gate ———	"	50
	Total Rupees	185.

7. On due consideration of these circumstances I beg to request that His Excellency in Council will be pleased to authorize the Accountant General to pass the Salary Bills of these Departments as usual.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

L. F. Pellew

Acting Assay Master &
Commissioner of
Paper Currency

Tabular Statement herewith returned.

Financial Department

Memo: for orders.

In a letter from the Financial Department, Government of India dated 27 April No. 2539, a revised Tabular Statement prepared by the Mint Master Calcutta, and approved by the Government of India was sent to the Government of Madras. This Statement imposes a further reduction in the Establishments to be attached for the future to the Paper Currency, Assay, Bullion and Stamp Departments in Madras.

2. On the 20th June last a further letter was received from the Govt. of India asking whether in the opinion of the Madras Govt. it is in any way worth while to keep up the Bullion

I think we must write to the Govt. of India by Overland Mail. Mr. Thornhill is now with the Government in the Secretariat.

Yes. I think Financial should be consulted. Uncertainty and eventually remedy any inconveniences that may be attached to it. I don't think however that will affect.

I concur. We cannot take over Assay Office as a paying Department but it should be maintained with Paper Currency Dept.

Read 27th April 1870 — Financial No. 2539 —
" 29th " " 2540 —
" 15th May " 2732-33
" 2nd June " 2900-02
" 24th " " 3000-02
" 28th " " 3121-23
" 25th " " 3232-34
" 2nd " " 3282-3284
Public Works Dept. No. 1065 —
" " " 1066 —
" " " 1067 —
Public Dept. No. 1870 —

From Finance Dept. to Secretariat Fort St. George — Sir, — Referring to the correspondence ending with your letter Public No. 1870 of 2nd June 1870 on the subject of the reduction of the establishments of the Assay Office, Bullion Office and Stamp Office, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a letter from the Government of India, No. 2539 dated 27th April 1870, and to request that the orders of the Government of India may be communicated to this Department. I have &c. (Sd.) — Secretary to Government.

To The Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George — Sir, — I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a letter from the Government of India, No. 2539 dated 27th April 1870, and to request that the orders of the Government of India may be communicated to this Department. I have &c. (Sd.) — Secretary to Government.

Enclosures.

Madras Mint Reductions

Copy of letter from the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 2539 dated 27th April 1870.

Sir, — I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of Madras a revised Tabular Statement prepared by the Mint Master Calcutta, and approved by the Government of India, showing the establishments which will be required for the Assay, Bullion and Stamp Departments at Madras, after the reductions ordered in the Public Works Department Resolution No. 1065 dated 29th April 1870 shall have been carried out. I have &c. (Sd.) — Secretary to the Government of India.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department.

Enclosure.

Statement showing the establishments which will be required for the Assay, Bullion and Stamp Departments at Madras after the reductions ordered in the Public Works Department Resolution No. 1065 dated 29th April 1870 shall have been carried out.

Assay Office.

Bullion Office.

Stamp Office.

Copied 6-6-70.
Compared 12/6/70.

Bullion depôt and Assay Office at Madras, it being observed that during 1869/70 very little work was done during that year.

3. The first of these letters was referred to the Assay Master Dr. Bellew, with instructions to carry out the reductions suggested by the Govt. of India on the 9th June last. He replied on the 31st May, declaring the reductions devised by the Mint Master at Calcutta to be impracticable.

4. With a view to enabling the Government to form an opinion upon Dr. Bellew's assertion, I forwarded the Calcutta Mint Master's Scheme to Colonel Carpendale and Colonel Orr, — both of these officers having been

Mint Masters in Madras. Appended is a statement A shewing the reductions proposed by Colonel Hyde, the Mint Master at Calcutta in the several departments under Dr. Bellew, as Currency Commissioner, and Assay Master, and those admitted as possible by Colonel Carpendale. The reductions recommended by Colonel Hyde amount to 917-8 per mensem. Those admitted by Colonel Carpendale amount to 156 Rs. only.

5. Colonel Orr in his first letter considered that there was no objection to the reductions ordered by the Govt. of India in the Bullion Establishment. thus affording a reduction amounting to a total of Rs. 425-8. Both Colonel Orr and Colonel Carpendale are agreed in making

making no reduction in the Currency and Stamp Departments under Dr. Bellew.

6. Statement B shews the reductions then considered feasible by Colonel Orr compared with those recommended by Colonel Hyde.

7. On Colonel Orr receiving from me the letter from the Govt. of India alluded to above, dated 20th June 1870, proposing the abolition of the Bullion and Assay office, he kindly prepared the enclosed Memo marked C.

In this he admits the correctness of the fact stated by the Govt. of India that recently the importation of Bullion into this Presidency and especially of Silver has been comparatively trifling,

but

but he points out that there may be a reaction in this respect, and doubts the policy of depriving a Centre of Commerce like Madras of the accommodation which a Bullion depôt in the absence of a Mint is intended to afford.

8. Colonel Orr would not therefore, as suggested by the Govt. of India, totally abolish the Assay Office and Bullion Depôt, but he would amalgamate the two Departments and place them on a very reduced footing.

9. The present Establishments and Colonel Orr's proposed Establishments are shewn in Statement D.

10. Colonel Orr's proposal secures a saving of 919-8- but of this Rs 140 will have

^ as compared with Col Hyder original proposed reduction —

to be transferred as a charge to Currency Depôt to make up the salary of the Bullion Keeper who only draws at present 60 Rs in that Department, being the same person as the Treasurer in the Bullion Depôt, whose services would be dispensed with, and who could scarcely be paid less than 200 Rs in that case in the Currency Dept where he has a great responsibility in the charge of the large Currency Reserve of Coin and Notes.

11. It is submitted that Colonel Orr's later proposal as shown in Statement D may with propriety be adopted, that the reductions therein contained may be ordered to be made at once, and that

that the Government of India be informed that the Madras Govt consider that these reductions are all that can at present be made.

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My dear Ellis — I write upon
both Mr Bellers and Mr Spencer's
that no extension can just now
be made in the Papers Examining
the Papers Examining Department,
as the establishments of both the
Constitutional & the Commercial Code — but
I am very Desirous that the Extensions
asked for by the Merchants of Bristol
should be carried into effect as far
as the Million Act extends under the
Late Establishments, we can
command — There is among any
Million taken by the Merchants Com,

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for which Letter is enclosed
Sketch & Estimate of the most proper
Site to be taken by the Merchants in the
Bazaar for Commercial Establish-
ments of Shopkeepers & Refreshment
and Other Native Stalls. There is
also annexed Specimen of Tickets to
dispense to their Purchasers
as to cause an inspection of the
Licenses granted to the Occupiers of the
Different Premises for Stores
in the Bazaar in the Absence of
Builders, and under certain
Circumstances, I consider the
the adoption of Keeping all

a large Establishment for Re-
ceiving and Dispersing of Stock
Particularly necessary to ensure,
also the Regular Payment of Rents
since a Month, than the Sub-
stance of the Army Hospl. as well as Officers
& the Army Hospl. I do not see the
Force of Superadding Objections to the
Army Hospl. being entrusted with the
Collection and the Custody of the
Rents, which are Cognizable of the
Civil Courts of Judicature, and I
cannot but think a Sole Es-
tablishment, where Accounts

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company to increase the
salary of the Medical Superin-
tendent of the Bijapur Lunacy
Asylum from Rs 60
to Rs 80 per mensem
in addition to the emolu-
ments & allowances of Rs 140
& the Establishment of the
Medical Superintendent Bijapur.
Having said so much I
may add that I am of
opinion that the present
arrangement of which the
supervision of the Superin-

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Colonel Orr

I think a fuller discussion
may be found in the Gen
Dept, which Col. A 5/16 for
himself can refer to
letter to Ord, or a blank to
him - and Col. Ord
[illegible] the Gen
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discussion of the subject
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Colonel Hyde the Mint Master at Calcutta proposes the following reductions.

Issue Department.	Rs	a.	p.
The Salary of 2 Gollahs to be reduced by —	4	-	-
Account Department.			
1 Apprentice Accountant — Rs 75 — Rs 75 - - -			
2 Register Writers on Rs 50 & 40 to be dispensed with — 90 - - -			
	165	-	-
Exchange Department.			
The Salary of three Gollahs to be reduced by —	6	-	-
Note Sorting and Cancelling Departt.			
The Salary of the Gollah to be reduced —	2	-	-
Assay Department.			
2 Peons — 14 - - -			
1 Laboratory man to be dispensed with — 7 - - —	21	-	-
Bullion Department.	665	8	-
Stamp Paper Department.			
1 Manager to be dispensed with — Rs 50 - -			
2 Gollahs reduced Salary — " 4	54	-	-
	917	8	

Reductions proposed by Colt Carpendale.

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Assay Department.			
2 Peons to be dispensed with — 14 - - -			
1 Laboratory Man do — 7 - - -	21	-	-
Bullion Departt.			
1 Accountant to be dispensed with — 100 - - -			
1 Writer — 35 - - -	135	-	-
	156	-	-

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Colonel Hyde the
Mint Master at Calcutta
proposes the following reduc-
tions.

I June Departt.			
The salary of two Gollahs to be reduced by Rs		40	- -
Account Departt.			
1 Assistant Accountt. 75- - -			
2 Register Writers on Rs 50 & 40 — 90- - -		165	- -
Exchange Departt.			
The salary of 3 Gollahs to be reduced by —		6	- -
Note Sorting & Cancelling Dept.			
The salary of Gollah to be reduced by.		2	- -
Assay Departt.			
2 Peons — 14- - -			
1 Laboratory man — 7- - -		21	- -
Bullion Dept		665	8 -
Stamp Paper Dept.			
1 Manager — 50- - -			
2 Gollahs @ Rs 4- - -		54	- -
Total Rs		917	8 -

Colonel Orr proposes
the abolition of the
Bullion Dept. — 665- 8-
& also proposes to increase the
Salary of Bullion
Keeper — 240- - -
+
— do — Cash Keeper
Stamping Dept — 180- - - 425 8 -
Net saving Rs. 425 8 -

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Memorandum

Observing that the amount of Silver tendered to the Bullion Depôt, which is maintained at Madras in lieu of a Mint, is insignificant, the Government of India express a doubt of the expediency of maintaining it, with an Assay Office, and call for the views of this Government on the question of abolishing it.

It is not to be denied that the importation of Bullion into this Presidency, and especially of Silver, has been comparatively trifling for

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some time past, but this is owing to causes which may prove to be of a temporary nature and would scarcely seem to give grounds for at once coming to the conclusion at which the Govt. of India point. It is impossible to say how long the present depressed state of the export trade of the country may continue, but so long as there is any prospect of its revival it would not be good policy, I think, to deprive a centre of Commerce like Madras of the accommodation which a Bullion Depôt, in the absence of a Mint, is intended to afford, and which, when trade becomes again active, it would be

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the absolute duty of the State to give, in order to prevent the serious monetary inconveniences to the public which would, at such a time, be the result of requiring the Merchant to send his Bullion to Calcutta or Bombay for Coinage.

For this reason it is not, in my opinion, advisable totally to abolish the Assay Office and Bullion Depôt, but, as there is no appearance of a sufficient improvement of trade to justify the expectation of any large importation of Bullion taking place in excess of the considerable quantity for which a demand is always found in the Bazaar, and as, therefore, it is not likely that, for some time at least, the amount tendered at the Bullion Depôt will be materially increased, it appears to me perfectly feasible to place

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that Establishment and the Assay Office on a very reduced footing. These Establishments are now constituted as shown in the margin at a cost per mensem of Rs: 516-8, for the Assay Office, and Rs 665-8 for the Bullion Depot inclusive of the Gate Establishment, and, considering that since the 1st of January last, or in six months, there have been tendered at the Depot no more than ten Parcels of Silver of the aggregate standard value of only Rs: 56,308, it is clear that the two Establishments are greatly larger than are required and that, in the interests

Assay Department.

	No.	Rs.
1st Assistant & Head Accountant	1	210
2d Assistant & Deputy Accountant	1	85
Head Writer	1	30
2d Do	1	25
3d Do	1	14
Moochie	1	12
Peons at 7 Rs each	3	21
Head Weighing man or Supt. of Musters	1	35
Assistant Do	1	15
Apprentice	1	30
1st Laboratory man & Fireman	1	15
2d Do Do Do	1	8
3d Do Do Do	1	7
Hammerman	1	10
Sweeper	1	3½
Scavenger	1	1
	18	516½

Bullion Depôt.

Bullion Office.

Accountant and Record Keeper	1	100
Writer	1	35
Peon	1	7
Lascars at 7 Rs: each	2	14

Bullion Room.

Treasurer	1	140
Deputy Treasurer	1	40
Convicopoly	1	14
Weighingman	1	14
Melter	1	14
Assistant Melter	1	10½
Furnacemen at 9 Rs: each	3	27
Chickledar	1	8
Coolies at 7 Rs: each	3	21
Sollahs at 8	4	32

Gate.

Superintendent	1	100
Sollahs at 10 Rs each	8	80
Sweeper	1	5
Scavenger	1	4
	33	665½

this would effect a saving of Rs: 919-8; but of this Rs: 140 would probably have to be transferred as a charge to the Currency Dept., to make up the salary of the Bullion Keeper, who only draws Rs: 60 in that Dept: being the same person as the Treasurer in the Bullion Depôt whose services would be dispensed with, and who could scarcely be paid less than Rs: 200 in that case, in the Currency Dept: where he has a great responsibility in the charge of the large Currency Reserve of Coin and Notes.

interests of economy, they may very properly be reduced to a scale more in keeping with existing circumstances

In my judgment there is no reason why, since the Bullion is not to be Coined on the spot, the two Establishments should not be amalgamated and the Custody, as well as the valuation of the Metal be entrusted to a small Assay Office. By an arrangement of this Kind a considerable saving may be effected, while an Assay Office, costing comparatively little but sufficiently effective for present purposes and ready

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for Expansion should Circumstances require it, may be kept up to meet the convenience of trade -

The following will I believe be found an Establishment perfectly capable of the work to be done -

	Rs.
Assistant and Accountant -	100
Writer. - - - - -	30
Weighingman and Master cutter - -	35
Assistant - Do - Do - -	15
Melter & Laboratoryman - -	15
Assistant - do - and Fireman -	12
Two Cookies at Rs: 7 - - -	14
Two Gollahs or Peons at Rs. 8 -	16
Hammerman - - -	10
Moochie - - -	12
Sweeper & Scavenger - -	3 - 8
	262 - 8

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Colonel Hyde the Mint Master at Calcutta proposes the following Reductions -

Spare Departt			
The Salary of two Gollahs to be reduced by Rs.	4	-	-
Account Departt			
1 Assistt Account - 75 - -			
2 Register Writers on Rs 50 & 40 - 90 - -	165	-	-
Exchange Departt			
The salary of 3 Gollahs to be reduced by ———	6	-	-
Note Sorting & Cancelling Department			
The Salary of the Gollah to be reduced by ———	2	-	-
Apay Department			
2 Peons ——— 11 - -			
1 Laboratory man — 7 —	21	-	-
Bullion Departt ———	665	8	-
Stamp Papers Deptt			
1 Manager ——— 50 -			
2 Gollahs red Salary - 4 —	54	-	-
	917	8	-

Colonel Orr proposes to amalgamate the Apay & Bullion Depôts which now cost Rs 1102 and to have the following Establishment instead, viz

1 Apt & Acctt	100	- -
1 Writer	30	- -
1 Weighing Man & master cutter	35	- -
1 Apistant — do	15	- -
1 Melter & Laboratory man	15	- -
1 Apt — do — & fireman	12	- -
Two Cookies at Rs 7	14	- -
Two Gollahs at Rs 8	16	- -
1 Hammerman	10	- -
1 Moochee	12	- -
1 Sweeper & Scavenger	3	8 -
Rs	262	8 -

This gives a Saving of Rs 919 - 8 -
But for reasons stated Colonel Orr proposes to increase the Salary of the Bullion Keeper to Rs 200 - This would reduce the Saving to Rs 779 - But adding to this the Saving from the wages of Gollahs which Colonel Orr appears to approve the net Saving will be Rs 791.

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to my official letter published
with G.O. No. 142. 28th March
1870. If it were to be carried
it would be as much an
encumbrance and as little
use as it is now. The
Madras Presidency could not
absorb it in 15 years or
more. Bengal has much
more Cotton Coir than
enough, and Bombay is
probably in the same
condition. If the Govt.

over the [illegible]
If the loss like to [illegible]
a seasonal sale of 50 or
100 tons occasionally ought to
clear it all off at book price.
Suppose you order an outright
sale of 50 tons as an
experiment for public
opinion

Yours truly
H Yorke

The Hon'ble R. S. Ellis. C. B.

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Colonel Carpenter.

June 8th 70.

My dear Ellis

Your note of Monday only reached me today and I have thought it better to reply fully regarding each instruction proposed in the several Establishments at the Instt of the Govt of India. This I have done in the Memorandum accompanying and which you may deal with as official or not as you like —

Regarding the Coupon I have nothing to say in addition

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Assay Office

To be moved 2 Rooms at No 7 –
3 Laboratory room No 7.

Bullion Office.

one Assist.	100	to be removed.
one Writer	35	
Room	7	
2 Lascars	14	

Bullion Depôt

17 Men costing Rs 320½ a month
proposed to be dispensed with –

Register Writers are removed –

6 Peons proposed to be removed
from ten to eight rupees a month
each –

If it is probable that three men may
continue to serve if they can be found
but I think it would be an impolitic
saving. And the wages paid in
Calcutta to inferior native servants is
no criterion of what is proper in
Madras – The wages of all
domestic servants in Madras is
I believe much higher than in
~~Madras~~ Calcutta.

I think this reduction is proper
as the Assay Master has Rooms
in his Capacity of Comr. of Paper
Currency.

The Assay Office has so much
less to do than has expected I
think the Accountant and
Writers might well do the
work of the Bullion Office
[illegible] latter be dispensed with, but
the Peon and Lascars should
remain –

The proposal is that the Assay
Establishment should do the
work of the Bullion Depôt. I
consider it altogether wrong in
principle that the Establishment
which meets the value of
Bullion & buys it from the
Merchants, should melt
it, and have charge of it: ~~but if~~
and I doubt think it would
make much saving – the greater
part of the sum Objected to is Rs 140
to the Assayer and Rs 40 to the
Deputy Assayer which if they don't remain
in the Bullion Depôt they must get as an
increased charge in the Paper Currency Office,
It would be positively wrong to give them both

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Gate

11 Men costing 189 Rs. a month
proposed to be removed.

Supt of gate	Rs	100·0·0
8 Jollah	10	80·0·0
Sentry		5·
Scavenger		4·

Such large pecuniary responsibility
& wealth salaries than the aggregate
that they now receive.

The reason assigned is that they are
not necessary as there is no coinage;
I don't see how the Sweeper and
Scavenger can be dispensed with,
and to leave the Gate unprotected
will be simply to introduce a very
serious element of risk of loss
in connection with the Coin issued
by the Paper Currency Dept: and
the Stamp paper Department, and
it will throw a very undue responsibility
on the Assay Master who has charge
of both of those Departments. All
persons passing out of the Gate are
now searched. If the Establishment is
dispensed, one dishonest workman

Stamp Paper Department.

Manager Rs 50. proposed
to be dispensed with & 2 Jollahs
removed from Rs 10 to 8.

Value Rs 70

may cause terrible confusion and great
loss of revenue in connection with
the Stamp paper Department.

Some one ought to be responsible for
this Office. It was customary to give Rs 50
a month as extra remuneration to the
Manager of the Mint Office, and it is
now I believe given to the Accountant
of the Paper Currency Office, to any one
it is a very trifling remuneration
for his responsibility. The Manager
of the Stamp Office in Black Town
receives Rs 250 a month and his
responsibility is not greater if so
great, and yet he could not be
dispensed with or his place be
satisfactorily filled for a smaller
Salary. The remarks opposing Jollahs in
Paper Currency Office applies in this case

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Reductions proposed by the Govt. of India in the Assay, Bullion, Paper Currency and Stamp Paper Departments at Madras.

Remarks by Colonel Carpendale.

Paper Currency Dept.

One Assistant Accountant, salary Rs. 75 to be dispensed with.

If for no other reason than that the Head Accountant should have some one to assist him and to carry on the current work in his absence, an Assistant Accountant is absolutely necessary in such an important office but I believe the Accountant and his Assistant are both fully employed.

Two Register writers in the Account office salaries Rs. 50 & 40 to be dispensed with.

The Mint Master, Calcutta proposes and the Govt. of India approve that the Registers should be kept by the Register Writers in the Exchange Office, but these men have got their own work to do in the Exchange office, and when it is over they have ample employment, assisting in sorting and cancelling Notes. I believe the work would fall into arrears and perhaps confusion if these two Register Writers are reduced.

6 Gollahs proposed to be reduced from ten to eight rupees a month each.

Assay Office.

To be reduced - 2 Peons at Rs 7.
3rd Laboratory man Rs 7.

Bullion Office

One Accountant	100	to be reduced.
one writer	35	
Peon	7	
2 Lascars	14	

Bullion Depôt.

17 men costing Rs 320 1/2 a month proposed to be dispensed with.

It is probable that these men may continue to serve if their pay is reduced, but I think it would be an impolitic saving, and the wages paid in Calcutta to inferior native servants is no criterion of what is proper in Madras. The wages of all domestic servants in Madras is I believe much higher than in Calcutta.

I think this reduction is proper, as the Assay Master has peons in his capacity of Commissioner of Paper Currency.

The Assay office has so much less to do than was expected. I think the Accountant and writer might well do the work of the Bullion office and the Accountant and Writer of the latter be dispensed with, but the Peon and Lascars should remain.

The proposal is that the Assay Establishment should do the work of the Bullion Depôt. I consider it altogether wrong in principle that the Establishment which reports the value of bullion and buys it from the merchants should premelt it, and have charge of it; and I don't think it would make much saving - the greater part of the sum objected to is Rs 140 to the Treasurer and Rs 40 to the Deputy Treasurer which if they don't receive in the Bullion Depôt, they must get as an increased charge in the Paper Currency office. It would be positively wrong to give men with such large pecuniary responsibility smaller salaries than the aggregate that they now receive.

Gate

11 men costing 189 Rs a month proposed to be reduced.

Supt. of gate	Rs 100 - -
8 Gollahs - 10 -	80 - -
Sweeper	5 - -
Scavengers	4 - -

The reason assigned is that they are not necessary as there is no coinage; I don't see how the sweepers and scavengers can be dispensed with, and to leave the gate unprotected will be simply to introduce a very serious element of risk of loss in connection with the Coin reserve of the Paper Currency Department, and the Stamp Paper Department, and it will throw a very undue responsibility on the Assay Master who has charge of both of those departments. All persons passing out of the gate are now searched. If the Establishment is discharged one dishonest workman may cause terrible confusion and great loss of revenue in connection with the Stamp Paper Department -

Financial Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter papers:

From the Apptt Secy to the Govt of India Finl Depart to } dy 27 April 1870 No 2539.

— Ag Apptt Master & Comm of Paper Currency India } — 31 May — 757

— Apptt Secy to Govt of India Finl Dept. } — 25 June — 1390.

Order thereon Ootacamund 14. September 1870. No 384.

On a full consideration of the suggestions contained in the papers received from the Government of India and of the present requirements of the Currency, Mint and Bullion Departments, the Government are of opinion that

Mint & Paper Department.

Manager Rs 250 - Assistant Rs 150 - Assistant Rs 100 and 2 Jollahs retired from Rs 1065. to the Mint Office, and it is now proposed to one might also be responsible for this Office. It was necessary to give Rs 250 a month as Sub-Manager of the Mint Office, and it is now proposed to the Accountant of the Paper Currency Office to any one it is a very liberal remuneration for his responsibility - the Manager of the Stamp Office in Black receives Rs 250 a month and his responsibility is far greater, and not to be compared with his placed he ratio Jollahs filled for a smaller salary - The remarks regarding Collectors in Paper Currency Office, applies in this case.

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Sd Lowe 1870.

Keep with Fin Pro Sept 14, 1870 Nos 382-385

that the Apay and Bullion
Depots which now cost Rs
+ 1182 may be amalgamated,
and the following Establish-
-ment employed instead

viz:-

Apistant	100	- -
Writer	30	- -
Weighing Man & Muster cutter.	35	- -
Apistant do	15	- -
Melter & Labratory man	15	- -
Apists do & foreman	12	- -
Two Coolies at Rs 7	14	- -
Two Gollahs at Rs 8	16	- -
Hammerman	10	- -
Mooshie	12	- -
Sweeper & Scavenger	3	8 - -
	262	8 - -

+ Rs 516½
" 665½
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2 The Bullion Keeper and Treasurer in the Apune Department of the Paper Currency Department having great responsibility imposed on him in the charge of the

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the large Currency Reserve of Coin and notes, the Govern-ment deem it essential that his pay should not be less than Rs 200 per mensem.

3. The net saving by these arrangements will be Rs 779- 8- - viz:-

Present Cost of Apay and Bullion Departments. 1182- - -

Deduct cost of Revised Establishments 262- 8-

addition to the Salary of the Bullion Keeper & Treasurer in the Apune Depart to 140- - 402- 8- -

Rs. 779- 8- -

4. The wages of the Gollahs in the several departments of Apune, Exchange, Note Casting and cancelling, and Stamp Papers, will be re-duced as vacancies occur from

from Rs 10 to Rs 8 each.

5. The Assay Master will carry out the reductions and additions indicated in paragraphs 1 and 2 of these Proceedings from the 1st proximo, reporting the result of the working of the reduced Establishment at the end of six months.

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To the Assay Master. dated 27/9
— Accounts Genl dated 26/9

Cont. of 118 } Addresses.

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To

The Army Contractor

Dated 26th Sept. 1870, No. 384
Recd. 4th Oct. 1870, No. 395

Nos. 23. 27.

Directing that certain deductions be effected in the Bills under the Army Contractor, and informing the Govt of India of the same.

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Contractor's Letter

Sept 14th 1870

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No. 385.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.
Financial Department.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Under Secretary Hollingbery's letters of the 27th April and 20th June last, Nos 2539 and 1390, I am directed to transmit for the information of His Excellency the Governor Genl. in Council, copy of the Proceedings of this Government number and dates as per margin, from which it will be observed that a reduction of Rs 779-0-7 has been effected in the Departments under the Army Master

No. 384 of 14th Sept 1870.

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2. The Army Master has been called upon to submit a report on the result of the working of the reduced Establishment at the end of six months, a copy of which report will be submitted to the Government of India.

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To

The Secretary to the

Government of

Department

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Financial DEPARTMENT

From
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George,

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated Sept^r 14. 1870.
Recd.

No. 385.
Enclosure.

Nos. 23. 27.

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Reporting ~~transmitting that~~ certain reductions which have been effected in the Depts under the Assay Masters - Madras -

12-10/19