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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 4th September 1863.

No. 9. 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 India Office, London, 25th July 1863, No. 54.

1. I have to acquaint you that the Government of Bombay having requested to be furnished with a matrix, or punch, from which Dies might be procured for the new Rupee coinage, which would not require so heavy a blow to bring out the impression, as those obtained from the matrix sent from this country to Calcutta in July 1861, an application was made to the Master of the Royal Mint on the subject. I forward herewith copy of a letter from Mr. Graham, dated the 1st July 1863, from which you will observe that a thorough revision has been made of the obverse Die, and that two sets of matrices and punches have been prepared for the Mint at your Presidency.

* Enclosure.

2. A box containing them will be forwarded to your Government by the Steamer which will leave Southampton on the 4th August 1863.

From THOMAS GRAHAM, Esq.; to HERMAN MERIVALE, Esq., &c., &c., &c., dated Royal Mint, 1st July 1863.

With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo, relative to the provision for the Bombay Mint of a punch for the new Rupee coinage, and to the previous communications on the same subject from the India Office, dated the 27th February and the 16th March, I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that the punches required have been prepared, and are forwarded herewith. A thorough revision of the obverse Die (head of the Queen) has been made, and the impression lowered, so as to facilitate the operation of coining. The new Die has been repeatedly tested in the Mint Presses, and the alterations carried to the point which gave the best result. The improvement is so great that I felt justified in causing a set of punches and matrices (two of each) to be prepared for the other two Indian Mints besides that of Bombay. You will, therefore, receive three small cases, addressed to those Mints respectively. The only instruction that need accompany the Dies, is that the blank piece should have the edge raised (marked or milled) *as little as possible* in coining the Rupee.

A Memorandum of the actual outlay incurred, not including any charge for the time of Officers and others employed in testing the efficiency of the Dies, is also enclosed.

MEMORANDUM OF CHARGES.

The Secretary of State for India in Council.

To the Master of the Mint.

For outlay in altering obverse Die of Rupee, and preparing a double set of matrices and punches for each of the three Indian Mints, £47-4.

ROYAL MINT, 1*st July* 1863.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 4th September 1863, No. 569.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Despatch and its enclosure be furnished to the Mint Master, to whom the box referred to in paragraph 2 will, on receipt, be sent.

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

Exd T. McMootry.

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Financial Department.

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State for India -

(Dated 25th July 1863 N° 54)
Order - in N° 5694 of 4th Sept. 1863.

Ordered that a copy
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