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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
30th November 1860.

No. 61. 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, 24th October 1860, No. 69.

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 1859, which shews a satisfactory result both in weight and fineness, as regards the Coins issued from the Mint at your Presidency.

From GEORGE A. HAMILTON, Esq., to H. MERIVALE, Esq., dated 29th September 1860.

The examination of the Pyx Coins of the Indian Mints, transmitted with your letter of the 8th instant, having been completed, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to forward to you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, copy of the Report of the Master of the Mint thereon.

The packet of Coins is herewith returned.

From THOMAS GRAHAM, Esq., to GEORGE A. HAMILTON, Esq., dated 21st September 1860.

The examination of the Pyx Coins of the Indian Mints, transmitted to me by direction of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury with your letter of the 9th of August last, being completed, I have the honor to report on the weight and fineness of the Coins, and to return the bullion remaining.

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

Weight and fineness of Coins issued by the Indian Mints in 1859.

No. of Pieces.	Presidency.	Denomination of Coin.	Weight, Oz.	Average weight of a piece, grs.	Proportion of Silver in 1,000 parts.	Proportion of Gold in 1,000 parts.
4	Calcutta	Gold Mohurs.....	1.501	180.120		916.625
70	"	Silver Rupees.....	26.247	179.979	916.825	
20	"	" Half do.....	3.748	89.952	916.905	
20	"	" Quarter do.....	1.872	44.928	917.113	
20	"	" 2 Anna pieces ...	.939	22.536	916.920	
70	Madras	" Rupees.....	26.251	180.005	916.680	
17	"	" Half do.....	3.188	90.014	915.688	
11	"	" Quarter do.....	1.033	45.076	915.427	
32	"	" 2 Anna pieces ...	1.496	22.440	916.175	
70	Bombay	" Rupees.....	26.255	180.034	918.616	
2	"	" Half do.....	.375	90.000	918.825	
4	"	" Quarter do.....	.375	45.000	917.325	
4	"	" 2 Anna pieces ...	.189	22.680	918.375	

In point of weight the mintage continues unexceptionable at all the Presidencies.

The composition of the Gold Mohurs struck at Calcutta, is quite exact.

The assay of the Silver Rupees is also sufficiently close for Calcutta and Madras, and within moderate limits for Bombay. The slight excess of fineness in the Bombay pieces remarked upon last year is still observable.

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30th November 1860.*

No. 62.

ORDER THEREON, 30th November 1860, No. 585.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing 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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