Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 9th September 1872.

No. 42. Read the following letter from the Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Simla, 28th August 1872, Circular No. 2068 :—

Mint and Currency.

In forwarding to you a copy of the papers noted in the margin, I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to arrange for counterfeit coin being sent to the Bombay Mint, whenever it can be done, with the consent of the tenderers.

Letter from the Mint Master, Calcutta, No. 458, dated the 19th July, and its enclosures.

From the Mint Master, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Calcutta, 19th July 1872, No. 458.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 385, of 19th June 1872, in which you refer to Financial Resolution, No. 442, of 24th January last, as the order regarding which I made a proposal for altering.

2. This Resolution, No. 442, dated 24th January, refers to light and defaced coin, whereas my letter, No. 199, dated 28th May 1872, was on the subject of spurious coin. I did not, I think, express myself clearly; therefore, as the question is of great importance and apparently misunderstood, I venture again to submit it for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.

3. As the question was one of affording assistance to the police in detecting offences against the Mint, I thought it best, before re-submitting it, to obtain the opinion of the Commissioner of Police on the subject. I, therefore, wrote to Mr. Wauchope, and I enclose copies of my letter and his reply, which will fully explain my reasons for making the request; and at the same time the statement accompanying will, in some degree, show to what extent the fabrication of false coin is carried on.

From the Mint Master, to the Officiating Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, dated Calcutta, 3rd July 1872, No. 383.

The enclosed list, in addition to your own experience on the subject, will tend to show to what extent the crime of counterfeiting coin is now being carried on in Bengal.

As far as I have been able to observe, it seems to me that, though counterfeit coins are put into circulation all over the country, the work of coining is limited to one or two districts.

I was led by the opinion to consider it advisable that all counterfeit coins that were presented to, and cut by, Government officials, should be sent to the Mint to enable a careful investigation to be made of them, and to enable the sending to the Police the information obtained, with a view to assist in the pursuit and detection of the coiners. For it seemed self-evident that, if the Mint can inform the Police that certain coins put into circulation say, for instance, in Eastern Bengal, are of the same make as those that are the work of any known gang in Calcutta, or Cuttack, or

elsewhere, that information must be of great value in the pursuit. On these grounds, I addressed the Government of India, soliciting that the notification which directed the return to the owner of the cut counterfeit coins might be altered as far as the return of the cut coins was concerned, and that all such counterfeit coins might be forwarded for deposit in the Mint.

The Government of India have not, I think, understood the reasons for my application which has been refused and which I am about to re-submit; but, before doing so, I solicit the favour of your opinion on the question as to whether the information the Mint can, after a careful examination and comparison of the counterfeit coins with known work in store, furnish to the Police, will be of value sufficient to render the alteration of the notification desirable.

List of Counterfeit Coin for 1870-71.

From	To	Date of Despatch.	Amount of Remittance.	Amount of Spurious or Counterfeit Coins.
			Rs.	Rs.
Rungpore	Bank of Bengal ...	31st March 1870 ...	3,50,000	50
Midnapore	,, ...	14th April ,, ...	3,00,000	3
Monghyr	,, ...	23rd June ,, ...	2,00,000	18
Purneah	,, ...	5th July ,, ...	2,00,000	22
Bhullooa	,, ...	5th ,, ,, ...	1,00,000	21
Tipperah	,, ...	6th ,, ,, ...	1,00,000	9
Mymensing	,, ...	7th ,, ,, ...	3,00,000	15
Moorshedabad	,, ...	9th August ,, ...	2,00,000	18
Nuddea	,, ...	25th October ,, ...	1,00,000	4
Sylhet	,, ...	26th ,, ,, ...	1,00,000	300
Pubna	,, ...	3rd Nov. ,, ...	75,000	2
Rungpore	,, ...	31st October ,, ...	1,00,000	12
Purneah	,, ...	22nd Nov. ,, ...	1,00,000	1
Poorie	,, ...	22nd ,, ,, ...	3,00,000	16
Mymensing	,, ...	23rd ,, ,, ...	50,000	17
Kamroop	,, ...	16th Dec. ,, ...	1,00,000	11
Monghyr	,, ...	29th ,, ,, ...	1,00,000	5
Hooghly	,, ...	17th January 1871 ...	1,80,000	3
Nuddea	,, ...	18th ,, ,, ...	1,00,000	3
Kamroop	,, ...	24th ,, ,, ...	30,000	19
Beerbhoom...	,, ...	27th ,, ,, ...	1,25,000	10
Bhullooa	,, ...	28th ,, ,, ...	2,75,000	62
Rungpore	,, ...	1st February ,, ...	3,50,000	23
Midnapore	,, ...	4th ,, ,, ...	4,50,000	7
Bhaugulpore	,, ...	5th ,, ,, ...	2,00,000	2
Pubna	,, ...	6th ,, ,, ...	75,000	1
Mymensing	,, ...	8th ,, ,, ...	4,00,000	6
Durrung	,, ...	7th ,, ,, ...	1,00,000	16
Pooree	,, ...	11th ,, ,, ...	2,75,000	27
Purneah	,, ...	22nd ,, ,, ...	3,25,000	21
Kamroop	,, ...	2nd March ,, ...	55,000	18
Do.	,, ...	17th ,, ,, ...	50,000	3
Do.	,, ...	2nd ,, ,, ...	1,00,000	9
Bogra	Rajshahye ...	28th April 1870 ...	1,25,000	16
Bhullooa	Chittagong ...	21st May ,, ...	1,00,000	2
Balasore	Cuttack ...	22nd June ,, ...	1,50,000	4
Bhullooa	Chittagong ...	16th Nov. ,, ...	2,00,000	5
Rajshahye	Moorshedabad ...	18th ,, ,, ...	1,00,000	1
Bogra	Rajshahye ...	17th Dec. ,, ...	2,50,000	21
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			Rs.	Rs.
Mymensing...	Bank of Bengal ...	25th April 1871 ...	1,00,000	7
Jessore	,, ...	27th ,, ,, ...	2,50,000	38
Pubna	,, ...	28th ,, ,, ...	75,000	1
Tipperah	,, ...	10th May ,, ...	3,50,000	2
Midnapore	,, ...	25th ,, ,, ...	2,50,000	5
Bhullooa	,, ...	26th ,, ,, ...	2,00,000	57
Sarun	,, ...	10th June ,, ...	5,00,000	58
Shahabad	,, ...	16th ,, ,, ...	2,50,000	1
Chittagong	,, ...	14th ,, ,, ...	3,00,000	31
Deoghur	,, ...	29th ,, ,, ...	50,000	4
Pooree	,, ...	29th ,, ,, ...	3,00,000	33
Backergunge	,, ...	15th July ,, ...	5,00,000	1
Tirhoot	,, ...	17th ,, ,, ...	5,00,000	9
Cuttack	,, ...	15th ,, ,, ...	1,00,000	14
Beerbhoom...	,, ...	9th October ,, ...	1,00,000	11
Bhagulpore...	,, ...	11th ,, ,, ...	1,50,000	8
Pooree	,, ...	15th November ,, ...	3,00,000	41
Durrung	,, ...	27th ,, ,, ...	50,000	9
Monghyr	,, ...	December ,, ...	1,00,000	13
Midnapore	,, ...	4th January 1872 ...	3,00,000	31
Nowgong	.. ...	6th ,, ,, ...	2,40,000	70
Durrung	,, ...	22nd ,, ,, ...	30,000	4
Bogra	Rajshahye ...	20th April 1871 ...	1,25,000	8
Bhullooa	Chittagong ...	6th November ,, ...	2,00,000	10
Do.	,, ...	19th January 1872 ...	3,00,000	15
Midnapore	Balasore ...	20th March ,, ...	1,00,000	8
Naraingunge	Shaw, Jameson & Co., Calcutta ...	12th April ,, ...	.....	40

From the Officiating Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, to the Mint Master, Calcutta, dated Calcutta, 10th July 1872, No. 829.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 383, of the 3rd instant, regarding counterfeit coin.

2. In reply, I have to state that of late there seems to have been a considerable amount of base coin put, or attempted to be put, in circulation in Calcutta, and various persons have during the last few months been convicted of this offence. From your letter under acknowledgment, it would seem that the same is going on in various parts of Bengal.

3. Where these coins have been manufactured I have no idea, and I think it most desirable that as much information as possible should be collected regarding the place or places whence they come, and I can conceive no better means of obtaining this information than by the plan suggested by you, viz., that all counterfeit coins should be forwarded to the Mint for examination and deposit.

4. I may add that, previous to the Indian Penal Code coming into force, it was enacted by Section 11, Regulation XVII. of 1817, that, in all cases of persons having in their possession counterfeit coin for which they could not satisfactorily account, the counterfeit coin was to be forwarded to the Mint Master, and I know no reason why the same rule should not be enforced at present.

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No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1872, No. 1189.

Communicated to the Accountant-General who will arrange for the transmission of counterfeit coin to the Bombay Mint whenever practicable.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt

To the Acc[illegible]tant-General.
,, Board of Revenue.

Circular No. 2068.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

MINT AND CURRENCY.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

SIMLA, THE 28 AUGUST 1872.

SIR,

IN forwarding to you a copy of the papers noted in the margin, I am directed to request that with the permission of His Excy. the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to arrange for counterfeit coins being sent to the Bombay Mint whenever it can be done with the consent of the tenderers.

Letter from the Mint Master, Calcutta, No. 458, dated the 19th July, and its enclosures.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. Barbour

Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

COPY of correspondence to Bombay Mint Master.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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To

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL, &c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 9th.

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Encl.

G. O., 9th September 1872, No. 1139.

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To

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From
The Secretary to Govt.
of India
&c. &c. &c.
&
Superintendent.
Rangoon.

Sir,

I am directed to forward for your information a copy of a Resolution of the Government of India, dated the 16th instant, regarding the Rangoon Mint, and to request that you will be good enough to submit your opinion on the proposals contained in that Resolution.

I have, &c.
(Signed) A. Mackenzie
Secretary to the Government of India.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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To

The Accomtant General.

Dated Sept. 9

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