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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, for the month of December 1859.

No. 1. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, dated London, 14th October 1859, No. 102.

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. The report shews a satisfactory result both in weight and fineness as regards the coins issued from the Calcutta and Madras Mints. Those issued from the Bombay Mint are unexceptionable in weight but they are about 0·2 per cent above standard, which Mr. Graham is of opinion could not "well occur where the liquid process "of assaying is practised as it is in the Calcutta Mint." The attention of the Government of Bombay has been called to this defect.

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., &c., &c., &c., 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
10189 $\frac{3}{6}$. 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. oz....	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

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

FORT WILLIAM,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,
The 24th November 1859.

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 23rd December 1859, No. 693.

Ordered to be communicated to the Mint Master, and through him to the Assay Master.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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To the Mint Master. Disp.d 5th