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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 19. Read the following letter from R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Acting Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort Saint George, 11th March 1871, No. 361:—

I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to obtain for me the instructions of His Excellency the Governor in Council with regard to the manner in which I am to take over charge of the treasure forming the currency reserve notes, &c., now at the Mint.

2. The treasure consists of 91,92,406 Rupees in bags containing 2,000 Rupees each, there are also signed notes of the Madras Circle to the value of 24,66,440 cancelled notes the former value of which comes to 5,48,45,590, and unsigned notes amounting in value to 7,82,60,000.

3. At the Mint, a book called a weighment book has been kept, in which the number of each bag of treasure is entered, together with the sum which the said bag is, *minus* the proper weight of 2,000 Rupees.

4. It would seem from this book that hardly a single bag is of the true standard weight, many of them being 5 Rupees and some even as much as 6 Rupees below that weight.

5. Now, if I have to count every bag of this 91 lakhs of treasure, the work of taking over charge will not be concluded for some three months at least, it being impossible to get through more than one lakh a day, if the contents of each bag be examined in this way.

6. But I think that such examination is unnecessary. The weighment book referred to above giving the exact ascertained deficiency in weight of each bag as per ticket contained therein may, I submit, be taken as a voucher for the correctness of the treasure if a certain number of the bags be examined at random.

7. I, therefore, beg to suggest that one bag out of every 50 be counted and duly weighed, the remainder being received as correct on the strength of the entries in the weighment book.

8. By this means I hope to get through twelve lakhs a day, and as the vaults will be completed in all probability by the 18th of the month, the whole of the treasure ought to be lodged in my office by the 31st of this month at latest.

9. His Excellency in Council is aware that I have as yet no Deputy, and it is, therefore, unnecessary for me to go into particulars to shew that I am not in a position conveniently to assign an Assistant for the purpose of examining the treasure notes, &c. I beg, therefore, that the services of a Junior Civilian may be placed at my disposal for this duty.

10. If Government approve of the above suggestions, I propose to arrange for the employment of twelve carts daily to convey twelve lakhs from the Mint to my office.

11. These carts will be at the Mint at an early hour in the morning of each day, and should have the twelve lakhs at my office before 10 o'clock, so that the whole twelve lakhs may be examined and under lock and key by the evening of each day.

12. A suitable guard should be provided for the treasure on its way to my office, and also for guarding the treasure in my vaults.

13. As regards the unsigned and cancelled notes, I beg to suggest that Dr. Graham be instructed to examine the contents of the different boxes containing them, and to hand the said boxes over to me, *sealed*, with a certificate in each case to the effect that the box contains a certain number of notes of specified value.

14. It is stated that there is one cellar, 4 feet × 3 × 6, full of cancelled notes. I propose to send some empty boxes I have here to the Mint to be filled with this paper, and they also should be sealed and handed over to me with a certificate of contents.

15. The signed notes will, of course, have to be counted and carefully examined as they constitute so much *cash*. This examination can be made by the Covenanted Assistant after he has got through the treasure.

16. It only remains for me to request that His Excellency in Council will be good enough to give orders to the Public Works Department to complete the vaults by the 18th of this month at latest, so that I may be able to have the treasure examination over before the 1st of the month.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1871, No. 105.

His Excellency the Governor in Council approves the proposals made by the Acting Accountant-General in the above letter as to the mode of transferring to his charge the cash and notes belonging to the Currency Department. The Commissioner of Paper Currency is requested to act in accordance therewith. The services of Mr. Farmer, Assistant Collector of the Chingleput District, will be placed at Mr. Lodwick's disposal from the 18th instant, or from the date on which the vaults may be ready, to assist in the verification of the cash and notes.

2. With reference to paragraph 12, the Commissioner of Police will arrange for the provision of a suitable guard for the escort of the treasure during its transit from the Mint to the Accountant-General's Office. Orders will be issued in the Military Department regarding a permanent guard over the treasure at the Accountant-General's Office.

3. Paragraph 16 will be communicated to the Public Works Department, in view to the issue of the necessary orders to expedite the completion of the vaults.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Accountant-General.
,, Commissioner of Paper Currenc
,, Collector of Chingleput.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Commissioner of Police.
,, Military Department.
,, Public Works ,,

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of [1871] Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The ACTING ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL, &c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 13th.

Read.

G. O., 13th March 1871, No. 105.

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Fort Saint George
Acct Genls Office
11th March 1871

No. 361

From The Jr Account General

To The Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to obtain for me the instructions of His Excellency the Governor in Council with regard to the manner in which I am to take over charge of the Treasure forming the Currency reserve Notes &c now at the Mint -

2 The Treasure consists of 9192406 Rs in bags containing 2000 Rs each, there are also signed notes of the Madras Circle to the value of 24.66.440 Cancelled notes the former value of which comes to 548.46.690. and unsigned notes amounting in value to 7.82.60.000

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4. It would seem from this Book that hardly a single bag is of the true standard weight many of them being 5 Rs and some even as much as 6 Rs below that weight.

5. Now if I have to count every bag of this 91 lakhs of Treasure the work of taking over charge will not be concluded for some 3 months at least, it being impossible to get through more than 1 lakh a day if the contents of each bag be examined in this way.

6. But I think that such examination is unnecessary. The weighment book referred to above giving the exact ascertained deficiency in weight of each bag as per ticket contained therein may I submit be taken as a Voucher for the correctness of the Treasure if a certain number of the bags be examined at random -

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9. His Excellency in Council is aware that I have as yet no Deputy and it is therefore unnecessary for me to go into particulars to show that I am not in a position conveniently to assign an assistant for the purpose of examining the Treasure notes &c. I beg therefore that the services of a Junior Civilian may be placed at my disposal for this duty -

10. If Government approve of the above suggestions I propose to arrange for the employment of 12 Carts daily to convey 12 lakhs from the Mint to my Office.

11. These Carts will be at the Mint at an early hour in the morning of each day and I shall have the 12 lakhs at my office before 10 o'Clock so that the whole 12 lakhs may be examined and under lock and key by the evening of each day.

12. A suitable guard should be provided for the Treasure on its way to my office and also for guarding the Treasure

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13. As regards the mutilated and cancelled notes I beg to suggest that Dr. Graham be instructed to examine the contents of the different boxes containing them and to hand the said boxes over to me sealed with a certificate in each case to the effect that the box contains a certain number of notes of specified value -

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15. The unissued notes will of course have to be counted and carefully examined as they constitute so much cash - This examination can be made by the Commandant Assistant after he has got through the Treasure -

16. It only remains for me to request that His Excellency in Council will be good enough to give orders to the Public Works Department to complete the vaults by the 18 of this month at latest so that I may be able to have

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the Treasure Examination over before the 1st of the month -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
W Rhodwick
Agt Account. Genl

Comps Gov

The Reg. Collector of Madras
temporarily
is requested to place the
services of Mr. ~~Spottiswoode~~
his assistant
Farmer at the disposal
of the Accountant General
for a special duty

Fort

Dated 11th December 1841

To
Messrs.
The Registrar & Accountant
&
The Chief Secretary
to Government

Dated 11th December 1841

No. 361.

Intimating that the
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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Read letter from the Ag. Accts. General
No. 361 dated 11th March 1871.

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Order thereon. 13th March 1871 No. 105.

H. E. the G. in C. approves
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from the 18th Inst. or from
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may be ready, to assist in the verification of the cash & notes.

2. With reference to para 12 the Comr. of Police will arrange for the provision of a suitable guard for the escort of the Treasure during its transit from the Mint to the Acct. Genl's Office. Orders will be issued in the Military Dept. for the provision of a permanent guard over the Treasure at the Acct. Genl's Office.

3. Paragraph 16. will be communicated to the P. W.D. in view to the issue of the necessary orders to expedite the completion of the vaults.

H.C.S.

Note
The treasure is, it is believed, now guarded by military at the Mint. The military will it is presumed continue to furnish a guard at the A.G. Office. Two guards will be necessary while the treasure is partly at the Mint & partly at the A.G. Office during the transfer. As the transfer will be effected during the Day it is submitted that the escort may be furnished

The Accountant General [illegible] 13/3 inst
Comr of Police Bombay
Collector of Customs "
Superintendent Govt Telegraph Department "
Military Dept "
P.W. Depart. "

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Lieut. Col. Wilson

Govt. of {1871} Madras.

Fwd.

to Ag. Accountant Genl.

Dated March 13.

Rec'd

Encl.

G. O. 13 March, 1871, No 145

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