

Fort William 23. August 1850.

Foreign
Receipts

To Civil Auditor.

No. 1536 of 1850.

No. 181.

From, The off. Inchargey: to the Govt. of India.

To, The Civil Auditor.

Fort William.

Foreign Receipts. No.

I am directed to inform you that the Sub Treasurer has been authorized to discharge the Bill for Contingent charges incurred in the office of the Foreign Secretary in the Department of Native Correspondence for the month of July 1850 amounting to Rs. 57.1. " Fifty seven one anna. -

I have the honor to be Sir,

Fort William.

The 19. Aug. 1850.

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/Signed/ W. Grey.

Off. Inchargey: to the Govt. of India.

Ordered that the following despatches from Lieut. Colonel Mackeson and Captain Ramsay dated the 6. ultimo and the Minute written by the Governor General with reference thereto dated the 15. instant be here recorded. -

Lieut. Colonel Mackeson C.B.

and Captain Ramsay.

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From, Brevet Lieut. Colonel F. Mackeson C.B.

14. Regiment N. I. and

Captain J. Ramsay

H.M.'s 22. Regiment of Foot.

Military Secretary S.A.D.B. to the Governor General.

To

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Order

To
The Most Noble
The Governor General of India.

Gen. Gen. Gen.

Dated London, July 6. 1850.

My Lord,

We have the honor to report for your Lordship's information, our arrival in England in H.M. Ship Medea on the 29th of June at Plymouth, from which place we reported our arrival to the Honble the Chairman of the Court of Directors, forwarding at the same time your Lordship's letter, that, to the address of the Honble the Chairman of the Court of Directors, and, that, to the address of the Right Honble the President of the Board of Control; H.M. Ship Medea then proceeded, by order of the Admiral at Plymouth to Spithead, which place she reached on the morning of the 30th of June, and on the evening of July 1st, Mr. Onslow the Private Secretary to the Honble the Chairman arrived at Portsmouth with letters of instructions from the Secretary to the Court of Directors, of which we enclose copies, directing us to proceed at once to London to the India House with our charge; in accordance with these instructions we quitted H.M. Ship Medea with our charge, on the morning of the 2^d July at half past 10 o'clock A.M. and proceeded by railroad to London, we company with Mr. Onslow, and delivered the gem called the Koh-i noor in the hands of the Honble the Chairman, and of the Deputy Chairman, of the Court of Directors in presence of Mr. Melville the Secretary to the Honble Court, and we have the honor herewith to enclose their receipt.

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2. The day after having delivered over charge of the gem, it came to our knowledge that some discussion had taken place on the previous day in the Court, in consequence of the jewel not having been delivered over by us, in the identical boxes in which it had been confided to our charge. viz. in a despatch box and fire proof box under your Lordship's seal but in a small fire proof box, locked, but unsecured by any seal. —

We immediately addressed a letter to Mr. Melville the Secretary to the Board of Directors explaining fully the circumstances which obliged us to break your Lordship's seals and satisfy ourselves of the presence of the diamonds in the fire proof box, when resuming charge of it from the Treasurer at Bombay; a copy of this letter is enclosed for your Lordship's information, and we have been verbally assured by the Secretary to the Court, on the part of the Chairman, that the explanation given is perfectly satisfactory, and that the circumstances of there being no Court to be held until the 10th instant has alone prevented our receiving this assurance in writing. We from the first considered ourselves authorized to be guided by circumstances in the measures we might adopt for the safe custody of the jewel and under this feeling we did not deem it necessary when reporting to your Lordship our having conveyed the jewel on board the *Presen* in safety, to enter into the detailed explanation which has since been called for by the questions having been raised in the Court. —

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Cantt. 3. We shall have the honor of forwarding the duplicate of the
chairman's receipt by the next mail, together with the copy
of the answer that we may receive to our letter to the Secretary
to the Court of Directors. —

We have the honor to be Sir

/Signed/ F. MacRaeon Lt. Col.

14th Regt. N. I.

/"/ J. Ramsay Captain.

22nd Regiment.

Military Secretary and A. D. C.

to the Governor General.

P.S. Since closing the above we have received the answer
of the Secretary to the Court of Directors referred to in the last
Paragraph No. 3 of this letter, and have the honor herewith to annex
a copy of it for your Lordship's information. —

/Signed/ F. MacRaeon Lt. Col.

14th Regt. N. I.

/"/ J. Ramsay Captain 22nd Regt.

Military Secy: A. D. C.

/True copy/

/Signed/ H. M. Elliot

Secy: to the Govt of India.

With the Gov. General.

/Copy/

A. 183. The Gem termed the Koh-i-noor has this day been received by
the chairman and deputy chairman for the Honble Court of Directors,
from Lieut. Colonel MacRaeon C.B. and Captain Ramsay, Her
Majesty's 22nd Foot, by whom it has been conveyed to England
on the part of the Governor General of India. —
East India House Witness.

London, 2^d July 1850.

/Signed/ J. B. Mehill.

/Signed/ John Shepherd

Chairman.

/True copy/

/Signed/ H. M. Elliot Secy: to the Govt of India.
With the Gov. Genl.