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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
27th May 1863.

No. 55. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel C. A. ORR, R.E., Mint Master; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Mint, 26th May 1863, No. 22.

Enclosures.
One letter from the Assistant Assay Master.
Correspondence between the Collector and Special Agent at Cuddalore.

I have to acknowledge the Orders of Government in the Financial Department of this date, No. 83, referring for my information a correspondence that has taken place between the Collector and Special Agent at Cuddalore and the Governor of the French Establishments in India, and requiring me to report on that part of the latter's letter, under date the 6th ultimo, where it is stated that on examination of the new Rupee it was found to be inferior in quality to the old Company's Rupee of 1835, the difference of purity being $\frac{1}{8}$. In reply I have the honor to inform you that as no change was made either in the weight or fineness of the Rupee by Act XIII of 1862, instituting the new coinage, and as the same care and attention which have enabled this Mint to turn out the Silver coinage with remarkable uniformity as nearly true to standard as possible are still given to all the processes of the coinage, and as, moreover, each day's out-turn is tested by the Assay Master as the pieces come from the Presses, I am at a loss to understand on what grounds the new Rupee is stated to be found on examination inferior in purity to the Rupee of the coinage of 1835. I would therefore suggest that His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India be requested to state the nature of the analysis to which the Coins that were tested by him were subjected, and that he be requested to transmit to this Government the remainder of the Coins selected by him for examination and Assay.

2. Having submitted the correspondence to the Assistant Assay Master in charge of the Assay Office, I have the honor to enclose a report from him, from which it will be seen that the new coinage has been found in the aggregate strictly correct to standard, and is therefore identical in value with the old.

From W. AITKEN, Esq., M. D., Acting Assistant Assay Master in charge; to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Mint Master, dated Fort Saint George, 26th May 1863, No. 567.

1. With reference to the correspondence which you have laid before me, regarding a depreciation in the value of the new Rupee, I have the honor to state that with a few occasional exceptions, the whole of the Rupees which have been submitted for examination and report since the commencement of the new coinage, have been reported of standard value.

2. In the case of these exceptions, a few have been reported better and some worse than standard, but in no case has this difference exceeded the remedy ordered by Government.

3. It would, I think, be desirable to ascertain from the French authorities, with what standard the Coins referred to were compared.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1863, No. 356.

The Mint Master having been requested to report with reference to that part of the letter from the Governor of the French Establishments, to the address of the Collector and Special Agent at Cuddalore, under date the 6th ultimo, in which it is stated that on examination of the new Rupee, it was found to be inferior in quality to the old Company's Rupee of 1835, the difference of purity being $\frac{1}{8}$. Colonel Orr has submitted a report from the Acting Assay Master from which it appears that the new coinage is strictly correct to standard, and identical in value with the old Rupee; no change having been made either in the weight or quality of the Rupee.

2. Mr. Reade will communicate the purport of the Mint Master's report to His Excellency the Governor of the French Establishments.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

No. 567.

Fort St. George,
Assay Office,
26th May 1863.

From,

W. Sithen Esq. M.D.
Acting Apst. Assay Master In Charge.

To

Colt C. A. Cur. R. E.
Mint Master.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence which you have laid before me, regarding a depreciation in the value of the New Rupee, I have the honor to state that with a few occasional exceptions, the whole of the Rupees which have been submitted for examination and report since the Commencement of the new Coinage, have been reported of Standard value.

2. In the case of these exceptions, a few have been reported better and some worse than Standard, but in no case has this difference exceeded the remedy ordered by Government.

3. It would I think be desirable to ascertain from the French Authorities, with what Standard the Coins referred

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to were Compared.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed.t Servant

A.S Apt. Assay Master
In Charge.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following
letter from the Mint Master
(Here Entd 26th May 1803 No 22)

Order thereon 27th May 1803 No. 356

The Mint Master
having been requested to report
with reference to that part
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of the French Establishment
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and Special Agent at
Cuddalore under date the
6th. Ultimo, in which it is
stated that on examination
of the new Rupee, it was
found to be inferior in
quality to the old Company's
Rupee

Rupee of 1835, the difference of purity being 1/8, Colonel Orr has submitted a report from the Acting Assay Master from which it appears that the new coinage is strictly correct to Standard, and identical in value with the old Rupee. no change having been made either in the weight or quality of the Rupee.

2 Mr. Reade will communicate the purport of the Mint Master's report to His Excellency the Governor of the French Establishments.

To the Colr in charge of the Spl Agents Dept at Cuddalore

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