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Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

Financial

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
for the month of April 1860.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 18. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th February 1860, No. 882.

Read the following letters:

No. 6221 from H. D. Phillips, Esq., Civil Service, dated 15th	in Con. 15th Decr. 1859.
„ 3706 „ Ganjam „ 16th	„ 26th July „ No. 213.
„ 4721 „ Rajahmundry „ 14th	„ 21st Sept. „ „ 141.
„ 4681 „ Bellary „ 16th	„ 19th „ „ „ 136.
„ 545 „ Tanjore „ 31st Jany.	„ 4th Feby. 1860, „ 17.
„ 3617 „ Trichinopoly „ 18th	„ 21st July 1859, „ 145.
„ 5457 „ Madura „ 29th Octr.	„ 3rd Novr. „ 211.
„ 5028 „ Canara „ 3rd	„ 8th Octr. „ „ 173.
„ 3572 „ Malabar „ 13th	„ 19th July „ „ 171.
„ 5976 „ Mr. Newill, „ 30th Novr.	„ 1st Decr. „
„ 3870 „ Enam Commissioner „ 30th July	„ 2nd Augt. „ „ 83.
„ 3666 „ Inspector General of Jails „ 16th	„ 23rd July „ „ 297.
„ 4374 „ Special Asst. to Enam Comr. „ 29th Augt.	„ 2nd Sept. „
„ 4512 „ Deputy Collector Masulipatam „ 6th	„ 11th „ „ „ 9.
„ 3949 „ „ Tanjore „ 5th	„ 8th Augt „

Resolved that the above letters be submitted to Government with reference to their Orders dated 14th June 1859, Financial Department, No. 335, on Colonel F. C. Cotton's observations and suggestions regarding the circulation of small Coin in the Provinces.

2. The Government will perceive from these papers that the existence of any scarcity of small Coins is doubted by several persons whose opinions merit consideration. It seems to the Board however that it is needless to discuss this part of the subject or the larger financial question it involves. There can be no doubt that a sufficiency of small Coin is essential for the convenience and interests of the people and it is far more important to consider how any deficiency can in future be supplied or prevented.

3. With this view the Board would suggest the following measures, some of which are already partially adopted:

I. The disbursement in small Coin and Copper of all public salaries under a certain stated amount, to be fixed by the Accountant General.

II. The payment of a certain portion of larger salaries in similar Coins.

III. The payment of a certain portion of all other public disbursements, in similar Coins whenever the payee raises no objection.

IV. The issue of such Coins in full of all payments when desired by the recipients and practicable without inconvenience to the Treasury.

V. The issue by all Public and Military Departments in their payments of as much of these Coins as possible.

4. The Board are not aware whether the Accountant General would object to change in small Silver or Copper Coins being given for Rupees at Tálug as well as Hoozzoor Treasuries to any person who desires it. If allowed, such a concession the Board consider would be a great convenience to the public and would also meet the object Government have in view.

5. It will be for the Accountant General to arrange for a constant and sufficient supply of small Silver Coin and Copper in every District so as to admit of these measures being carried out. It will also be for the Accountant General and for Collectors under his instructions, to take care that the Hoozzoor and Tálug Treasuries and Shroffs do not endeavour to restrict the circulation of small Coins. The Board receive no returns or reports which would make them to exercise any control in this respect and it seems scarcely desirable or necessary that they should interfere in a matter which is clearly the province of the financial adviser of Government.

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6. The Board by no means agree with Colonel F. Cotton, as to the propriety of selling Copper Coins at a discount.

7. They consider that it would be mistaken policy on the part of Government to force any particular Coin in circulation. The people are themselves the best judges of their own wants and interests and all that Government in the Board's judgment ought to do is, to ensure a sufficiency of small Coins being available and to remove every obstacle to their free circulation. If the people will not take them when thus at their command, the inference is obvious that they do not, whatever the cause may be, require them and the Board fail to see what advantage Government or the country would gain from endeavouring to force a larger supply on the people than they require.

8. Another objection to General Cotton's proposal is, that much of the copper thus purchased at a discount from Government would be paid back to Government at par, in liquidation of assessment and other public demands. The very large number of land-holders paying less than 10 Rupees per annum to Government (and even this petty sum in instalments) renders this objection weighty.

9. As the issue of small Coins is more troublesome and tedious than that of whole Rupees, the Board would suggest a supply of instruments to admit of their being weighed, when issued to any amount, with facility and accuracy. Improved balances for Collectors' Treasuries were proposed so far back as 1855, but, the Board believe, have not yet been issued. Any mechanical appliance which will reduce the business of counting by hand to a minimum, will remove one inducement which naturally leads the Government Shroffs to avoid issuing small Coins.

10. The bulk and weight of the larger Copper currency must, the Board think, restrict its employment and it seems deserving of consideration whether the issue of Silver Coins of one Anna value and the substitution of some more convenient metal for Copper may not be desirable.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

T. T. PYCROFT, Esq.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
for the month of April 1860.*

No. 19. Proceedings of Government, in the Public Works Department, dated 27th February 1860, No. 417.

Forwarding, with reference to an Order in the Financial Department, copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, submitting letters from the Collectors of the different districts, regarding the quantity of small Coin received from Madras and sent into circulation by them in each half year, from January 1856 to the present time.

Vide Proceedings, P. W. Department, from 21st to 29th February 1860, Nos. 77 & 78.

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ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1860, No. 146.

With the above Proceedings the Board of Revenue submit the replies which they have received from the several Revenue Officers in the Provinces to the references made to them in respect to Lieutenant Colonel (now Major General) F. C. Cotton's observations and suggestions on the circulation of small Coin in the interior.

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I. The disbursement in small Coin and Copper of all public salaries under a certain stated amount, to be fixed by the Accountant General.

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V. The issue by all Public and Military Departments in their payments of as much of these Coins as possible.

3. Of these it appears to the Government that the first and second can scarcely be made compulsory. The parties may be allowed to take the prescribed portion of their salaries in small Coin if so disposed, but cannot be forced to do so. Rules III, IV and V which are thus qualified, seem proper. These several measures will be communicated to the Accountant General who will be pleased to give effect to the Board's proposals as far as the means at his disposal may admit.

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5. The Board altogether object to Colonel Cotton's proposal for selling Copper Coin at a discount. Their reasons as given in paragraphs 7 and 8 appear to the Government to be valid.

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Ganjam.....	24,000	46,000	70,000	71,500	24,500	96,000	...	50,000	50,000	72,000										
Vizagapatam.....	28,500	1,000	29,500	39,500	7,000	46,500	42,500	10,000	52,500	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Rajahmundri.....	.....	22,800	22,800	26,496	...	26,496	20,000	11,000	31,000	25,000	35,804	36,427	72,231	48,876	68,866	1,17,742	37,421	61,732	99,153	
Masulipatam.....	.....	30,000	30,000	31,100	62,500	93,600	60,250	1,50,000	2,10,250	.....	79,799	72,187	1,51,986	1,16,198	73,339	1,89,537	1,06,942	81,324	1,88,266	
Nellore.....	19,950	.....	19,950	30,000	...	30,000	...	.....	.....	.....	1,05,306	72,592	1,77,898	1,17,112	78,199	1,95,311	93,343	48,387	1,41,730	
Kadapa.....	5,000	.....	5,000	.....	3,000	3,000	...	.....	.....	.....	2,26,760	1,10,451	3,37,211	1,55,321	85,949	2,41,270	1,49,194	51,341	2,00,535	
Bellari.....	1,25,050	1,57,550	2,82,600	.....	3,000	3,000	41,500	.....	41,500	81,999	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Karnul...	11,500	.....	11,500	.....	10,500	10,500	31,250	.....	31,250	46,000	1,33,322	24,135	1,57,457	91,254	64,316	1,55,570	71,212	79,335	1,50,547	
North Arcot.....	.....	58,500	58,500	7,600	8,000	15,600	87,250	25,000	1,12,250	700	.....	48,337	48,337	13,391	10,016	23,407	13,827	25,022	38,849	
South Arcot...	.....	.....	9,000	.....	...	1,55,500	...	.....	.....	.....	31,513	29,393	60,906	35,791	42,940	78,731	22,397	24,538	46,935	
Tanjore.....	36,025	38,948	74,973	86,978	42,072	1,29,050	67,025	40,081	1,07,106	49,431	33,432	25,251	58,683	52,554	30,884	83,438	25,146	68,483	93,629	
Trichinopoli...	26,600	12,500	39,100	.....	70,500	70,500	97,500	75,000	1,72,500	56,000	87,061	78,058	1,65,119	90,764	1,02,502	1,93,266	1,41,009	1,41,995	2,83,004	
Madura.....	4,000	.....	4,000	.....	...	.....	...	7,500	7,500	.....	1,31,578	62,446	1,94,024	1,12,127	52,003	1,64,130	77,172	36,651	1,13,823	
Tinneveli.....	.....	.....	6,500	.....	...	60,000	...	.....	10,250	.....	1,22,754	1,15,147	2,37,901	2,18,064	1,07,213	3,25,277	1,39,529	96,645	2,36,174	
Koimbatore.....	26,500	7,000	33,500	.....	7,000	7,000	37,000	25,000	62,000	24,700	1,31,856	1,81,961	3,13,817	1,33,733	1,07,087	2,40,820	84,125	95,369	1,79,494	
Salem.....	36,500	.....	36,500	.....	...	.....	31,250	.....	31,250	29,700	1,15,181	39,832	1,55,013	75,299	30,353	1,05,652	62,586	19,123	81,709	
Kanara.....	.....	38,000	38,000	.....	40,000	40,000	...	50,000	50,000	50,000	.....	34,829	34,829	53,109	25,208	78,317	24,640	22,886	47,526	
Malabar.....	.....	.....	.....	39,993	65,000	1,04,993	75,000	49,000	1,24,000	1,02,000	1,41,880	1,34,571	2,76,451	1,33,411	1,32,174	2,65,585	1,48,919	1,44,984	2,93,903	

in which the Coins received from other sources also are included, as the Col-

NOTE.—The receipts in this statement show only the small Coins supplied from the General Treasury except in Tanjore, Canara and Malabar in which the Coins received from other sources also are included, as the Collectors' returns do not give the particulars separately. The Collectors of Chingleput and Guntur report that they never indent upon General Treasury for small Coins, there being sufficient supply for all disbursements. Those two Districts are therefore omitted in this statement. No particulars are given for the issue of small Coins in the returns of Ganjam, Vizagapatam and Bellari.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort Saint George,
February 1860.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again letter from the Accountant General, dated 30th July and recorded in Proceedings of Government, 12th August 1859, No. 1897.

Read also the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to T. PYCROET, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 18th February 1860, No. 881.

With reference to the order of Government, dated 8th July last, Public Works Department,

No. 4535	from Ganjam, dated 2nd in Cons. 12th September 1859,	No. 261.	Financial, No. 1657, I am
" 4974	" do. 24th Sept. in Cons. 6th October "	" 282.	directed by the Board of
" 4398	" Vizagapatam, 27th Augt. in Cons. 3rd Sept. "	" 335.	Revenue, to submit the ac-
" 4547	" Rajahmundry, 6th in Cons. 13th do. "	" 137.	companying letters from the
" 4343	" Masulipatam, 26th in Cons. 31st August "	" 157.	Collectors of the different
" 3948	" Guntur, 2nd in Cons. 8th do. "	" 96.	districts regarding the quan-
" 3988	" Nellore, 6th in Cons. 9th August "	" 123.	tity of small coin received
" 4454	" Cuddapah, 3rd in Cons. 7th September "	" 132.	from Madras and sent into
" 4261	" Bellary, 22nd in Cons. 26th August "	" 121.	circulation by them in each
" 5286	" Kurnool, 20th in Cons. 25th October "	" 139.	half year, from January 1856
" 3720	" Chingleput, 25th in Cons. 26th July "	" 269.	to the present time, and the
" 4485	" North Arcot, 6th in Cons. 9th September "	" 221.	means employed to get such
" 3935	" South Arcot, 4th in Cons. 8th August "	" 173.	coins more freely into circu-
" 4841	" Tanjore, 24th in Cons. 28th September "	" 199.	lation.
" 3921	" Trichinopoly, 2nd in Cons. 5th August "	" 152.	
" 5650	" Madura, 7th in Cons. 12th November "	" 216.	
" 4139	" Tinnevely, 11th in Cons. 17th August "	" 312.	
" 4582	" Coimbatore, 8th in Cons. 14th September "	" 167.	
" 4795	" Salem, 21st in Cons. 26th do. "	" 191.	
" 4802	" Canara, 19th in Cons. 29th August "	" 151.	
" 4487	" Malabar, 3rd in Cons. 9th September "	" 215.	
" 3902	" Madras, 3rd in Cons. 4th August "	" 111.	

2. An abstract (prepared from these returns) of the small coins received and circulated is enclosed.

3. The means employed to increase the circulation of these coins have been chiefly those indicated in Extract Minutes Consultation, 6th October 1855, Financial Department, No. 416, viz. issuing a certain proportion in paying salaries and in other disbursements, as well as since 1858 giving change at the Huzzoor treasuries.

4. The Board's views on this subject are given in their Proceedings of this date, in reply to the order of Government, dated 14th June last, and further remarks on this occasion do not seem necessary.

ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1860, No. 417.

Ordered that the above papers be forwarded to the Financial Department with reference to the Proceedings in that department dated 14th June 1859, No. 335.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

To the Financial Department with papers, *[Stamp]*

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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22nd July
Dunwich to the West

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Memorandum.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue. — (Dated 18 February 1860, No. 882.)

Proceedings of Govt. in the Public Works Department. — (Dated 27th February 1860, No. 417.)

I concur in the view expressed in this Memorandum.

W. M. G. G.
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In Memo of 1 Feb 1859
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9. — Colonel Cotton's observations were communicated to the officers in the Public Works as well as to the Revenue Departments, and the Chief Engineer has with his letter of 18th January last submitted an abstract of the replies which he had received from the various District and Executive Engineers to his circular on the circulation of small coin. The answers vary. Some Engineers

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To the Board of Revenue, with copy of Chief Engr's letter
 " ^{with original enclosed return} Accts General. — already furnished
 " Mint Master. with copy of letter from B.D. &
 " Public Works Dept. Chief Engr. & of Col Cotton's report
 of work already furnished

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