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26th July 1872.

No. 211. 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, 19th July 1872, No. 1187 :—

I am directed to forward to you a copy of a letter from the Mint Master, Calcutta, No. 354, dated 27th June 1872, and to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to make arrangements for sending up to Calcutta 50 tons of $2\frac{1}{4}$" straps and 50 tons of $2\frac{1}{2}$" straps of copper for the Calcutta Mint.

Copy forwarded to the Mint Master, Calcutta, for information.

From the Mint Master, Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Calcutta, 27th June 1872, No. 354.

The stock of copper in the Mint on this date is 1,539 maunds fit for coinage, the total of demands for copper coin now in the Mint books, including the order contained in the telegram from Ceylon of date the 24th June will consume 1,338 maunds, hence, when the coinage for Ceylon is finished, the stock in the Mint will be reduced to 201 maunds, and if then any further coinage were ordered for Ceylon or for India, it would be necessary to purchase copper in the market.

2. In communicating with Madras regarding the disposal of the Mint copper in that Presidency, it seemed desirable to send their copper to London, because freight to London was lower than freight to Calcutta, and in London the market was rather better than in Calcutta, also the amount to be disposed of was large enough to reduce rates in Calcutta, but could not affect the London prices, and the proposal, therefore, to ship the copper to Calcutta was given up.

I do not know how this copper has been disposed of, but I understand that 100 tons of it have arrived, consigned to Messrs. George Henderson and Co., and is now in their godowns in Calcutta.

3. The Head Mechanical Engineer has seen this copper, and though it cannot, as was once before stated, be worked up in the Copper Mint for Indian coin, it can be further laminated and worked up in the Silver Mint for the smaller copper coins now ordered for Ceylon.

4. It is not desirable that this Mint should be entirely without copper just now, as it is probable that Ceylon may make further demands on it. I would, therefore, suggest the 50 tons of $2\frac{1}{4}$" straps and 50 tons of $2\frac{1}{2}$" straps be sent up to Calcutta if freight can be obtained on moderate terms, which the shipment I have quoted would seem to show can be obtained.

No. 212. ORDER THEREON, 26th July 1872, No. 991.

Communicated to the Officiating Accountant-General, who will transmit to Calcutta the copper required.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL.

Dated July, 26th.

Read.

Encl.

G. O., 26th July 1872, No. 991.

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Nos. 211-212.

Communicating letter from the Government of India, forwarding copy of a letter from the Mint Master, Calcutta, and requiting that 50 tons each of 2½" and 2¼" copper strips be forwarded to Calcutta.

No. 1187

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras

Financial Dept.

Sir,

I am directed to forward to you a copy of a letter from the Mint Master Calcutta, No 334, dated 27th June 1872, and to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to make arrangements for sending up to Calcutta 50 Tons of 2¼" Strips and 50 Tons of 2½" Strips of Copper for the Calcutta Mint.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt Servant

Simla
The 19th July 1872

J Barbour
Offg. Under Secretary to the
Government of India

Copy forwarded to the Mint Master Calcutta for information.

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Fort Ellis Sept 1
Genl
Fort Shaw
Sir

Respectfully
Your obt Servt
P. D. Vroom
Capt 3d Inf
Asst Adjt Genl

No 1430

Covering letter from
Fort Ellis, Montana T
requesting that 550 rds
each of 2½" & 2½" Copper
Shells, be forwarded
to that Post

Letter Received at Chattanooga July 28th 1872
No 591.

Communicated to the Ord
Department who will
transmit to Columbus
the Copper required

By Ellis
Chief Clerk

To the Secretary of War

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

Financial

To The Accountant Genl.

Dated July. 26
Recd.

G. O. 26 July, 1872, No. 991.

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Comm. letter from the Govt. of India, forwarding copy of a letter from the Mint Master Calcutta & requesting that 50 Cwts each of 2¼ & 2½ Cs per Straits, be forwarded to Calcutta.