Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
17th September 1872.

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ABSTRACT.—Forwarding certain Indents received from District Officers for minimum weights for disposal.

THE Board observe that, by notification of the Government of Madras dated 4th January 1871, the officers noted in the margin were authorized to cut or break coin under Section 16 of the Indian Coinage Act; but by notification of the Government of India, dated 24th idem, all Officers in charge of Government Treasuries, and Commissioners, Deputy or Assistant Commissioners of Paper Currency were authorized to proceed under Sections 16 and 28 (?18, the Act has only 27 Sections).

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Rupee minimum weight...	176·4
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4. Under Section 16 all coins which have lost more than two per cent. in weight are to be cut or broken, and it will be therefore necessary to supply minimum weights of quarter and eighth rupee pieces to officers authorized to act under the section. The Board, pending resolution of the doubt raised in paragraph 2, do not think it necessary to order these weights for all officers in charge of Treasuries; but request that 70 sets as per margin may be made up for supply to the officers specified in the notification of the Madras Government dated 4th January 1871.

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(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

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No. 92. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1872, No. 1225.

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(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of (1872) Madras.

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To

The BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 17th.

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Acting Sub-Secretary.

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Exd. G. A. Turton.

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