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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 849.

FROM

THE HON. R. S. ELLIS, C.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Referring to the correspondence noted in the margin I am directed to transmit copy of a report from the Chemical Examiner on the working of the Assay Department under his charge for a period of one year, commencing from the 30th May 1871.

To Secy. to Govt. of India, dated 15th July 1871, No. 238.
From Secy. to Govt. of India, dated 15th August 1871, No. 2807.

2. It will be observed that improvement in the results of the working of the local assay of bullion was perceptible in the latter part of the period under report, and I am instructed, therefore, to request the sanction of the Supreme Government for the continuance of the experiment for another year.

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

OOTACAMUND,
2nd July 1872.

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.,
for *Chief Secretary.*

From the Chemical Examiner in charge of the Assay Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 13th June 1872, No. 6.

With reference to G. O., No. 441, of 8th September 1871, directing that the arrangement at present in force for the management of the Assay Department should be tried for one year, I have the honour to submit, for the information of Government, a brief report of the work of the Assay Office from 30th May 1871, the date on which I received charge of it from Mr. Graham.

2. *Silver Bullion.*—The standard weight of silver bullion melted and assayed in this Department was tolahs 86,909, most of which was received during the last three or four months. The seigniorage recovered on the above and credited to Government amounted to Rupees 1,823-9-5.

3. *Establishment.*—The establishment was as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
1 Assistant and Manager, Melting and Assay	200	0	0
1 Writer	30	0	0
1 General Assistant, Working Department	15	0	0
1 Melter	12	0	0
1 Hammerman and Laboratoryman	10	0	0
1 Gollah	8	0	0
Total...	275	0	0

4. The contingent expenses, excluding all which were not debitable to assay work proper, amounted to Rupees 22, against which is to be set Rupees 86 received as "pre-melting charges."

5. *Copper Straps.*—With the permission of Government 8960 lbs. of coinage copper straps were despatched to the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, Negapatam, and the value, inclusive of charges, Rupees 3,886-0-9, remitted to the Bank to the credit of Government. About 559,500 lbs. of copper have been from time to time delivered to merchants on the written orders of the Accountant-General, in whose Department the value of the copper was paid.

6. *Miscellaneous Receipts*—

	RS.	A.	P.
Unserviceable articles sold and remitted to the Bank... ...	724	10	0
A leaden (sulphuric acid) chamber do.	500	0	0
Copper scissel do.	2,674	0	0
Copper ingots do.	191	0	0
Surplus copper coins remitted to Bank	152	9	0
Total...	4,242	3	0

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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