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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

24th July 1877, No. 1973.

Treasure.

Read the following papers:—

No. 160. *From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of Kistna, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Masulipatam, 9th July 1877, No. 1446.*

With reference to G.O., No. 458, dated 7th February 1877, Financial Department, I have the honor to report that it has not had any effect in securing the more careful shipment of coin from the Bank of Madras.

2. On the 16th June 1877, the S.S. *Ethiopia* came into the roads with seventeen boxes of treasure for this port at 5 P.M. Captain Richardson, the Master Attendant, who had been out all day waiting her arrival—she was expected at daylight—went on board and found no outer rings on any of the boxes and no gunny bags on some of them. The unloading began, and before long a box, which by the invoice is No. 7 but on which the marks were 1-41-4, was brought up, from which the 2 Anna pieces fell in a large quantity on deck.

3. The Captain of the ship kept the box to have it examined at Calcutta.

4. Captain Richardson apprehended that the box had been forced in the steamer, but a reference to Messrs. Binny and Co. has elicited from them that the receipt given by the officer on the ship was “boxes badly marked and old. Not responsible for correct delivery. Five boxes split.” The fact of all this bad packing and bad marking was only known, it would seem, to the Bank on my suggestion that they should find out from Messrs. Binny and Co. what receipt the ship's officer had given.

5. If they did know, it would have been only decent to telegraph the state of these packages.

6. If they did not, it seems to me they should do so in future, and should also be directed to telegraph if they are in bad order.

7. I have not received G.O., No. 315, August 1876, Marine Department; but if it be to the effect that the Master Attendant is to receive charge of

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the boxes, I think that some means must be taken to enforce the proper packing of treasure, and that the officer who has to receive it should be allowed to refuse to take delivery after dusk.

8. The boxes on examination here turn out to be some of them of the very flimsiest kind; half inch plank secured by twelve nails with an iron band around them also only secured by nails.

9. I think it is very questionable whether the gunny covers should not be forbidden. Captain Richardson attributes his escape from taking charge of this particular box to the fact that it had none, for it was due to that that the fact that the money was escaping was known.

10. It seems to me that, if the boxes be good strong ones and the money properly packed in bags, it is safer if there are gunny covers.

No. 1386.

Referred to the Accountant-General for disposal—the letter to be returned with his report, in due course.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
14th July 1877.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

No. 161. *From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 17th July 1877, No. 439.*

In returning the letter of the Collector of Kistna, No. 1446, dated 9th instant, referred to me for report, I have the honor to state that this office has already brought to the notice of the Comptroller-General the bad packing therein alluded to which was the fault of the Bank of Bengal, Calcutta.

No. 162. ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1877, No. 1973.

Communicated to the Collector of the Kistna District, with reference to his letter dated 9th July 1877, No. 1446.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

[Signature]
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Collector of the Kistna District.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Accountant-General.

Exd. J. W. Lewis.

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Treasure.—Communicating letter from Accountant-General stating that the carcases packing of certain treasure shipped for Masulipatam per S.S. *Albion* has been brought to the notice of the Comptroller-General, Calcutta.

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To THE COLLECTOR OF THE
KISINA DISTRICT,
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