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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
20th April 1872.

No. 254. 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 Fort William, 5th April 1872, No. 2487:—

With reference to my telegram of the 10th ultimo, I am desired to forward copy of a letter* which has been received from the Mint Master, reporting that, out of 526 of the Plumbago Melting Pots belonging to the Calcutta Mint, 268 have been broken on the way.

* No. 1076 of the 20th Mar. 1872.

2. I am to call your attention to the waste of valuable property which has been thus caused by the carelessness of the officer who packed these pots at Madras.

From the Mint Master, Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Calcutta, 20th March 1872, No. 1076.

I have the honour to submit a list showing the state in which the crucibles sent from Madras arrived in this Mint. Out of 526 crucibles, 268 were broken and destroyed, and 258 were in good condition.

2. Many of the cases were opened and unpacked in my presence, and the rest in the presence of the Head Mechanical Engineer, and it was found that the breakage was solely due to careless packing.

3. Plumbago crucibles are fragile, and require to be packed all round with straw or with some yielding substance. In this case, the pots were put into one another with nothing intervening, and the piles of pots so formed were packed in the cases with an insufficiency of straw, &c.

4. In many cases the pots were so forced into others that considerable strength was required to remove them.

5. The whole packing exhibited great carelessness, and an ignorance of the material dealt with, and to this alone is due the losses.

List of Crucibles, &c., received per S. S. *Australia* from Madras.

Date.	Case number.	Plumbago Crucibles in good.	Broken Crucibles.	Muffles in good.	Broken Muffles.	Covers in good.	Broken covers.	
1872. Mar. 13th.	14	3	20					
	10	14	8	...	...	...	...	From Garden Reach.
	4	11	11	...	...	...	...	
	25	5	19	...	2	...	...	
	12	13	10	...	...	2	...	
	13	14	7	...	2	...	...	
Mar. 14th.	2	19	10	3	...	...	...	
	24	2	4	...	...	...	...	From Custom House.
	27	1	8	...	...	...	...	
	5	7	9	...	...	...	...	
	19	1	6	...	...	...	...	
	18	1	8	...	...	...	...	
	20	0	7	...	...	...	...	
	7	2	6	...	...	...	...	
	8	2	12	...	...	...	...	
	3	6	9	...	...	...	...	
	15	0	9	...	...	...	...	
	6	8	7	...	...	...	...	
	16	1	8	...	...	...	...	
	1	11	10	...	...	...	...	
	11	7	12	...	...	...	...	
	26	1	5	...	...	...	...	
	9	3	2	...	...	3	7	
	22	2	4	...	...	...	...	
	21	1	6	...	...	...	...	
	23	1	5	...	...	...	...	
	Caskets 5	13	0	...	...	...	...	
	1	15	9	...	...	...	...	
	11	4	5	...	...	...	...	
	2	18	6	...	...	...	...	
	3	12	0	...	...	...	...	
	7	12	1	...	...	...	...	
	6	13	0	...	...	...	...	
	12	6	3	...	...	...	...	
	9	4	7	...	...	...	...	
	10	6	8	...	...	...	...	
	8	6	7	...	...	...	...	
	4	13	0	...	...	...	...	
	...	258	268	3	4	5	7	

(Signed) H. HYDE,
Master of the Mint.

Copy forwarded to the Mint Master for information.

No. 255. Order thereon, 20th April 1872, No. 548.

The General Superintendent of the Public Works Stores and Workshops will be called upon to afford such explanation as he may have to offer in respect of the packing of the Plumbago Melting Pots sent to Calcutta.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Dated April, 20th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 20th April 1872, No. 548.

APRIL.

Nos. 254-255.

Directing that the Superintendent of the Public Works Stores and Workshops be called upon for explanation in respect of the packing of the Plumbago Melting Pots sent to Calcutta, most of which being reported to have been broken on the way from careless packing.

No 1076

Her Majesty's Mint Calcutta
Dated 20th March 1872

From

Lieut Coll H. Hyde R.E.
Mint Master

To.

The Secretary to the Govt of India.
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I[illegible] H. Hyde

Master of the Mint.

List

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		5	7	9					
		19	14	16					
		18	1	8					
		20	"	7					
		7	2	16					
		8	2	12					
		3	6	9					
		15	"	9					
		6	8	7					
		16	1	8					
		1	11	10					
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		26	1	5	"	"	3	7	
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		Caskets 5	13	4					
		1	15	9					
		11	4	5					
		2	18	6					
		3	12	"					
		7	12	1					
		6	13	.					
		12	6	3					
		9	4	7					
		10	6	8					
		8	6	7					
		4	13	.					
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Sd W. Doeg.
Head Mechanical Engineer.

Sd H. Hyde
Master of the Mint

(True Copies)

Sd Walling
Regr. & Asst Deputy

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of Madras -

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Sir
Your Most obedient Servant

Fort William
The 5 April 1872

J. Barbour

Offg Under Secy to the Govt of India

Copy forwarded to the Mint Master for information -

Gl 20th April 72 No 254-255

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The General Superintendent of the Public Works & Works Shops will be called upon to report such explanation as he may have to offer in respect to the packing up the Plumbago Melting Pot sent to Calcutta

To The Public Works Department

Dated 20th April 1872 Despatched

From

Geo. Banks Esq. Govt. Telegraph Engineer & Superintendent

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bengal Public Works Department

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 548 dated 20th instant, calling for explanation in respect to the packing up of the Plumbago Melting Pot sent to Calcutta on the 3rd January 1872 per Steamer "Ganges" - Cancelled by Cancellation Slip No. 1 dated 23rd January 1872.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Servant

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

Financial

To

The Public Works Dept.

Dated 20 Apl. 1872
Rec'd

G. O. 20 apl. 1872 No. 548.

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