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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

31st March 1864.

No. 281. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel J. CARPENDALE, R. E., Mint Master; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Mint, 15th February 1864, No. 439.

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, a case of robbery which was during the past month detected outside the Mint, and has been tried at the High Court during the present Session, and the accused parties convicted and sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment with hard labor.

2. From the evidence it appears that Chengulroyen, the Assorter, and Moonesawmy, a Cutter attached to the Silver Laminating room, on several occasions took silver "Disks" to be melted by a Goldsmith, who suspecting dishonesty communicated the circumstance to a Police Inspector, by whom one of them was taken into custody while in the act of putting the Silver pieces into the crucible in which they were to be melted.

3. From the variations of weight of Bullion in passing through the Silver Laminating room by an actual gain in the process of annealing, and a temporary loss in laminating and cutting from chips and dust, a facility for peculating exists, which, notwithstanding all the care and attention of the Superintendent of the department, and the vigilance of the gate-keepers, cannot be entirely obviated. I consider it very expedient therefore that rewards should be given to individuals outside the Mint, who, being in a position to detect pilfering in any of the Mint servants, will bring the

Despatch from the Honorable Court of Directors, dated 20th April No. 20 of 1853, paragraph 4.
Communicated in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 21st June 1853, No. 279.

circumstance to notice in such a manner as may lead to their conviction; and I have the honor to request that agreeably to the order of the late Honorable Court of Directors, I may be allowed to pay to Appasawmy, the Goldsmith referred to, Rupees 100 a sum about the amount of Silver* taken out by the convicted parties, and to charge the same in the Mint Contingent Bills.

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* 87 Silver Disks, value Rupees 97-14-0.

4. It is not known over what period the theft of the 87 Disks extended. On the occasion of the detection referred to above, the man had nine Disks in his possession.

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ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1864, No. 429.

The Governor in Council sanctions the payment of a reward of Rupees (100) one hundred to Appasawmy, the Goldsmith who brought to notice the theft referred to in the foregoing letter. The observations of the Advocate General on this case have been already referred to the Mint Master for his remarks.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Mint Master.

„ Accountant General.
„ Civil Paymaster.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

*True Copy No. 14
24.6.1853*

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