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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
25th October 1872.

No. 252. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated Simla, 30th September 1872, No. 2227 :—

Mint and Currency.

Read again—

Mint and Currency Proceedings of May, Nos. 7 to 10, prescribing the conditions on which copper coin may be struck for Native States in British Mint.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council, having taken into further consideration the conditions upon which the coins of a Native State may be admitted to be legal tender in British India, in payment or on account, is pleased, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State for India in Council, to resolve as follows :—

1. Nothing in this Resolution shall be held to authorize the recognition, as a legal tender in British India, of coins struck by, or on behalf of, any Native State which has not now a Mint in active operation, unless the right of such State to re-open a Mint shall be specially recognised by the British Government.

2. Subject to the following conditions, the Governor-General in Council is prepared to promote a law to authorize the Government of India to declare that all the coins, or the coins in any particular metal, of any Native State which has a Mint in active operation, or which may, hereafter, be held entitled to re-open such a Mint, shall be a legal tender, in payment or on account, in British India, viz. :—

(1)—Gold coined for a Native State cannot be made a legal tender, in payment or on account, in British India, until gold coins of the Government of India shall be made a legal tender in British India.

(2)—Silver or copper coin manufactured for a Native State may be made a legal tender, in payment or on account, in British India, to the extent to which coins of the Government of India in the same metal are a legal tender and subject to the provisions which apply to such coin, provided—

(*a*) that it be coined in a British Mint under the same regulations as coins of the Government of India;

(*b*) that it be identical in purity with the coins of the Government of India of the same metal;

(*c*) that it be identical in weight with some coin of the Government of India of the same metal, or with some simple sub-division or multiple of such a coin;

(*d*) that the device upon obverse and reverse be approved by the Governor-General in Council;

(*e*) that the value in money of the Government of India be inscribed upon the coin in the English language;

(*f*) that the law and rules in force for the time being respecting the cutting and breaking of diminished, counterfeit, and called in, coin of the Government of India shall apply to such coins, the cost of cutting and breaking the coins of any Native State being recovered from it.

(*g*) that the Native State undertake to abstain from coining the same metal in its own Mint;

(*h*) that the Native State formally declare all coins of the Government of India of the same metal to be a legal tender, in payment or on account, within its territories.

3. The Government of India will charge to the Native State only the declared actual cost of manufacturing the coins. The actual cost will be declared or notified by the Government of India from time to time.

4. If the Native State supply the metal, it must be in such condition as may, by the rules of the Mint, be required.

5. The Native State must undertake not to issue the coins below their nominal value, and not to allow any discount or advantage to any person in order to bring them into circulation.

6. The Government of India may regulate, from time to time, upon a consideration of the fair demands of the population of any Native State, the maximum number of any particular coins that shall be coined in any specified period for such State.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Foreign Department, in continuation of Resolution, No. 2640, dated 13th April 1872, for such further consideration and orders as may appear necessary with the intimation that, after the assent of the Secretary of State is obtained the needful legislation will be undertaken as soon as information is received that any Native State is ready to enter into the reciprocal arrangements described in this Resolution.

A copy is also to be sent to the Master of the Mint at Calcutta, and to the several Local Governments.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 253. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1872, No. 1459.

Communicated to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Political Agent of Poodoocottah, and to the Collectors of Bellary and Kurnool.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

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" Political Agent of Poodoocottah.
" Collector of Bellary.
" " of Kurnool.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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To

THE RESIDENT IN TRAVANCORE
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Dated October, 25th.

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