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No. 17. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George; dated India Office, London, 24th November 1868, No. 117, (Financial).

I forward, in the packet, a copy of the report of the Master of the Royal Mint, on the Pyx Coins of the several Indian Mints for the year 1867.

2. The report states that "the standard weight of the various pieces appears to be maintained with the usual exactness at all the Mints, and the composition of the Rupees, as ascertained by assay, although indicating a slight excess of alloy, may be deemed satisfactory in all cases, and close to standard."

From T. GRAHAM, Esq., Master of the Mint, to G. A. HAMILTON, Esq., &c., &c., &c.; dated Royal Mint, 28th October 1868.

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 18th August, having been completed, I have the honor to report on the weights and fineness of the coins, and to return the bullion remaining.

2. The coins were first weighed singly by the Mint balance, then cut into halves, and, as on former occasions, distributed to the Assayers of the Royal Mint, Dr. Miller and Dr. Stenhouse, by whom each coin was separately assayed and reported upon.

3. The standard weight of the various pieces appears to be maintained with the usual exactness at all the Mints, and the composition of the Rupees, as ascertained by assay, although indicating a slight excess of alloy, may be deemed satisfactory in all cases, and close to standard.

Weight and Fineness of Coins issued from the Indian Mints in 1867.

Number of Pieces.	Presidency.	Denomination of Coins.	Gross weight.	Average weight of a piece in grains.	Proportion of Gold in 1000 parts.	Proportion of silver in 1000 parts.
			Ozs.			
2	Calcutta.....	Gold Mohurs .	0·7505	180·120	916·100	
80	Do. ...	Silver Rupees.	30·0095	180·057	....	916 135
24	Do. ...	Half do.	4·4960	89·920	.....	915·772
18	Do. ...	Quarter do.	1·6880	45·013	.....	916·380
24	Do. ...	Two Annas...	1·1255	22·510	.....	916·204
10	Madras	Rupees.....	3·7540	180·192	.....	916·475
1	Do. ...	Half Rupees..	0·1870	89·760	.....	915·450
8	Do. ...	Quarter do.	0·7515	45·090	.....	917·312
36	Do. ...	Two Annas...	1·6855	22·473	.....	915·600
80	Bombay.. ...	Rupees.....	30·0140	180·084	.....	916·010

ROYAL MINT,
28*th October* 1868.

(Signed) T. GRAHAM,
Master of the Mint.

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1869, No. 13.

Ordered that the foregoing Despatch, and its enclosure, be published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette* for general information, and that copies of the same be furnished to the Mint Master.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Mint Master.

Exd. J. Wright,

No. 12,891.

Bullion returned.

		Ozs
	CALCUTTA MINT.	
Gold...	... ...	0·740
Silver...	... ...	36·450
	MADRAS MINT.	
Silver...	... ...	6·140
	BOMBAY MINT.	
Silver...	... ...	29·500

Cost. of {1869; 70 Mints.
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To
THE MINT MASTER.
Dated January, 9th.
Recd.
Read.
C. O., 9th January 1869, No. 13.
JANUARY.
Nos. 17-18.
Furnishing copies of a Despatch from the Secretary of State, and of the Report of the Master of the Royal Mint, on the Gold Coins of the several Indian Mints for 1867.

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Madras Mint

Royal Mint 3rd
28th October 1868.

Sir,

No 1289

The examination of the Gold Coins of the Indian Mints transmitted to me by direction of the Lords Commissioners of H. M. Treasury, with your letters of the 18th August, having been completed, I have the honor to report on the Weights and Fineness of the Coins and to return the Bullion remaining.

Bullion returned

Calcutta Mint
Gold ozs 0.740
Silver 36.450

Madras Mint
Silver ozs. 6.140

Bombay Mint
Silver ozs. 29.500

The Coins were first weighed singly by the Mint-balance, then cut into halves and, as on former occasions, distributed to the Assayers of the Royal Mint Dr Miller and Dr Henhouse, by whom each coin was separately assayed and reported upon.

The Standard weight of the various pieces appears to be maintained with the usual exactness

E. A. Hamilton Esqr.

exactness at all the mints and the composition of the respective, as ascertained by assays, although indicating a slight excess of Alloy may be deemed satisfactory in all cases and close to Standard

I have, &c.,

(S) Ths. Graham.

Weight and Fineness of Coins issued from the Indian Mints in 1867.

Number of Pieces	Presidency	Denomination of Coins	Gross weight ozs.	Average weight of a piece in Grains	Proportion of Gold in 1000 parts	Proportion of Silver in 1000 parts
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80	"	Silver Rupees	30.0095	180.057		916.135
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(S) Ths. Graham.
Master of the Mint.

Royal Mint,
28 Oct. 1868.

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Madras.

Copy Report of the Master of the Royal Mint, dated 28th Octr 1868.

Referred to the Financial Letter Madras No 117, dated 24th Novr 1868.

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Financial

No. 117.

India Office London

24th November 1868.

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My Lord,

1. I forward, in the Packet, a copy of the Report of the Master of the Royal Mint, on the Pyx Coins of the several Indian Mints for the year 1867.

2. The Report states that "the standard weight of the "coin at this appears to be "maintained with the usual "exactness at all the Mints, "and the Composition of the "Rupees, as ascertained by "assay, although indicating a slight "excess of alloy, may be deemed "satisfactory in all cases and close "to Standard"

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most Obedient
humble Servant,

Russell M. Mulheirn

His Excellency
The Right Honble
The Governor in Council
Fort St. George.

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No. 9. Financial,
24 hours 1868.

Lr. Lattedo For. St. George,
No. 117.

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Ordered that the
foregoing Despatch and
its Enclosure be publish-
ed in the Bombay
Gazette for general infor-
mation, and that copies
of the same be furnished
to the Mint Master.

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To Mint Master 19/1
17 & 18.

Lett.

With an order
forwarding copy of the Report
of the Masters of the Royal
Mint on the Pyx Coins
of the several Indian
Mints for the year 67.

Rec.d 23rd Dec.r 1868 via
Marseilles & Bombay

Govt. of {1868} Madras.

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to

The Mint Master.

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G. O. ℣., 9 Jany 1869, No. 13.

Nos. 17-18.

Furnishing copies of a despatch from the Secy: of State & of the Report of the Master of the Royal Mint on the Pay & Cons of the several Indian Mints for 1867—