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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Finance DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1339 Press Mis.

51-52.

Dated 4-10- 1872.

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No. 51. Read the following letter from the Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Simla, 23rd September 1872, No. 3031:—

With reference to your letter, No. 849, dated 2nd July 1872, transmitting copy of a report on the working of the Assay Department, Madras, I am desired to forward a copy of a letter from the Assay Master, Calcutta, No. 23, dated 30th August 1872, and to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor of Madras, you will be good enough to favour the Government of India with His Excellency's opinion on Dr. Shekleton's proposal to close the Assay Office at Madras.

From Surgeon-Major J. F. SHEKLETON, Assay Master, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Calcutta Mint, 30th August 1872, No. 23.

With reference to a copy of the report on the working of the Assay Office at Madras for one year ending May 30th, 1872, transmitted with your Memorandum, No. 1578, of the 31st ultimo, for my opinion as to how the arrangement has worked, I have the honour to observe that the results, so far as expenditure is concerned, do not seem very encouraging. The outlay for establishment amounts to Rupees 3,300, the gain by seigniorage to Rupees 1,823-9-5, leaving a deficit on the year's operations of Rupees 1,476-6-7.

2. The amount of bullion dealt with was insignificant, and it hardly seems necessary to continue an establishment which affords no real convenience to the public, and is maintained at a considerable loss to Government.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1872, No. 1339.

Ordered that copy of the foregoing letter, with its enclosure, be forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce, Madras, with reference to their Chairman's letter, dated the 23rd August 1871, and for any remarks they may desire to offer.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Chamber of Commerce, Madras.
,, Chemical Examiner in charge of the Assay Office.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras.
FINANCIAL.
To
THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Madras, &c., &c., &c.
Dated October, 4th. 1872.
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G. O., 4th October 1872, No. 1339.
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Nos. 51-52.
Forwarding, for remarks, copy of a letter from the Government of India, with its enclosure, requesting opinion as to the expediency of closing the Assay Office at Madras.

H. M's Assay Office
Calcutta Mint
August 30th 1872

No. 23

From

The Assay Master

To

The Secretary to the Government of India
Financial Department

Sir

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I have the honor to be &c.

Sd/ J. F. Shekleton

Surgeon Major

Assay Master.

/A true copy/

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To

The Chief Secretary to the

Government of Fort St George

Fincl Deptt Sir,

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Simla

The 23rd September 1872

H Bullock

Offg Under Secretary to Govt of India

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From the Government of India

Financial Department

Dated 23rd September

Recd. 1st October 1872

No. 3031.

Rec. No. 1933

Forwarding a paper on the subject of requesting opinion as to the expediency of closing the Assay Office at Madras.

Put on Order

Dated 4 Oct 1872 No. 1339

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The Chamber of Commerce Madras
" Chemical Examiner, in charge of the Assay Office } desp. 9/10

Closed ... Chief ...

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

Financial.

To,

The Chamber of Commerce
Madras.
&c.

Dated Octr. 4
Recd. Read.

G. O. 4th October, 1872, No. 1339.

Nos. 51-52.

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For remarks of
Forwarding Copy of
a letter from the Govt. of
India, with its enclosure,
requesting opinion as to the
expediency of closing the
Agency Office at Madras.
~~at the Chamber of Commerce~~
~~remarks.~~