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Recording, with reference to G.O. No 334 of 7-3-99, report from the Resident in Travancore & Cochin regarding cases of counterfeiting coin in Travancore & Cochin.

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Resident's Office
Trivandrum 8th July 1899

From

~~J.~~ C. Nicholson Esquire
~~Ag~~ Resident in
Travancore and Cochin.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Ootacamund.

Sir,

With reference to Government
K Order No 219 Political dated 18th March last
I have the honor to report as follows: —

1. The Dewan of Travancore states that cases of counterfeiting Queens Coin are very rare in the State but cases of counterfeiting Travancore Chuckrams are of the frequent occurrence due probably to the extremely simple design of the Travancore Coinage. As yet no special features have been noticed either in regard to the excellence of the workmanship or to the fineness of the material used. The material used is generally inferior as to lead at once to ready detection.

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In one case alone the fraud was detected by deficiency in weight. The counterfeit coins hitherto detected have not been subjected to any tests to ascertain whether they contain a high proportion of silver. The Magistrates and Police officers have now received instructions on the subject.

2. The Dewan of Cochin reports a few cases but not of an important character. At Kanayanoor a goldsmith was convicted for having delivered a counterfeit rupee as a genuine coin. In another case the accused was convicted for having applied quicksilver to a copper coin worth one-twelfth of an anna and attempting to pass it as a four anna piece. At Ichittoor a man was convicted for besmearing a quarter anna piece with quicksilver and passing it as an eight anna piece. At Trichur possession of a British Rupee made entirely of lead was reported; but there was no evidence to show that it was manufactured within the limits of the Cochin State. None of these cases reported seems to bear upon the point referred to in the Government order above referred to.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servant
F. A. Nicholson
Ag. Resident.