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Proceedings of the Madras Goverment, Financial Department, 19*th October* 1861.

No. 36. Read the following letter from C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department; to the Mint Committee, Calcutta, dated 14th September 1861, No. 11,508.

With advertence to my letter, No. 5,555, dated the 30th September 1858, and the subsequent correspondence regarding the new Indian Coinage, I am directed to forward to you for communication to the Mint authorities a copy of a Despatch,* on the subject from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, together with a copy of its enclosure, and to request that steps may now be taken in accordance with the instructions communicated in Extract from this Department, No. 3,586, dated the 1st April 1859, for supplying the Madras and Bombay Governments with the Dies required there.

2. A Draft Bill is being prepared for legalizing and introducing the new coinage.

* *No.* 118, *dated the* 25*th July* 1861.

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, 25th July 1861, No. 118.

Silver.	*Copper.*
Rupee.	Half Anna.
Half Rupee.	Quarter Anna.
Quarter Rupee.	Half Pice.
Two Anna.	$\frac{1}{12}$ Anna.

1. With reference to the Financial letter to your Government, dated the 16th February 1859, No. 13, paragraph 10, and to your Excellency's letter dated the 2nd February 1861, No. 1, I have to acquaint you that Matrices and Punches for the Dies specified in the margin, have now been completed and will be forwarded to your Government, by the same Mail as this Despatch.*

* The dies having been received from the Royal Mint too late for despatch by the Steamer of the 20th July, two Boxes addressed to the Master of the Calcutta Mint, one containing Dies, and the other a portion of the letter Punches, will be forwarded by the Mail of the 3rd August, the remainder of the letter Punches will be transmitted by a subsequent Mail.

2. I have not considered it necessary to have Matrices prepared for a Gold Coinage.

3. You will take the necessary steps for legalizing, and introducing the new coinage as early as possible, and as soon as that shall have been done the Copper Pice which are being manufactured in this country will be struck according to the new device, for which purpose an extra pair of Punches have been prepared and retained here.

4. I forward for your information copy of a letter from the Master of the Royal Mint on the subject.

From THOMAS GRAHAM, Esq., to J. COSMO MELVILL, Esq., dated Royal Mint, 8th July 1861.

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that under the authority of the Lords of the Treasury conveyed in a letter from Mr. Hamilton, dated 30th June 1859, enclosing your letter addressed to Sir C. Trevelyan, dated 1st January 1859, in which you request the preparation of a pair of Matrices and Punches for each of the Coins for India, specified in a list accompanying your letter, I have caused the Dies required to be prepared in accordance with your instructions. The Dies are forwarded herewith properly packed in a box for transmission to India, and addressed to the Master of the Mint, Calcutta.

The following is a list of the Dies enclosed in the box:

	Matrices.		Punches.	
	Head.	Reverse.	Head.	Reverse.
Rupee...	1	1	1	1
Half Rupee... ...	1	1	1	1
Quarter Rupee...	1	1	1	1
Two Anna... ...	1	1	1	1
	4	4	4	4
Half Anna.....	1	1	1	1
Quarter Anna..	1	1	1	1
Half Pice..... ...	1	1	1	1
$\frac{1}{12}$ Anna..	1	1	1	1
	4	4	4	4

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The Dies for this new coinage for India were designed and executed by Mr. Leonard C. Wyon, Engraver and Modeller to the Royal Mint, Mr. Wyon has supplied the following description of the coins.

The Rupee bears on the obverse Her Majesty's portrait, robed and jewelled and wearing the Imperial Crown, inscription "Victoria Queen."

The reverse contains within a wreath of an Indian pattern the inscription "one Rupee India 1861."

The same description applies to the Half Rupee, Quarter Rupee, and two Annas, the denomination of each coin being stated on the reverse.

The design on the obverse of the Half Anna, Quarter Anna, Half Pice and $\frac{1}{12}$ Anna Copper coins is the same as that of the Silver coins with a similar inscription "Victoria Queen." The reverses of these coins bear a wreath of an Indian pattern different from that of the Silver coins, enclosed by a circle of beads. In the centre the denomination of the coins is stated together with "India 1861."

Further referring to letter from Mr. Herman Merivale, dated 24th May 1861, requesting an extra pair of Punches of the Quarter Anna to be prepared and retained in this Country with a view to their use in any future coinage of Pice, I have also to acquaint you that these additional Dies have been prepared and are transmitted herewith in a small box marked new Dies for Quarter Anna.

No. 11,509.

Copy of the foregoing correspondence forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

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

No. 37. ORDER THERON, 19th October 1861, No. 510.

Communicated to the Mint Master.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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No. 118
Financial.

India Office
London 25th July 1861.

To

His Excellency
the Right Honble the Governor
General of India in Council.

My Lord.—

Silver
Rupee
Half Rupee
Quarter Rupee
Two Annas
Copper
Half anna
Quarter anna
Half Pice
12 Annas.

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2. I have not considered it necessary to have matrices prepared for a gold coinage.

3. You will take the necessary steps for legalizing, and introducing the new coinage as early as possible, and as soon as that shall have been done the Copper Pice which are being manufactured in this country will be struck according to the new devices for which purpose one extra pair of punches have been prepared and retained here.—

* The dies having been received from the Royal Mint too late for despatch by the Steamer of the 20th July Two Boxes addressed to the Master of the Calcutta Mint one containing dies, and the other a portion of the Letter Punches, will be forwarded by the Mail of the 3d August the remainder of the letter punches will be transmitted by a Subsequent Mail.—

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Further referring to letter from W.m Herman Merivale dated 24th May 1861 requesting an extra pair of punches of the Quarter Anna to be prepared and returned in this Country with a view to their use in any future Coinage of Pice, I have also to acquaint you that these additional dies have been prepared and are transmitted herewith in a Small Box marked New dies for Quarter Anna.—

I have &c.a
By Thos Graham

No 11528

From

C. H. Lushington Esquire
Secy to the Govt of India
Financial Department.

To

The Mint Committee
Calcutta

Gentlemen

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7 No 18 dated the 25th July 1861

2 A Draft Bill is being prepared for legalising and introducing the new Coinage.—

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient Servant
By C. H. Lushington
Secy to the Govt of India

Council Chamber
the 14th Septr 1861.

No 11529

Copy of the foregoing correspondence forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.—

Secy to the Govt of India

Finl 1861 Dispt

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From

The Secy to the Govt
of India - Fin Dept 1859

Dispt 14th Sept 2 1861.
Recd 4th Oct 3

No 567

Forwarding for information
copy of a dispatch with its
Enclosure from the Secy of
State regarding the Decimal
System Coinage & also copy
of a letter addressed by him
to the Calcutta Mint Committee requesting the opinion
of that Body on the Practicability
of introducing such a System
applied to the Dies proposed
by them.

Letter and Order

No 370 dated 19th Oct 1861

Communicated to the Mint
Master.

J D Smith

To the Mint Master 21/10

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