

For William the 14<sup>th</sup> June 1850

For: Deptt  
No. 76

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No. 205.

From,

H. Melvill Esquire  
Secy. to the Board of Adm.

To,

Major G. H. Macgregor C. B.  
Deputy Commr. Lahore.  
Walled Lahore the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1850

General Report  
By direction of  
Sir H. M. Lawrence  
K. B. President  
G. G. Mansel Esq<sup>r</sup>  
and  
J. Lawrence Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Members.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Ad-  
ministration to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter No. 174 dated the 20<sup>th</sup> Ultimo.  
The Board are much obliged to you  
for the trouble you have taken to obtain  
authentic particulars relative to the "Koh-i-noor"  
and for the very interesting account you have  
thus been able to give of this celebrated gem.

Your letter will be forwarded immediately  
to the Government of India, under whose instructions  
you were called upon to prepare the narrative.

Lahore  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
1850

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To Lieutenant Colonel Mackeson C. B.  
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To,

Lieutenant Colonel Mackeson, C. B.  
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Fort William the 14<sup>th</sup> June 1850

Sir,

Having received instructions from the Honble Court of Directors to transmit to England the gem called the Koh-i-noor with every possible precaution for its safety, I have brought the jewel from Lahore to Bombay in my own possession.

Entertaining full confidence in your integrity, discretion and judgment, I have resolved to entrust to you in conjunction with Captain Ramsay my Military Secretary, the duty of conveying it from hence to England; and I have this day delivered it into your charge.

It has been intimated to me that H. M. Steamship Medea will be placed immediately under my orders. On the arrival of this ship at Bombay you will be so good as to deliver to the Officer in command the enclosed despatch which contains the instructions necessary for his guidance.

On his intimating to you that the ship is ready to proceed to England, you will convey your charge on board and will endeavour to reach your destination with as little delay as possible.

Every possible precaution must be taken by you for its safe conveyance on board the ship, and for its custody under the joint care of Capt. Ramsay and yourself during the voyage.

When you reach England you will forthwith report your arrival to the Chairman of the Honble East India Company, forwarding at the same time the enclosed despatches to the Chairman of the Court and to the President of the Board of Control. You will then await on board the receipt of instructions from the Honble Court of Directors.

On delivering the Koh-i-noor into the hands of the person or persons appointed to receive it, you will

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will obtain their signatures to the enclosed receipts, two of which you will transmit to the Government of India by the earliest opportunity.

You will be so good as to report to me your departure for England, and any occurrence which it may be desirable to communicate to the Government.

Bombay } I have Dec  
The 1<sup>st</sup> February 1850 } / D<sup>y</sup> Dalhousie

/ True Copy /  
/ D<sup>y</sup> E. C. Bayley  
Un. Secy: to the Govt of India  
With the Governor General.

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The gun termed the Moh-i-noor has this day been received by for the Honble Court of Directors from Lieutenant Colonel Mackeson C. B. and Captain Ramsay R. M. 22<sup>nd</sup> foot, by whom it has been conveyed to England on the part of the Governor General of India.

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Un. Secy: to the Govt of India  
With the Governor General

To Captain James Ramsay  
Military Secretary to the Governor General  
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To,  
Captain James Ramsay.  
Military Secretary to the Governor General  
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Sir, Having received instructions from the Honble Court of Directors to transmit to England the gun called the Moh-i-noor with every possible precaution