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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 7th December 1858.

No. 1. From B. H. ELLIS, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government of Bombay; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Bombay Castle, 12th November 1858, No: 1102.

SIR,

With reference to Mr. Chief Secretary Young's letter, No. 951, dated the 30th September last, I am directed to transmit, for the information of the Government of Fort Saint George, the accompanying copy of a letter, No. 1101, which has, this day, been addressed to the Government of India.

From B. H. ELLIS, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay; to C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, dated 12th November 1858, No. 1101.

SIR,

With reference to Mr. Chief Secretary Young's letter, No. 952, dated the 30th September last, I am directed to state, for the information of the Honorable the President of the Council of India in Council, that the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy has reported that the Officer Commanding the "Auckland" appropriated one box of Rupees (6,000) six thousand for the use of his Vessel, in consequence, it is alleged, of the exchange on Bombay being very low at the time.

2nd. As neither the rate of exchange prevailing at Ceylon (where the boxes were transferred on board the "Pottinger") has been stated, nor a Certificate as to the money being actually required for the use of the Vessel given by Captain Drought, this Government have requested the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy to call upon that Officer to supply this information. They have, at the same time, intimated to Commodore Wellesley their opinion that Captain Drought's proceeding in this matter was most irregular, and their surprise that an Officer of his experience should have displayed so little knowledge of or paid so little attention to the ordinary Rules of the Public Service.

3rd. Captain Drought has submitted the following explanation in respect to the state in which several of the boxes of Treasure were received on board the "Auckland."

"Several of the boxes when received on board at Calcutta were in an unsound state, but covered with Gunny Bag; on getting them ready to send to the Pottinger, I caused extra lids to be nailed on over the Gunny, and having used all our spare plank I caused the Carpenter's crew to proceed to the Pottinger to secure such as were not considered safe, and I directed Lieutenant Fraser to proceed in charge of the Treasure, that, in the event of the boxes requiring further repairs, he could have them attended to."

"The boxes were in several cases old, corners of one or more patched with copper, but whilst on board the "Auckland"; they were kept under hatches, with a sentry over the Hatchway, so as to prevent any person having access to them."

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 774; dated 1st December 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Accountant General in continuation of the correspondence forwarded to him under date the 11th October last, No. 669.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No 774

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last No 609.

Forb & Co.,
1st December 1858.

W. H. B.

To the Acct^{nt} General. (Sup^d O^r)