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No. 6. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Simla, 19th October 1871, No. 4445.

Mint and Currency.

Read again—

Circular letter to all Local Governments and Administrations, No. 4121, dated 12th October 1870, regarding the enforcement of Section 16 of the Indian Coinage Act of 1870.

Notification of this Department, dated 24th January 1871, No. 451, containing rules for carrying out the provisions of Sections 16 and 28 of the Indian Coinage Act of 1870.

Read also the following correspondence, on any necessity of relaxing the strict responsibility of a Treasurer, for loss from his receipt of coin, which is defaced without having lost more than two per cent. in weight, or which was of doubtful legality from its appearing to have been reduced in weight otherwise than by reasonable wearing, viz.:—

From Head Commissioner of Paper Currency, dated 6th September 1871, No. 393.

From Mint Master of 8th September 1871, No. 477.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council observes that, under Section 13 of the Coinage Act, defaced coin is not legal tender, and, accordingly, all coin which has been defaced, including that to which a piece of solder may have been attached, should be declined at a Government Treasury or a Paper Currency Office. The solder imparts to the coin a suspicious character, for it may conceal a drilling of the coin, though in other cases it is attached for the purpose of using the coin as an ornament.

Similarly coin which has been artificially diminished (as by partial solution in acids), should be treated under Section 13 of the Coinage Act as not legal tender, and be dealt with as Section 16, and the rules in the Notification, dated 24th January 1871, may permit.

Coins which have lost more than two per cent., by fair wear and tear, should, in supersession of the rule in Financial Notification dated 24th January 1871, be received only as bullion.

Weights for testing whether coins have lost more than the prescribed allowance in weight, by wear and tear, should be supplied by the Mint Masters to all Treasuries and Paper Currency Offices, and the Mint Master, Calcutta, should be requested to submit a draft of the rules which he would propose for testing the scales and weights in use at Treasuries, since such test must become necessary in time, even when proper weights and adjusted scales may have been supplied in the first instance by the Mint.

ORDER.—Ordered that the above Resolution be communicated to all Local Governments and Administrations, to the Comptroller-General and Head Commissioner of Paper Currency, the Mint Master, Calcutta, and the several Accountants-General and Deputy Accountants-General in independent charge, and that it be published in the *Gazette of India*.

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERY,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
11th November 1871.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1871, No. 633.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. Wright.

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From Head Commissioner of Paper Currency, No. 393, dated 6th September 1871.

From Mint Master, No. 477 of 8th September 1871.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council observes that under Section XIII. of the Coinage Act, defaced coin is not legal tender, and, accordingly, all coin which has been defaced, including that to which a piece of solder may have been attached, should be declined at a Government Treasury or a Paper Currency Office. The solder imparts to the coin a suspicious character, for it may conceal a drilling of the coin, though in other cases it is attached for the purpose of using the coin as an ornament.

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