

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras

DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 10th March 1857.

No. 88. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Financial Department, dated 26th February 1857, No. 112.

Read the following letter from J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Secretary to the Mint Committee; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 14th February 1857, No. 45.

SIR,
I have the honor by desire of the Mint Committee, to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Acting Mint Master dated 11th Instant, No. 211, soliciting Government sanction for the purchase of the Steam Engine, which, by Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 4th September last, No. 430, Financial Department, he was allowed to obtain for the use of the Mint.

2. In para. 2 the Acting Mint Master represents the great usefulness of the Machine expediting the operations of the Copper coinage and strongly recommends its permanent transfer to the Mint. The Committee therefore instruct me to request that sanction may be accorded for its purchase by Colonel Cotton at its stock value of Rupees (4,729-2-2) four thousand, seven hundred and twenty-nine, annas two, and pice two.

Letter from Lieutenant Colonel F. C. COTTON, Engineers, Acting Mint Master; to G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., S. D. BIRCH, Esq., and W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Members of the Mint Committee; dated 11th February 1857, No. 241.

GENTLEMEN,
Para. 1st Having been called upon by the Chief Engineer under instructions conveyed in Minutes of Consultation No. 145, of 21st January 1857, to pay for the Steam Engine I borrowed from the Engineer's Department some time ago, I now do myself the honor to forward copy of a letter received from the Chief Engineer's Office in answer to my enquiry as to the cost of the Machine.

2nd. The sum I am expected to pay for this Engine is Rupees 4,729 annas 2 and pice 2, which is a high price, but as it is the property of Government and the purchase and sale is nominal, the only question to be determined is whether it is advisable to lodge the Engine in the Mint rather than elsewhere. On this point there is I think no doubt. By the use of it I am now obtaining as much work as could be done by 24 pairs of bullocks at the cost of 8 pairs; and by its aid I am able to bring into coinage as much copper as can be cut and stamped. Indeed it would laminate a great deal more copper than I could coin, but it is at present actually enabling me to issue 70,000 pieces daily. Under which circumstances I need hardly say that I strongly recommend that the Engine should be purchased by the Mint.

3rd. The Chief Engineer has promised me another Engine somewhat smaller than that now in use; which is also much required; and when I have ascertained the cost of it, I shall do myself the honor of soliciting sanction for the purchase of that also.

Under the circumstances represented by the Acting Mint Master, and considering the great benefit derived from the Steam Engine now in use there, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions its purchase for the Mint at the price of Rupees, (4,729-2-2) four thousand, seven hundred and twenty-nine Rupees, two annas and two pice.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 89. ORDER THEREON, No. 445; dated 9th March 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer
(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

11. The *Financial Department*

N^o 112.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 26th February 1857.

Read the following letter.

N^o 15.

From

L. W. Dreeke Esq^r

Secretary Mint Committee

To

L. Pycroft Esq^r

Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I have the honor by desire
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For St George
Mint Committee Office } Signed J. Dreaker
1st February, 1857. } Secy Mint Committee.

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From Lieut Col. F. C. Cotton Eng^r & Asst Mint Master
To G. L. Prendergast Esq^r
J. D. Birch Esq^r } Mint Committee.
W. H. Bayley Esq^r

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Fort George

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{ Signed / Fred. C. Cotton.

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(Signed) L. Dycroft.

Chief Secretary.

10th Dec 1907

Copy to the Sub Treasurer

Mint Committee

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with enclosure.

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L. Dycroft

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