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Government of Madras.

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From Lieut: Col: H. Hyde, R.E.
Head Commissioner of Paper Currency, to
the Commissioner of Paper Currency, Madras
dated Calcutta the 11th August 1869, No. 299-

I have the honor to forward copy of
a letter No. 1987 dated 17th July 1869 from the
Secretary to the Government of India, Financial
Department, and with reference to its 2d para:
to request the favor of your opinion, regarding
the abolition of the Branch Circles of Issue of
Trichinopoly and Vizagapatam -

Signed for H. Hyde
Head Commissioner -

From R. B. Chapman Esqre. Offg.
Secretary to the Government of India to the
Head Commissioner of Paper Currency Calcutta
dated Simla the 17th July 1869 No. 1987 -

Financial Department.

Referring to the Notification No. 1986
published at page 118 of the Gazette of India of
this date, I am directed by the Government of India
to enquire whether you can account for the large
and unprecedented increase in the Annual average
circulation

circulation of the Calcutta Circle this year - Do you connect it in any way with the simultaneous decrease in the importation of bullion?

2. The circulation of the Trichinopoly and Vizagapatam Circles shews so little signs of development that it seems very doubtful whether it be worth-while to maintain their separate existence - You will be good enough to report upon this point after consulting the Government of Madras and the local Commission of Currency. -

3. For a similar reason viz, the absence of any sufficient appearance of development of circulation, the Governor General in Council thinks that the expediency of maintaining separate Currency Officers at each and all of the interior centres of Issue, where such Officers are now appointed must be reconsidered - You will be good enough to report upon this point, and to state whether the insignificant circulation of these Circles, cannot be provided for more economically than by the costly plan of a special Officer for each -

/Signed/ C. B. Chapman
Offg Secretary to the
Government of India

/True Copy/
/Signed/ H. Hyde
Head Commissioner

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F. F. Bellew
Commissioner of
Paper Currency.

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From W. F. Bellew Esqre Commissioner of Paper Currency, to the Head Commissioner of Paper Currency, Calcutta, dated Madras Mint 27th August 1869. No. 1081.

With reference to your No. 299 of 11th instant forwarding copy of a letter from the Secretary to Government of India, Financial Department, and requesting my opinion regarding the proposed abolition of the Branch Circles of Issue at Tuchinopoly and Vizagapatam, I have the honor to submit three Statements showing the circulation for the past two years in each of the Branch Circles, viz at Calicut Tuchinopoly and Vizagapatam. These do not exhibit the signs of development that might have been expected after the lapse of time that has occurred since their first establishment, nor does the prospect of improvement appear to encourage the hope that they ought to be further maintained.

† No. 1987 d/ 7th July 69.

2. Under these circumstances I would be inclined to concur in the abolition of the Calicut as well as the Tuchinopoly and Vizagapatam

Vizagapatam Cycles and in view of these three Branch Offices of Issue I would respectfully recommend one Currency Note for the whole Madras Presidency, convertible on demand at every District Treasury, unless the Collector or Officer in charge should certify that Assets were wanting, in which case it could be presented by the holder at the next nearest Treasury or at the Office of Issue at Madras for payment.

3. As compared with Bengal and Bombay the circulation of Currency Notes on Madras is very small and on enquiry into the causes of this deficiency I am led to think that it is owing chiefly to the ignorance of the natives of these parts of the convenience and security of retaining their money in the form of Government Currency Notes, also to the absence of any vigorous endeavour on the part of the local authorities for its proper development. Great difficulties have and still exist on this Presidency for the ready conversion of Notes to Cash and to which the existence of three Branch Circles of Issue in no small degree contributes.

Although

Although there is not such a large trade here as in Calcutta and Bombay, the natives of Southern India are not less wealthy, civilized and intelligent than the population of Bengal. The price of country produce and wages of Labor are quite as high, if not higher than in Bengal. If therefore the Currency Note was readily convertable, there is no reason to doubt that the circulation would increase in the same ratio as it has done in Bombay and Bengal.

4. By the abolition of the three Sub Offices there would be an annual saving of Rupees 12072/ particularized as per margin. In their place I would recommend one Writer on a salary of Rs. 25 per mensem to be attached to the Collectorate Establishment of each District Treasury. As there are 23 of these Treasuries in this Presidency that number multiplied by 25 Rupees will give Rs. 575 as the monthly cost of this Establishment which deducted from Rs. 1006 will cause a saving of Rs. 431 per mensem or Rs. 5172 annually.

The Special duty of this Subordinate

Should

× Calicut
Dy Collector. Rs. 100
Establishment. 236 — 336.

Trichinopoly
Dy Collector. 100.
Establishment. 236 — 336.

Vizagapatam
Dy Collector 100
Establishment. 234 — 334

Monthly Rs. 1006.
Yearly " 12072.

should be to receive and issue Notes in his District and render through the Collector to this Office at the end of every month a Statement shewing the state of the Paper currency circulation in the District. The District Treasuries might be supplied as at present through the Orders of the Accountant General with Stock Notes when required. It would be desirable also for general information, that the Collector should publish periodically in the District Gazette the amount of Funds that would be available in his Treasury for exchg. Currency Notes during each month. In this way the Government Currency Note would become known and its circulation extended. Shroffs and other Merchants in the Bazaar would then be unable to extort a heavy premium for its conversion to Coin which in my opinion is one of the chief causes of the want of development of the Paper Currency hitherto in this Presidency.

J. P. Bellew
Commissioner
of Paper Currency.

True Copy
J. P. Bellew
Commissioner
of Paper Currency.

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Calicut

1867-68

Stock held by

	Notes in Nominal Circulation.	Commissioner Madras.	Treasury Officers	Total	Notes in Active Circulation
April 1867	6,66,510.	89,120.	1,82,280.	2,71,400.	3,95,110.
May — " —	5,79,300.	1,34,810.	1,90,150.	3,24,960.	2,54,340.
June — " —	6,59,790.	2,46,020	1,53,740.	3,99,760.	2,60,030.
July — " —	5,53,140.	1,12,290	1,40,880.	2,53,170.	2,99,970.
August — " —	6,87,410.	2,18,210.	1,48,820	3,67,030.	3,20,380.
September — " —	8,59,800.	3,32,190.	1,87,780.	5,19,970	3,39,830.
October — " —	9,97,770.	2,57,960.	1,83,980	4,41,940.	5,55,830.
November — " —	9,01,130.	2,96,840.	2,62,020.	5,58,860.	3,42,270.
December — " —	6,87,710.	950.	2,34,050	2,35,000	4,52,710.
January 1868	6,94,080.	29,340.	2,84,230	3,13,570.	3,80,510.
February — " —	6,63,100.	18,450	2,48,000	2,66,450.	3,96,650.
March — " —	5,69,660.	1,910.	1,99,610.	2,01,520.	3,68,140.
Total —	85,19,400.	17,38,090.	24,15,540.	41,53,630.	43,65,770.
Average —	7,09,950				3,63,814.

1868-69

April — 1868	6,77,620.	4,600.	3,00,870.	3,05,470.	3,72,150.
May — " —	8,79,460.	10,420.	3,73,080.	3,83,500.	4,95,960.
June — " —	9,31,390.	1,35,830.	3,20,030.	4,55,860.	4,75,530.
July — " —	9,20,280.	2,25,160.	1,96,320	4,21,480.	4,98,800.
August — " —	11,33,910.	37,850.	2,81,290.	3,19,140.	8,14,770.
September — " —	10,27,940.	1,85,700	2,09,600.	3,95300.	6,32,640.
October — " —	9,90,460.	3,19,860.	2,60,930	5,80,790.	4,09,670.
November — " —	10,29,260.	1,85,870.	2,84,510.	4,70,380	5,58,880
December — " —	10,83,020	72,980	3,78,660.	4,52,640.	6,30,380.
January 1869 —	8,57,260.	1,12,790	3,57,640	4,70,430	3,86,830.
February — " —	8,23,920.	6,110	3,45,940.	3,52,050.	4,71,870.
March — " —	7,94,760.	24,430.	3,17,590	3,42,020.	4,52,740.
Total —	111,49,280.	13,22,600.	36,26,460.	49,49,060.	62,00,220.
Average —	9,29,106.				5,16,685.

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Madras Mint
27th August 1869

J. P. Bellew
Commissioner of
Paper Currency.

1868

Trichinopoly

1867-68

	Notes in Nominal Circulation	Stock held by Commissioner Madras	Treasury Officers	Total	Notes in Active Circulation
April 1867	5,92,590.	2,81,220.	133,960.	4,15,180.	1,77,410.
May — " —	6,31,430.	3,55,690.	95,510	4,51,200.	1,80,230.
June — " —	7,61,580.	4,56,310	1,77,860	6,34,170.	1,27,410.
July — " —	7,98,100.	4,94,810	140,200.	6,35,010	1,63,090.
August — " —	4,31,120.	1,79,410	101,710.	281120.	1,50,000.
September — " —	6,21,120.	2,29,350.	2,00,490.	4,29,840.	1,91,280.
October — " —	8,48,640	3,11,260.	3,35,650.	6,46,910.	2,01,730.
November — " —	8,77,700.	3,24,610.	270,340	5,94,950	2,82,750.
December — " —	8,95,650	3,92,810	182,740	5,75,550.	3,20,100.
January 1868	10,76,980.	4,45,220	3,41,820.	7,87,040.	2,89,940.
February — " —	11,10,460	5,22,870	375,970	8,98,840.	2,11,620
March — " —	11,36,910.	5,23,810.	2,19,390.	773,200.	3,63,710.
Total —	97,82,280.	45,17,370.	26,05,640.	71,23,010.	26,59,270.
Average	8,15,190.				2,21,605.

1868-69

April 1868	1204,380.	619,810.	304180.	923990.	281390
May — " —	12,18,820.	6,17,080.	255,430	872510	346,310.
June — " —	11,44,620	7,14,440	202,180	916620	228,000.
July — " —	11,50,840.	8,03,940.	132040.	935980	214,860
August — " —	11,88,590	847,880	103570	951450	237,140.
September — " —	11,92,560.	827,670.	172,750.	1000420.	192,140.
October — " —	14,00,390.	832,690	165260	997950	402,440
November — " —	13,37,650.	871560	124,040.	995600.	342050.
December — " —	1468,220.	1175,330.	83,950.	1259280.	208,940.
January 1869	631,600.	379,910.	74010.	453,920.	177,680.
February — " —	856,130.	396,700.	170,780.	567480.	288,650.
March — " —	1084,460.	717,880.	147,410.	865290	219,170
Total —	138,79,260.	8804890.	1935,600.	10740490.	3138,770.
Average	11,56,605				261,564.

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P. Bellew
Commissioner of
Paper Currency.

M.C.

Vizagapatam

1867-68

	Notes in nominal Circulation	Stock held by Commissioner Madras	Stock held by Treasury Officers	Total	Notes in active Circulation
April-1867	3,21,510.	39,990.	1,84,030	2,24,020.	97,490.
May —"—	3,29,070.	3,070.	1,80,280.	1,83,350.	1,45,720.
June —"—	3,19,420.	9,130.	1,68,790.	1,77,920.	1,41,500.
July —"—	3,19,580.	15,930.	1,73,530.	1,89,460.	1,30,120.
August —"—	3,13,110	25,960.	1,64,440.	1,90,400.	1,22,710
September —"—	2,78,370	32,380.	1,17,420.	1,49,800	1,28,570.
Octobter —"—	3,03,390	43,020	97,870.	1,40,890.	1,62,500.
November —"—	2,85,910.	220.	1,30,640	1,30,860.	1,55,050.
December —"—	2,58,250.	4,080.	1,09,640.	1,13,720.	1,44,530.
January 1868 —	3,40,370.	4,440.	1,22,050.	1,26,490	2,13,880.
February —"—	3,71,660.	5,320.	2,20,800	2,26,120.	1,45,540.
March —"—	3,62,540.	5,680	1,43,670	1,49,350.	2,13,190.
Total —	38,03,180.	1,89,220.	18,13,160.	20,02,380.	18,00,800.
Average —	3,16,931.				1,50,066.

1868-69

April 1868 —	3,73,260.	6,160.	1,06,390	1,12,550.	2,60,710.
May —"—	3,73,160.	6,630.	1,14,880.	1,21,510.	2,51,650.
June —"—	4,26,900.	6,840.	1,16,720	1,23,560.	3,03,340.
July —"—	4,82,040.	38,770.	1,72,070.	2,10,840.	2,71,200
August —"—	4,75,060	38,350.	1,67,430.	2,05,780.	2,69,280.
September —"—	4,31,040.	55,190.	1,37,680.	1,92,870.	2,38,170.
Octobter —"—	4,49,150.	2,140.	1,14,580	1,16,720.	3,32,430.
November —"—	7,76,730	94,280.	1,02,250.	1,96,530.	5,80,200
December —"—	7,91,460.	2,24,010	1,03,450.	3,27,460.	4,64,000
January 1869 —	6,07,050.	62,620	72,920	1,35,540	4,71,510.
February —"—	6,61,840.	78,690.	72,700.	1,51,390.	5,10,450
March —"—	6,99,630.	2,50,210.	1,08,810.	3,59,020	3,40,610
Total —	65,47,320.	8,63,890.	13,89,880.	22,53,770.	42,93,550
Average —	5,45,610.				3,57,795

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Madras Mint
27th August 1869

W. Bell
Commissioner of
Paper Currency.

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Commissioners of Paper Currency.

Received 28th Aug/69 No. 1086.

Order thereon 8 September 1869 No. 414.

Resolved that copies of the foregoing letter and of the papers received with it be forwarded to the Officiating Accountant General for his opinion, in communication with Colonel J. Carpendale, the late Asst. Master.

2. Resolved, also, that the Commissioners of

of Paper Currency, Madras
be called upon to explain
the grounds on which
he ~~based~~ found the statement
made in paragraph
3 of his letter to the
Head Commissioner
of Paper Currency, that
the deficiency in the
circulation of Notes
in this Presidency
is due "also to the
absence of any vigorous
endeavours on the
part of the local
authorities for its
proper development."

3. The Officiating
Accountant General
is requested to favor
Government with his
opinion at an early
date.

To The Acct: General.
--- Comr: of Paper Currency, Madras. dated 14/9

Govt. of {186} Madras.

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To

The Accountant General

&c.

Dated Sept. 8. } 1869, No. 414.

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Fin. Dept. 870-487

Nos. 25. 26.

Forwarding certain papers regarding the proposed abolition of the Branch Circles of Issue of Trichinopoly and Vizagapatam for his opinion, in communication with Col. Carpendale, the late Mint Master & calling upon the Commr. of Paper Currency, Madras, to explain the grounds on which he founds his

his statement that the deficiency in the circulation of Notes in this Presy. is due "also to the absence of any vigorous endeavours on the part of the local authorities for its proper development."