

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

Financial

G.O. No.

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Dated

30 - 7 - 1859

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
from 30th July to 5th August 1859.*

No. 3. Read the following letter from Major CHARLES A. ORR, Mint Master; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 27th July 1859, No. 112.

With reference to the orders of Government, under date the 23rd July 1859, No. 408, directing me to dispose of the whole of the Gold Coins lately transferred from the General Treasury to the Mint, both Current and Uncurrent as Bullion, I have the honor to request that you will inform me, whether it is the wish of Government, that the latter should be sold without defacement, as it was the receipt of instructions from the Accountant General to deface all the Uncurrent Coins before disposing of them that induced me to recommend their being melted, as the readiest mode of converting them into Bullion previous to offering them for sale at the market value of that commodity; the object being, Mr. Prendergast stated, to prevent their being put again into circulation, and tendered at any of the Provincial Treasuries in payment of Revenue, the Government of India being anxious to withdraw all obsolete and Uncurrent Coins, and to have one uniform currency throughout British India.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 30th July 1859, No. 424.

The Mint Master is informed that the Uncurrent Gold Coins are to be defaced before being sold.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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