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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 192.

FROM

THE HON. W. HUDLESTON,
Offg. Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Referring to Mr. Assistant-Secretary Hollingbery's letter, dated the 4th August last, No. 2494, I am directed to transmit copies of letters* from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, and the Accountant-General, together with statements showing the amount of gold, silver, and copper coins issued from the late Madras Mint from the year 1837 to 1867, and of the uncurrent coins returned from the Government Treasuries for re-coinage, from the year 1835 to September 1869.

* Dated 27th Oct. 1871, Nos. 74-1136.
„ 8th Feb. 1872, No. 597.

2. It will be seen from the Resident's letter that the value of coins in circulation in Cochin and Travancore was as follows during 1869-70 :—

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Cochin.	
Silver	3,33,330
Travancore.	
Silver	16,50,000
Copper	86,000
British Indian Silver Coins	4,58,300

3. The statements received from the Accountant-General show that the gross amount of coinage issued amounted to Rupees 1,341,01,175-8-7. Deducting therefrom the uncurrent coins returned to the late Mint, viz., Rupees 408,52,350-15-7, and also Rupees 249,40,140 the Government balance, the remainder, viz., Rupees 683,08,684-9-0, may be taken as representing the value of coinage in circulation on the 31st March 1870.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
26th February 1872.

Officiating Chief Secretary.

From the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trevandrum, 27th October 1871, No. 74-1136.

Account Department.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Government Order, Financial Department, No. 366, of the 21st August last, requesting to afford information regarding the amount of coinage in circulation in the States of Travancore and Cochin.

2. Having communicated with the Diwans on the subject, I beg to submit the following information supplied to me by them.

3. In Cochin the Diwan reports that there are at present in circulation in that State about 48,00,000 single Poothens and 8,08,313 double Poothens of the value of Rupees 2,49,350 and Rupees 83,980, respectively.

4. In Travancore the Diwan informs me that he is unable to form even an approximate estimate of the quantity of local coins in circulation in that State. The local Mint, established one or two centuries ago, at present only issues silver* and copp †coins. The value of the silver coins so issued from the Mint during the past thirty years amounted to about 16½ lakhs of Rupees, and that of the copper coin to Rupees 86,000 for the same period.

* Silver single Fanams. Chuckrums.
† Copper cash.

5. It appears that the local silver coins in Travancore are hoarded up by the natives to a great extent, and that the local Mint is becoming less and less able to supply the growing demands, that consequently British Indian currency is increasing in the country, and that British copper coins, though not a legal tender in Travancore, are extensively in circulation in the Taluq of Shencottah which borders the Province of Tinnevelly as well as throughout the State.

6. Of the British Indian silver coins in circulation in Travancore, there were about Rupees 4,58,300 in the several Treasuries at the end of the Malabar year 1045 (A. D. 1869-70).

7. It is also stated that British and Australian sovereigns are met with at seaport towns in Travancore, but, as they are not legal tender, they circulate at current market prices.

From the Acting Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 8th February 1872, No. 597.

Resource Department.

With reference to the Government Order, No. 366, dated 21st August last, I have the honour to state that, on receipt of the above, this Department placed itself in communication with the Chemical Examiner to ascertain what information was available in the records of the late Mint, and with the assistance of the Clerk deputed by that Officer a statement has been prepared of the total issues from the Madras Mint from the year 1835, and another of the uncurrent coins returned from the Government Treasuries for re-coinage from the same year, copies where of are herewith annexed.

2. In consequence of the records of this office having, under orders of the Madras Government, No. 531, dated 16th April 1861, been destroyed, and no information being available in detail as to the cash balances remaining in Government Treasuries of gold, silver, and copper at the end of each year, a circular was sent to all Collectors calling for a statement in the annexed form, but many of the Collectors have furnished the statement so imperfectly, and for so few years, tha t

I am unable to prepare the statement in the detail in which it is required by the Government of India.

3. I have further to add that I have been unable to ascertain from the records of the late Mint the amount of coinage turned out by the old Mint, no information whatever being forthcoming on the subject, and, in the absence of these particulars, it is clearly not in my power to give the amount of that coin which is now in circulation.

4. The Government will observe, from the statements referred to in paragraph 1, that the net issues from the Madras Mint from 1835-36 to 1869-70 after deducting the value of uncurrent coins returned to the Mint is Rupees 932,48,824-9-0, from which if Rupees 249,40,140 the Government balance be deducted, the difference, Rupees 683,08,684-9-0, represents the value of coinage in circulation on the 31st March 1870.

Exd. J. Wright.

1872.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Offg. Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Fort St. George.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated 26th February 1872.

Recd.

No. 192.

Enclosure.

Transmitting, with remarks, copies of certain letters together with statements showing the amount of gold, silver, and copper coins issued from the late Madras Mint from the year 1837 to 1867, and of the uncurrent coins returned from the Government Treasuries for re-coinage from 1838 to September 1869.

dated 5/3/72
with two Original Statements

Financial Department.

No. 192.

To

The Secretary to Government
of India,
Financial Department.

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Referring to Mr. Assistant Secretary Bollingberry's letter dated the 4th August last, No. 2494, I am directed to transmit copies of letters from the President in Travancore & Cochin, and the Accountant General, together with statements showing the amount of Gold, Silver & Copper Coins issued from the late Madras Mint from the year 1837, to 1867, and of the Uncurrent Coins returned from the Govt. Treasuries for recoinage, from the year 1835 to September 1869.

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TO THE GOVT. OF MADRAS.

To

The Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St. George

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Fort St. George.
26. July, 1872

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To

The Secretary to the
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Dated 187

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Financial DEPARTMENT.

From The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George,

To The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
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Copies of certain
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Letters together with Statements
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Silver & Copper coins issued
from the Calcutta Mint
from the year 1837
to 1869 & of the uncurrent Coins
returned from the Govt.
Treasuries for Coinage from
1835 to Septr. 1869.