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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 31*st March* 1868.

No. 95. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort William, 20th March 1868, No. 1569.

Read the undermentioned correspondence :—

For the second time—

Financial Proceedings, Nos. 1 to 5, May 1867.

From	Officiating Mint Master,	Calcutta,	No. 147,	dated 28th May 1867.
To	do.	,,	683A, ,,	11th June ,,
From	do.	,,	190, ,,	19th ,, ,,
To	do.	,,	1504, ,,	19th July ,,

For the first time—

From the Government of Bombay, No. 199, dated 8th February 1868.

Resolution.—The Governor General in Council observes that in a letter, dated 22nd April 1867, the Officiating Mint Master, Calcutta, reported as follows :—"The Bullion Keeper had in his "charge certain parcels of gold borne on the Mint books according to their value, as calculated "from the Assay Master's report regarding them. These parcels of gold were melted with alloy "to bring them to the proper standard for coinage, and the resulting ingots were (according to "the Assay Master's report) not found to contain the same amount of pure gold as the original "parcels. It was evident that either the Assay Master was mistaken in his assays, or that there "had been a fraudulent abstraction of gold. The Assay Master is perfectly confident that he "made no mistake in his assays. I consequently concluded that there had been a fraudulent "abstraction of the precious metal, and ordered the Bullion Keeper to make good the loss."

The Governor General in Council reposing confidence in the assay of the Assay Master confirmed the order of the Mint Master.

Inasmuch, however, as the Bullion Keeper had supported, by a reference to erroneous Assay reports on two previous occasions, his contention that the loss recovered from him was attributable to a mistake in the assay, it was considered desirable to accumulate outside of the Assay Department such repeated proofs of the accuracy of the Assay Master's work as would preclude his assays being again challenged.

The Mint Master was accordingly requested to withhold with this object only the Assay reports which are received with invoices; and in a subsequent communication it was explained that no imputation on the Assay Master was cast thereby or intended.

It is still represented, however, that the procedure ordered in June 1867 has the semblance of a distrust of the Assay Master, though the order arose out of a case in which the Government upheld a disputed report of the Assay Master.

The Governor General in Council has no wish to press any measure for preventing unjust suspicions of the Bullion Keeper or of tenders of bullion, which has the appearance of slighting the trusted Officers of the Assay Department, and the order of June 1867 is accordingly rescinded.

Order.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Government of Bombay, the Mint Master, Calcutta, and the Government of Madras.

(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

(Signed) J. E. COOKE,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 96. Order thereon, 31st March 1868, No. 178.

Communicated to the Mint Master for information and guidance, with reference to G. O. dated the 3rd July 1867, No. 294.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Mint Master.

Rxd. J. Tulloch.

No 1569

Government of India

Financial Department

Fort William

The 29th March 1868.

Read the undermentioned Correspondence —

For the second time —

Financial Progs: Nos 1 & 5 May 1867

From Offg Mint Master Calcutta No 147

dated 28th May 1867.

To —— Do —— No 683 A dated 11th June 186

From — Do — No 190 dated 19th June

To —— Do —— No 1504 dated 19th July "

For the first time. —

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Master Calcutta and the Govt of Madras.

Signed/ E. N. Lushington
Secy to the Govt of India

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Asst Secy to the Govt of India

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to G.O. dated the 30th July 67.
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