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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 14th July 1857.

No. 9. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Financial Department, dated 18th June 1857, No. 352.

Read the following letter from J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Secretary Mint Committee; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 12th June 1857, No. 137.

SIR,

I have the honor, by the desire of the Mint Committee, to submit herewith copy of a letter from the Acting Mint Master, dated 9th Instant, No. 43, and to recommend that his request for the sanction of Government to expend Rupees 1,000 upon the construction of a Mill for the Copper Coinage, may be complied with under the circumstances set forth in his letter.

From Lieut. Colonel F. C. COTTON, Engineers, Acting Mint Master.

To G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq.
,, S. D. BIRCH, Esq.
,, W. H. BAYLEY, Esq.
} Mint Committee.

Dated 9th June 1857, No. 43.

GENTLEMEN,

Para. 1. I beg to remind your Committee, that in my letter dated 19th August 1856, when I suggested the establishment of a Copper Department to meet the urgent demand for that coin, I undertook by the aid of a small Steam Engine, and the use of one of the Mills made for the Silver laminating room to begin a Copper Coinage with an expenditure of 1,500 Rupees for which I solicited sanction.

2. You are aware how well that small Department has fulfilled its purpose, and as the large supply of Copper in hand, and indented for, will give full occupation to this Mill, I must now solicit sanction for a sum sufficient to construct a new Mill, either to substitute for that borrowed from the laminating room, or to admit of my returning that lately used for Copper to its proper position in the Silver laminating room.

3. I require 1,000 Rupees for this purpose which will be added to the cost of the Copper apparatus. The grants for which will then amount in all to Rupees 6,243 annas 7 and pice 3.

4. I do not hesitate to make this demand as the Mill has already been very profitable, and yielded a return not only far greater than the sum spent upon it, but very much greater than I anticipated when I set it up.

5. Full accounts of the working of the Copper Department will shortly be prepared and submitted.

The Government approve of the proposed construction of a new Mill for the Copper Coinage at an outlay of Rupees (1,000) one thousand, and direct that orders be issued through the Public Works Department for the execution of the work.

(True Extract and Copies.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, No. 1312; dated 8th July 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer, with intimation, that the Mill for the Copper Coinage, sanctioned in the above Minutes of Consultation, at a cost of (1,000) one thousand Rupees, is to be executed out of the one lac fund in the Department of the Civil Architect, and under the direct order of the Mint Master.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 352.

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(True Extract and Copies.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Mint Committee.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. H. Morgan.

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Approving of the proposed construction of a new Mill for the Copper Coinage at an outlay of Rs. 1000 and directing that orders be issued through the P.W.D. for the execution of the Works.

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J. W. St. George
8th July 1857

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