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3rd March 1870.

Read the following papers :—

No. 5. From the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trevandrum, 12th January 1870, No. 8.

The Government is probably aware that, although accounts in Travancore are still kept in fanams,* chuckrams,† and cash,‡ and these coins constitute the local currency ; the British Indian silver coins are freely received in transactions.

Exchange.

	Rs.	A.	P.	
*	0	2	2·96	(silver)
†	0	0	6·74	(,,)
‡	0	0	0·42	(copper)

2. There is no Travancore rupee coined. For account 28 chuckrams go to a Travancore rupee, and 28½ chuckrams to a British Indian rupee. Although not formally declared a legal tender, the British Indian rupee and its silver fractional coins are practically current at 28½ chuckrams the rupee, in private transactions.

2. The Dewan of Travancore informs me that the chuckrams are fast withdrawn from circulation, and that the little Travancore Mint can hardly keep pace with the requirements of the country for small coin. The Sirkar would certainly not like to give up the local Mint altogether at present. But I need hardly say that the sufficient diffusion of small coin is highly desirable. As means of intercommunication between the adjoining British Indian Provinces and Travancore improve and extend, as they are now very rapidly doing, and transactions consequently become more general and important, the inconvenience of a separate system of account and different currency in this little principality will become more sensibly felt, and the way will be naturally cleared for an assimilation with British Indian coinage and account system in due course.

3. Meantime, however, it seems very desirable that, where the introduction of British Indian small coin would be a present convenience, every facility for its use should be afforded. Its dissemination will assist in paving the way for a complete change, and lessening the inconvenience when such change seems otherwise desirable.

4. The Sirkar, I am happy to say, is desirous of making as it were an experimental commencement, and will be glad to have a lac§ of rupees in small silver coin, if Government is pleased to assist the scheme. If no objection exists, I would suggest that orders be issued in the Financial Department to place the coin at the Dewan's disposal at British Cochin. He will arrange for its transmission thence, and for re-payment at my Treasury here, or otherwise as may be arranged with the Accountant-General. To assist the general scheme it will then be notified by the Sirkar that British Indian silver coinage, whenever offered, will be received at the Sirkar treasuries in payment of Sirkar demands at the exchange of 28½ chuckrams the rupee, unless of course circumstances should render it necessary to readjust the exchange hereafter—a step which would only be taken on due grounds, and after due notice.

	Rs.
§ In ½ rupees	25,000
,, ¼ ,, ...	25,000
,, ⅛ ,, ...	50,000
Total...	1,00,000

Referred to the Accountant-General for report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
21*st January* 1870.

(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 6. From the Accountant-General, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort Saint George, 2nd February 1870, No. 342.

Budget Department.]

Referring to the Resident of Travancore's letter, No. 8, dated 12th instant, forwarded to me for remarks on the 21st idem, I have the honour to observe that, for the reasons therein stated, the introduction of British Indian coin into the Travancore State appears to me a desirable measure, and one which may well be sanctioned by Government. The actual cost of coining small silver is as noted in the margin, and exceeds slightly that of coining whole rupees ; but looking to the advantages which the extended

Small silver coins, at ½ to ¾ per cent.
Whole rupees, at 2 to 3 per cent.

circulation of the coins in question will generally produce upon the country, and the relief which it is likely to afford to the neighbouring treasuries, by reducing the demand upon them for that coin, I am of opinion that the claim for the cost of these coins might, with propriety, be waived, and the supply made as to other treasuries.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1870, No. 109.

In the first of the foregoing letters, the Resident in Travancore and Cochin brings to notice that the Mint in Travancore is unable to keep pace with the requirements of the country for small silver coins, and that the Sirkar is desirous of making an experiment of introducing the British Indian small coins into the State, and would be glad to have a lac of rupees worth of the following coins, viz.:—

½ rupees...	25,000
¼ ,, ...	25,000
⅛ ,, ...	50,000

2. The measure appears to the Accountant-General to be a desirable one, as it would promote the free circulation of the coins, and would in all probability afford relief to the neighbouring treasuries. He states that the actual cost of coining small silver coins slightly exceeds that of coining whole rupees; but in consideration of the advantage to be derived in giving free circulation to the small coins, and in relieving the treasuries, he is of opinion that the claim for the extra cost of coinage might be waived.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council approves of the introduction of the British Indian small coins into the Travancore State, and authorizes the issue of the coins particularized in paragraph 1 to the value of one lac of rupees, free of the extra cost of coinage.

4. The Accountant-General will arrange for placing the coins at the disposal of the Dewan of Travancore at Cochin, at the expense of the Travancore Sirkar.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE RESIDENT IN TRAVANCORE AND COCHIN. &c, &c, &c.

Dated March, 3rd.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., *3rd March* 1870, *No.* 109.

MARCH.

Nos. 5—7.

Approving of the introduction of the British Indian Small Coins into the Travancore State, and authorizing the issue of the coins particularized to the value of one lac of rupees, free of the extra cost of coinage.

No. 647—8-1-70—250

BUDGET DEPARTMENT.

No. 342

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
2d February 1870.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

TO THE Acting Chief Secretary,
to Government,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

Referring to the Resident of Travancore's letter No. 8, dated 12th Instant, forwarded to me for remarks on the 21st Idem, I have the honor to observe that, for the reasons therein stated the introduction of British Indian Coin into the Travancore State appears to me a desirable measure and one which may well be sanctioned by Government. The actual cost of coining Small Silver is as noted in the margin and exceeds slightly that of coining whole Rupees, but looking to the advantages which the extended circulation of the Coins in question will generally produce upon the country, and the relief which it is likely to afford to the neighbouring Treasuries by reducing the demand upon them for that Coin, I am of opinion that the claim for the cost of these coins might with propriety be waived and the supply made as to other Treasuries.

Small Silver Coins at 1/16 3/4 2/0
Whole Rupees at 2 1/2 3/0

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

F. Auchmuty
Accountant General.

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Residents Office
Trevandrum 12 January 1870

From

C. A. Ballard Esqre
Resident in Travancore & Cochin

To

J. J. Minchin Esq
Acting Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the Government is probably aware that although accounts in Travancore are still kept in Fanams (1) Chuckrams (2) and Cash (3), and these coins constitute the local currency - the British Indian silver coins are freely received in transactions.

There is no Travancore rupee coined. For account 28 chuckrams go to a Travancore rupee - and 28½ chuckrams to a British Indian Rupee - Although not formally declared a legal tender the British Indian Rupee and its silver fractional coins are practically current at 28½ chuckrams the Rupee, in private transactions.

2. The Dewan of Travancore informs me that the chuckrams are fast withdrawn from

Exchange.
1 " 2 2.90 (silver)
2 " 6.74 (")
3 " 6.42 (37 per) and

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Revenue Department.
From The Accountant General,
to the Govt. of Madras.
To
The Chief Secretary to
Government
Fort St George
Dated 2 Feby
Recd. 4 Feby 1870.
S.O. No. 107
No. 348
No. 342.
Enclosures. Mr Returns
Copy of the above
Letter from the Resident
in Travancore & Cochin
dated 12th Inst with the
Enclosure which is a
Circular Order issued by
the Travancore Government
announcing that the
Government will receive
Chuckrams at the rate
of 28½ to the Rupee
Copy
Fort St George
4 Feby 1870

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4. The Sirkar I am happy to say is desirous of making as it were an experimental commencement and will be glad to have a lakh of rupees in small silver coin if Government is pleased to assist the scheme. If no objection exists I would suggest that orders be issued in the Financial Department to place the coin at the Dewan's disposal at British Cochin. He will arrange for its transmission thence, and for repayment at my Treasury here, or otherwise as may be arranged with the Account and General. To assist the general scheme it will then be notified by the Sirkar that British Indian silver Coinage whenever offered will be received at the Sirkar treasuries in payment of Sirkar demands at the exchange of 28½ chuckrams the rupee unless of course circumstances should render it necessary to readjust the exchange hereafter, a step which would only be taken on due grounds and after due notice.

	Co.
½ rupees	25,000.
¼ "	25000
⅛ "	50000
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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obt Servant
Travancore
Resident

Financial Department

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters from

The Resident in Travancore & Cochin - (Hon. ended 12 Jany 1870. No 8)

The Acct. Genl. Madras - (— " — 2 Feby 1870. No 342)

Order thereon: No. 109. 3 March 70.

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Coins

Financial Department
Proceedings of Govt
Dated 12th January 1870
No. 109.
Received 19th January 1870
No 23
Enclosures from
The Resident
Travancore
Recommending the
Mint at Travancore
to be supplied with
Rupees & Fanams
& requesting a lakh
of Rupees to be sent
to Travancore
Referred.

Referred to the Accountant General for report.
Fort Saint. George
21st January 1870
The Accountant General

Accountant General's Office
Received 22
Answd 1 1870

J. S. Hinchman
Actg Chief Secy

Ans 21/1

coins, viz^t.

1/2 Rs ——————— 25,000
1/4 Rs ——————— 25,000
1/8 Rs ——————— 50,000-

2. The measure appears to the Accountant-General to be a desirable one, as it would promote the free circulation of the coins, and would in all probability afford relief to the neighbouring Treasuries. He states that the actual cost of coining small Silver coins slightly exceeds that of coining white Rupees, but in consideration of the advantage to be derived in giving free circulation to the small coins, and in relieving the Treasuries, he is of opinion that the claim for the extra cost of coinage might be waived.

3. His Excellency the Governor

Governor in Council approves of the introduction of the British Indian small coins into the Travancore State, and authorizes the issue of the coins particularized in paragraph 1 to the value of one lakh of Rs from the Extra Cost of Coinage.

4. The Accountant General will arrange for placing the coins at the disposal of the Dewan of Travancore at Cochin at the expense of the Travancore Sirkar.

To The Resident in Travancore Cochin -
The Accountant General.

dated 9/3 20

Govt. of {18 } Madras

Final

To

The Resr. in Travancore Cochin
&c.

Dated March 3. } 1870, No. 109.
Recd.

Nos. 5-7

Approving of the introduction of the British Indian small Coins into the Travancore State, and authorizing the issue of the Coins particularized to the value of one lakh of Rs, free of the extra cost of Coinage.