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No. 26. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated London, 14th October 1859, No. 27.

I forward in the Packet, copy of a Report from the Master of the Royal Mint on the Pyx coins of the Indian Mints for the year 1858, which shews a satisfactory result both in weight and fineness as regards the coins issued from your Mint.

From GEORGE A. HAMILTON, Esq.; to J. C. MELVILL, Esq., dated 20th September 1859.

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit herewith, for the information of Secretary Sir Charles Wood, copy of a Report from the Master of the Mint on the Pyx coins of the Calcutta, Madras and Bombay Mints, which were transmitted in your letter of the 22nd of June last.

From THOMAS GRAHAM, Esq.; to G. A. HAMILTON, Esq., dated 8th September 1859.

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 29th
1018927/6. June last, being completed, I have the honor to report on the weight and fineness of the coins and to return the Bullion remaining.

Silver clipgs. oz..... .... 71·600.
Fine Silver..... ..... 17·905.
Gold clipgs..... .... 1·545.
Fine Gold..... 0·2951.

The coins are first weighed singly by the Mint Balance, then cut into halves and as on former occasions distributed to Dr. Hofmann and Dr. Miller, Assayers of the Royal Mint, by whom each coin was separately assayed and reported upon. The silver assays are uniformly made by the humid process.

In point of weight, the Mintage continues unexceptionable at all the Presidencies. The assay of the Rupee is also sufficiently close for Calcutta and Madras. At Bombay the fineness of the Rupee has been allowed to rise about 0·2 per cent above standard. This deviation is not considerable, but it still is greater I believe than could well occur where the liquid process of assaying was practised as it is at the Calcutta Mint.

WEIGHT and Fineness of coins issued by the Indian Mints in 1858.

No. of Pieces.	Presidency.	Denomination of coin.	Weight in ounces.	Average weight of each piece in grains.	Proportion of Gold or Silver in 1000 parts.
5	Calcutta.....	Gold Mohurs.....	1·874	179·904	916·500
70	„	Silver Rupees.....	26·263	180.089	917·175
20	„	„ Half do.....	3·749	89·976	917·0251
20	„	„ Quarter do.....	1·877	45·048	916·872
20	„	„ Two Anna pieces.	0·941	22·584	916·770
70	Madras.....	„ Rupees.....	26·266	180·109	916·861
15	„	„ Half do.....	2·811	89·952	916·333
25	„	„ Quarter do.....	2·345	45·024	915·874
22	„	„ Two Anna pieces.	1·030	22·472	915·854
70	Bombay.....	„ Rupees.....	26·249	179·993	918·702

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1859, No. 635.

Ordered that a copy of this Despatch and the Report therein referred to, be furnished to the Mint Master for his information.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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No. 28. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated London, 14th October 1859, No. 28.

I forward in the Packet, a Statement of the sums which have been paid and received on account of the Madras Medical Fund from the 1st November 1858, to the 30th April 1859, shewing a balance due from the Fund of twenty-four thousand, seven hundred and sixty-one Pounds, seventeen Shillings and seven Pence, (£24,761-17-7,) which you will require to be adjusted with Interest, as usual.

No. 28 A. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1859, No. 635 A.

Ordered that a copy of this Despatch, with the Statement therein referred to, be forwarded to the Accountant General for his information and guidance, and that a transcript of the same be also furnished to the Directors of the Medical Fund.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Read the following Despatches from the Right Honble the Secy. of State for India.

Dated 14th Octr. Nos. 27 & 28 of 1859

Order thereon 18th November 1859. No. 633

Despatch 14th October No. 27 of 1859

Forwards a Report from the Master of the Royal Mint on the Types of the Indian Mints for the year 1858

Ordered that a copy of this Despatch & the Report therein referred to be furnished to the Mint Master for his information.

Despatch 14th October No. 28 of 1859.

Forwards a Statement of sums paid & received on account of the Madras Medical Fund from 1st November 1858 to 30th April 1859.

Ordered that a copy of this Despatch, with the Statement therein referred

referred to, be forwarded to the Acctt. General for his information & guidance, and that a transcript of the same be also furnished to the Directors of the Medical Fund--

Para 1. To the Paint Master. with Desp. No. 27
2. —"— Acctt. General
(with original Statement)
"——" Directors of the Medical Fund. } Despt. No. 28.

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