

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	507	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	18-5-	1866

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

18th May 1866.

No. 94. Read the following letter from the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 27th March 1866, No. 55.

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, the want of a Coin Cabinet for the Museum. The Iron lined glass cases now used for that purpose are full, and I have upwards of two hundred coins which, for want of room, I am obliged to keep in my writing table drawer, and other coins will reach me shortly both from Bombay and Bengal.

2. As this is a want I could not foresee when my Budget Estimate was prepared, I trust that Government will be pleased to authorize the Barrack Master to supply me with a Cabinet, according to a plan which I will explain to him. The cost will probably be from 200 to 250 Rupees.

3. The present method of keeping the coins, in glass cases exposed to public view, is very unsafe, and differs from that in use in every Museum in Europe, where the coins are kept in shallow drawers in a strong Cabinet enclosed by folding doors, and the coins can only be examined in the presence of the Officer in charge, or an equally trustworthy subordinate. This plan should be adopted here, and the first step will be the making of the Cabinet for which I now ask.

4. I need not observe that the value of a coin is often many hundred per cent. beyond the intrinsic value of the metal. I have, for instance, a Rupee in the Museum for which Rupees 25 were paid, but only one other copy of this coin is known to be in existence, and if this were stolen it could not be re-placed. The present method of keeping the coins exposed to public view is a standing temptation to the needy and evil disposed, and should be abandoned as early as possible.

No. 95. ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1866, No. 507.

The Governor in Council authorizes the Barrack Master to comply with the requisition of the Superintendent of the Government Central Museum for a Cabinet, for the safe custody of the coins now in the Museum. As the Government have decided that it is not expedient at present to incur any expenditure in the purchase of additional coins, it is probable that a smaller Cabinet than that contemplated by Captain Mitchell, when he wrote the letter above recorded, will be sufficient for the purpose.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent, Government Central Museum,

„ Barrack Master.

„ Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Government Central Museum
Madras 27th March 1866

From

Captain J. Mitchell

Suptl Government C. Museum

To

The Honorable A. L. Sutherland

Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

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Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant.

For the Captain
Supt. Government Museum

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter
from the Superintendent of the
Central Museum.

(Dated 27 March 1866)

Order No. 185 May 1866 No. 507.

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authorizes the District Magistrate
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To the Supt. Govt. Central Museum
" District Magistrate
" District General

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The Government Council

cannot sanction any

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decided in the separate

proceedings of the Council.

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To the Supt. Govt. Museum
of Coins.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 8th May 1865. Dated 8th May 1865.