

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	272	Press Mis.
Dated	11. 5.	1859

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
from 11th to 17th May 1859.*

No. 7. Read the following letter from S. D. BIRCH, Esq., Sub-Treasurer; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 5th May 1859,
No. 15.

The portion of Treasure, Rupees 44,747, recovered from the Steam ship "Ava," which was landed here by the Steamer "Canning" and H. M. S. "Chesapeake, and under the Orders of Government of 8th December last, No. 787, carried to the credit of the "General Government of India" was found on examination to be so encrusted with matter of some sort, as to render the Rupees unfit for circulation.

2. All attempts to clean them here having failed, I remitted a small portion to the Mint, and requested the Acting Mint Master to inform me, whether they could be made available for use and what the expense would be. That Officer stated in reply, that the whole amount could be properly cleaned and for the sum of Rupees five. I accordingly forwarded the Remittance to him.

3. I have now the honor to state, that the Acting Mint Master has informed me, that he has put the Rupees through the process he conceived would restore them to their original condition, but that they have not turned out as he expected, that "the surface still bears a dead white discoloration which cannot be removed without rendering the pieces too light for issue." He therefore recommends that they should be re-melted.

4. I have seen the Coins and concur with the Mint Master. I have therefore to request the sanction of Government for treating them as Uncurrent Rupees sent to the Mint for re-coinage.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1859, No. 272.

Under the circumstances brought to notice, the Government authorize the Treasure referred to amounting to Rupees 44,747 being forwarded to the Mint for re-coinage.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Order thereon dated 11 May 1892

Under the circumstances brought to notice, the
Govd authorize the Treasurer to
pay to amounting to Rs. 44,747.
being forwarded to the Mint
for pressing.
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To the Sub Treasurers
in Mint Committee } Dispd 10"
" Accountant Genl.