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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

24th November 1881, No. 2295.

Copper Coins.

Read the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd November 1881, No. 2905.

Read again—

Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd June 1881, No. 1136, Press Series, and 3rd October 1881, No. 657, Routine Series.

Read also—

G.O., dated 2nd November 1881, No. 2126, Revenue Department.

Read also the following letters:—

From the Collector of North Arcot,	dated 26th August 1881, No. 317.
" " of South Arcot,	18th " " 319.
" " of Bellary,	6th October " 468.
" " of South Canara,	27th August " 1815.
" " of Chingleput,	14th September " 3955.
" " of Coimbatore,	5th October " 231.
" " of Cuddapah,	3rd September " 394.
" " of Ganjam,	13th October " 2866.
" " of Godavari,	11th " " 308.
" " of Kistna,	7th September " 1098.
" " of Kurnool,	7th October " 443.
" " of Madras,	31st August " 317.
" " of Madras,	12th " " 329.
" " of Malabar,	8th October " 1448.
" " of Nilgiris,	9th September " 129.
" " of Salem,	6th " " 2307.
" " of Tanjore,	7th October " 5728.
" " of Tinnevely,	10th " " 572.
" " of Trichinopoly,	8th " " 3168.
" " of Vizagapatam,	15th September " 318.

With reference to G.O., dated 10th May 1881, No. 808, Financial Department, the Board called upon Collectors of all Districts, except Coimbatore, to report whether any such misapprehension of the orders of the Government of India as had occurred in Coimbatore exists in their districts in regard to the free exchange of silver for copper coin at all Government Treasuries, and to receipt of copper coin in payment of Government dues. The letters read above are in reply, which will be submitted to Government for their information.

2. No report has yet been received from Nellore, but in other districts copper seems to circulate generally at par, and no misapprehension is stated to exist except in Kurnool. In Kurnool the Collector states that the Reddies (village headmen) in the Ramallakott Paluk have got into the habit of fixing limitations on their acceptance of copper, some Reddies declining to accept copper except for fractions of a rupee, others going even beyond this. He, however, states that copper circulates at par throughout the district, and that steps have been taken to prevent the erroneous practice. In Tinnevely the Collector states that in the transactions of the country a small discount or premium as the case may be is demanded for copper coin, and that it is probably copper coins being received by village

officers in payment of Government dues only to a limited extent and to its not being freely issued to the public by taluk officials in exchange for silver. Strict orders, however, have been issued to receive and issue copper coin freely in future. In South Arcot the Collector states that copper is exchanged in all Government Treasuries to the value of not less than Rs. 5. His attention is drawn to the fact that the limit should be Rs. 2 and not Rs. 5. In Chingleput the Collector, while stating that no misapprehension of the orders exists, suspects that the village officers do not freely receive copper in payment of Government dues, and remarks that the practice of charging discount for changing copper into silver is usual in bazaars, and that the exchange rate depends upon demand and supply. No doubt it is impossible to prevent altogether the charge of discount and premium in the market for the exchange of silver for copper, because the public will not object to a moderate charge for the convenience of a ready exchange; but if copper is freely exchanged in Government Treasuries and received in payment of Government dues, without any limitation, the market rate will always be kept within reasonable limits; the object should be to guard against an inordinate rise, and this point should have constant attention.

(True Extract.)

C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1881, No. 2295.

Ordered that copy of the foregoing Proceedings of the Board of Revenue be forwarded to the Government of India. The Board will impress on all Collectors the necessity of giving constant attention to the matter so as to ensure observance of the Government of India rule.

2. The inordinate delay in respect to this reference appears to have been chiefly due to the long time which was allowed to elapse before Proceedings were passed by the Board on the Government Order of the 10th May 1881, No. 808, and next to the non receipt of those Proceedings by the District Officers till two months afterwards.

3. The Government have been assured by the Board that such delay will not again be permitted to occur, and His Excellency in Council relies on this assurance being fulfilled.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with enclosures.
" Accountant-General.
" Revenue Department.

No. 2296.

Copy to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, with reference to their Secretary's letter, No. 1060, dated 13th June 1881.

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

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From

To

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA
DEPT. OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

Shri 26 September 1881.

No. 1060 dated 18 Jan 1881
SECRET

The undersigned is directed to request an early reply to the communication from the Department noted in the margin.

Part of the amount regarding
circulation of Copper Coins
at a discount

Reminder already issued

No. 2915 dated 7 Sept 1881

J. E. C. M.

Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

FROM

THE SECT. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

DEPT. OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

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Finance (1881) DEPARTMENT.
Copper Coins

From

Govt. of India
F.H.

No. 3201

Dated

Recd.

26
4 Oct 81.

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SUBJECT.

Remission in the
circulation of copper coins
at discount

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Recd 1881
Dept. of
(Copper Coins)

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REMINDER.

FROM

THE ^{1/11} SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,
DEPT. OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

TO

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras.

Dated the 7th November 1881.

The undersigned is directed to request an early reply to the communication
from this Department noted in the margin.*

No. 1050 dated 13 June 1881
SECRET.

Remission of the enquiries re.
regarding the circulation
of copper coins at a discount

Reminder already issued.

No. 2905 dated 7 Sept 1881
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J.E.O'Connor

1/11 Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

FROM

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,
DEPT. OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE. }

No. 2-11-81-20-2126-
 " 7-10-81-1923
 " 19-9-81-1751
 " 8-10-81-1638
 " 23-6-81-1170-

(188) DEPARTMENT
 (Copper currency)
 P. D.
 4 NOV 81

From
 Govt of India
 Dept of Finance
 Government

No. 4110

Dated
 Recd.

CURRENCY No. 3161

SUBJECT.

In view of attention
 to communication re: results
 of inquiries about
 the circulation of copper
 coins at a discount.

Despatch 21/11

Chief Secretary
 21 November 1881.

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My dear Galton,

The Govt. of India
 are constantly sending
 reminders in regard to
 the circulation of copper
 coins at a discount.

On the 2nd instant, the
 Board were requested
 by G.O. No 2126 to send in
 such information as had
 up to that time reached
 them, but no report
 has yet reached this
 office. Please let me
 know when Govt may
 expect to receive a reply.

MA

It appears to Govt. that
the explanations called
for in the Board's Process
No 657 of the 3rd October
should ~~have~~ ^{now} be now
have been submitted
to Govt., and I am to
ask that information
may be afforded on
this point. If any
collector has not replied
to this last call, he
should be required by
^{telegram}
to do so within 48 hours.
The Govt. trust that
suitable notice may
be taken of the
~~whole~~ unreasonable
delay that has
occurred ^{on the part of the collector} in this
matter.
It should not be
another 10 days.

and
whether the duplicate
exchange of letters for
legal tender copy is
in process of completion
before the 10th of the
month

for the
whether the copy is
received at Govt. Office
in satisfaction of
Govt. has except for
frictions of a paper.
But this is all
that the Govt. is the
Govt. of India will
to know. 22/10/82
I am directed to
say in conclusion
that the Govt. trust
arrangements will be
made by the Board
both for obtaining
information from
District officers and
for furnishing it
to Govt. (Secretary)
with much greater
promptitude than at
present.

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Copper Coins

No.

In Mica gallon

R. D.
28/10/81

Dear Board Office

21st Nov 1881

My dear Davidson, 28/10/81

In reply to your letter.

Official of this date I am to say that the Board's reply regarding the circulation of copper coins at a discount will reach Govt tomorrow. All collectors have replied except the Collector of Aglore who has been directed by telegram to furnish the information called for within 24 hours. The delay in the present case is much to be regretted but the nature of the information required was such that a reference had to be made to every taluk and there was unfortunately

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Temporarily placed
Trilokya dated 8 Oct 1881 No. 3108
Varajakham dated 15 Sept 1881 No. 918

delay at the outset, the BDO's Pro.
of 25 June having been received
from the Press only on 25 July
and not despatched till the 2nd
August; and ^{also} in disposing of
the matter after receipt of
G.O. of 2nd November. The
Board will use their best
endeavours to prevent a
recurrence of the delay which
has provoked the adverse
comment of Govt.

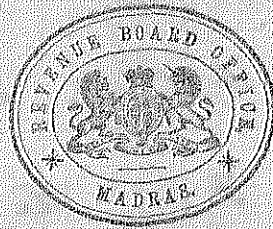
Yours sincerely

Ch. C. C.

and a table, this time in 1875
has not yet been sent for
and must be sent by the 1st
of the month.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,

Dated 22 November 1881.

No. 2908 ~~Madras~~

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Rantam Series.

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2426. Res. Dept.

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" " Belling dated 6 Decr 1881 N^o 40000.

" " 2. Canara dated 27 Aug 1881 N^o 18480.

" " Chayilpet dated 14 Sept 1881 N^o 1950.

" " Coimbatore dated 5 Oct 1881 N^o 231.

" " Cuddalore dated 3 Sept 1881 N^o 396.

" " Ganjam dated 13 Oct 1881 N^o 28560.

" " Gadawan dated 10 Oct 1881 N^o 308.

" " Kistna dated 7 Sept 1881 N^o 17780.

" " Kurnool dated 7 Oct 1881 N^o 4430.

" " Madras dated 31 August 1881 N^o 3170.

" " Madras dated 13 August 1881 N^o 3290.

" " Malabar dated 6th October 1881 N^o 14480.

" " Nilgiris dated 9 Sept 1881 N^o 129.

" " Salem dated 6 Sept 1881 N^o 2307.

" " Tanjore dated 7 Oct 1881 N^o 57280.

" " Tenmally dated 10 Oct 1881 N^o 552.

" " Trichinopoly dated 3 Oct 1881 N^o 31080.

" " Vizagapatam dated 15 Sept 1881 N^o 7180.

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/ True Extract /

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Secretary

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department
with 20 letters in original to be
returned, & copy of Board's Pro-
ceedings dated 23 June 1861.
N 1136

1881.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

To

Chief Secretary to
Government, F. D.

Proceedings, dated 22 Nov. 1881.

No.

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Miscellaneous.

Subject.

Furnishing information
required regarding con-
dition of water course.

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following order Pro-

ceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated
22nd November 1881, No 2905.

Order thereon 21st Jan. 1882, No 2275.

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in respect to this reference
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to elapse before proceedings
were passed by the
Board on the Govt
order.

The Bd file implies
on all (other) the
necessity of giving
constant attention
to the matter & as
of recent assurance
of the G. S. Rule

order of the 10th May 1881,
18808, and next to the
non-receipt of those
proceedings by the
district officers till
two months afterwards.

The Govt. have been
assured by the Board
that such delay will
not again be per-
mitted to occur, and
His Excellency in Coun-
cil ~~confidently~~ ^{is}

~~is~~ ^{is} this assurance ~~being~~ ^{being} ~~fulfilled~~ ^{fulfilled}

He at the same
time resolves to lay
it down as a standing
order to be observed
in every department
of Govt. that no officers
shall allow a reference
from

To the Board of Revenue
last passed
Board of Revenue

This kind of preliminary
is in force. It must
be maintained as a
rule & then its existence is an evil

from Govt. or the Board
of Revenue to remain
unanswered for a
longer period than
one month, unless a
specific date for the
submission of the
desired information
shall have been
named, cases where
it will be necessary
to exceed this period
will be of rare occurrence,
and in these full explana-
tion should be furnished
by the district officer
concerned to account
for his inability to
answer within the
prescribed time.

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Copper Coins

Govt. of 1881 Madras.

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BY A. O. N. [signature]

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Copper Coin. Plon. K. K. K.
- furnishing ~~information~~ ^{information} re
- guarding the circulation of la-
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- ~~vicinity~~ ^{vicinity} ~~for~~ ^{for} the [unclear].