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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 23. Despatch from the Honorable Court of Directors.

No. 86 of 1857.

OUR GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

1. The Pyx Coins of our Indian Mints, of the year 1856, having been Assayed and examined by the Assayers of the Royal Mint, we forward in the packet, copy of the report of the Master of the Mint thereon.

2. You will observe that the Coins of all the Indian Mints are accurate in regard to weight. The Silver Coins of the Calcutta Mint "are close upon Standard, while the Madras Coins continue a little below and the Bombay Coins a little above Standard." The Gold Mohurs from Calcutta being just within the "remedy," or margin of fineness allowed by Law, would bear an increase of fineness to the extent of one-thousandth. The single Gold Mohur from Bombay is unexceptionable as regards fineness.

3. You will furnish the Governments of Madras and Bombay with a copy of the report.

We are &c.,

(Signed) ROSS D. MANGLES,

(") F. CURRIE,

and other Directors.

COPY.

ROYAL MINT,

15th October 1857.

SIR CHARLES E. TREVELYAN, K. C. B.,

&c., &c., &c.,

SIR,

	Gold.	Oz.	
Clip.....		2.301	The Examination of the Pyx Coins of the Indian Mints transmitted to me by directions of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury with your letter of the 7th July last, being completed, I have the honor to return the Bullion remaining and to report on the weight and fineness of the Coins.
Fine.....		0.597	
	Silver.	Oz.	
Clip.....		57.745	
Fine.....		13.753	

As on former occasions the Coins were cut into halves and distributed to Dr. Hofmann and Dr. Miller, Assayers of the Royal Mint, by whom every Coin was separately assayed and reported upon. The Silver Assays are uniformly made by the humid process.

The weight of all the Coins from the three Mints continues highly accurate. In regard to the fineness of the Silver Coins, the same observations may be made as last year. The Calcutta Coins are close upon standard (916.7) while the Madras Coins continue a little below and the Bombay Coins a little above standard. The small irregularity remarked is likely to disappear when the humid process of Assay comes into practice at these Mints. The quantity of Gold coined is not great, but the Calcutta Mohurs might be increased in fineness by one-thousandth with advantage, being just within the "remedy" or margin of fineness allowed by law in England.

The single Gold Pyx Piece sent from Bombay is unexceptionable in point of fineness.

(Signed) THOMAS GRAHAM.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) ARTHUR GUNN,

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 2nd March 1858.

Weight and Fineness of Coins issued by the Indian Mints in 1856.

No. of Coins.		Total Weight.	Average Weight of each piece.	Mean of the two Assayer's Reports.
		Oz.	Grains.	
7	Calcutta Gold Mohurs.....	2.6235	179.89713	9153.928
72	" Silver Rupees.....	26.9985	179.99000	9165.284
12	" " Half do.	2.2500	90.00000	9172.166
24	" " Quarter do.	2.2465	44.92992	9169.187
16	" " Two Anna Pieces.....	0.7485	22.45488	9166.937
60	Madras Silver Rupees	22.5020	180.01440	9161.725
17	" " Quarter do.	1.5945	45.02112	9156.794
14	" " Two Anna Pieces.....	0.6560	22.49142	9160.285
1	Bombay Gold Mohur.....	0.3751	180.04800	9170.000
40	" Silver Rupees.....	14.9930	179.91600	9182.425
3	" " Half do.	0.5610	89.76000	9175.500
2	" " Quarter do.	0.1878	45.07200	9186.500
1	" " Two Anna Piece.....	0.0470	22.56000	9174.000

No. 638.

Copy of the foregoing correspondence forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George for information.

FORT WILLIAM,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,
The 27th January 1858. }

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,

Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 24.

ORDER THEREON, No. 136; dated 2nd March 1858.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Despatch and its enclosure be furnished to the Mint Committee, with reference to their letter of the 6th January 1857, No. 3, and for communication to the Mint and Assay Masters.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

N^o 136

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Fort St George
2nd March 1858 - 3

To the Mint Committee
with copy of Despatch
& its enclosure } Disptⁿ 5th

Thomas Brown & Son is in receipt of the same as regards the same.
You will find with the same the same of the same.

18th Dec 1837
J. A. Wilson

J. A. Wilson and others
Directors

(Type Copy)
(Signed) THOMAS BROWN
(Signed) J. A. WILSON

Exd. J. A. Wilson.