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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
18*th October* 1871.

CONFIDENTIAL.

No. 98-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Simla, 2nd October 1871, No. 4,020:—

"It seems that the present system of keeping accounts and making financial calculations in Bombay among the Natives, is almost entirely a decimal one.

"They divide the Rupee into 16 Annas, and for all calculations below the Anna they take *Docras*—$6\frac{1}{4}$ Docras 1 Anna, or 100 Docras 1 Rupee. A Docra is not represented here by any Native coin.

"I am confident that in Bombay, where the present Government coinage circulates almost exclusively, Natives of all classes would at once appreciate the advantages of the decimal system."

The foregoing extract from a letter from Bombay is forwarded, confidentially, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras. It is requested that, before the official report upon the expediency of a decimal sub-division of the Rupee is submitted, inquiry may, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, be made, whether any such custom as is above described exists among the commercial classes of Madras.

J. WESTLAND,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 98-B. ORDER THEREON, 18th October 1871, No. 580.

The desired inquiry will be made.

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 98-C. Proceedings of Government, dated 18th October 1871, No. 581.

It has been brought to the notice of Government that the system of keeping accounts and making financial calculations in Bombay among the Natives is almost entirely a decimal one.

2. They divide the Rupee into 16 Annas, and for all calculations below the Anna, they take Docras.

3. Six and a quarter Docras to 1 Anna, or 100 Docras to 1 Rupee.

4. The Government resolve to request the Board of Revenue, the Accountant-General, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Directors of the Bank of Madras, to inform them whether any similar custom exists among the commercial classes of Madras, when replying to the Proceedings of Government, dated 31st August 1871, No. 414, (Financial.)

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 4020.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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Financial Deptt

Proceedings of the Madras Govt

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The Government

S. D. S.

11-10-71

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W. Barnett.

Draft sent me
with his papers.

Octacamund 18 Octr 1871.
No 580

To Board Inspection Office
for Madras -
Chennai -

C. F.

I am directed to
forward herewith for the
information of the Board of Revenue, the Chamber of Commerce
the Directors of the
Bank of Madras ~~for~~
~~the~~ information
and ~~information~~ a letter
and similar enclosure
from the Government
of India, ~~on the subject~~
~~of the~~ enclosing
the proceedings of Govt.
of 31st Aug. No. 446.
(Financial)

Board of Revenue.
Accountant Genl.
Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.
Directors of the Bank of Madras.

} Despd. 18 Oct. 1871.

Fwi. 1871 Departt.

G.O. Nr. 580-81.

8/- 18th October 1871.

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