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No. 6. Read the following letter from the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 22nd November 1865, No. 226.

I have the honor to annex a copy of a letter from J. Gibbs, Esq., Agent for Sirdars in the Dekhan, which I request you will do me the favor to submit for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. As Mr. Gibbs' very kind letter speaks for itself, it is unnecessary I should do more than express a hope that I may be authorized to avail myself of his valuable assistance.

From the Agent for Sirdars in the Dekhan, to the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, Madras; dated Poona, 3rd November 1865, No. 185.

With reference to your letter, No. 159, of 8th August 1865, to the address of the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, a copy of which was forwarded to me by the Bombay Government, I have the honor to inform you that, having been a collector of coins for many years, I wrote asking this Government if I should make an attempt at forming a collection such as your letter indicates to be required by the Museum.

2. Government fully approved of my suggestion, and I am directed to place myself in communication with you. I have, therefore, to request you will give me any information in your power as to the series you wish completed, also whether I may be permitted to purchase from the bazaar any coins I may find there.

3. The Collector's treasuries have long since got rid of all the old coins, and, save when an occasional trouvaille occurs, have none to place at any one's disposal. I have always found that, save for the rare sort, 2 to 4 Annas on the Rupee will purchase any of the uncurrent coins. Those of the earlier Mahomedan Sovereigns are more scarce, and a higher premium is demanded, especially for the zodiac series coined by Jehangeer, a perfect set of the genuine coins of which I have never seen. There are four separate sets of forgeries, which are often palmed off on those who know not the real coins.

4. Should specimens of the old coins be required, I shall feel obliged if you accept of my poor services in the cause, by your mentioning the sorts required.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1865, No. 1243.

The Superintendent, Government Central Museum, will avail himself of Mr. Gibbs' offer of his services in the collection of coins for that Institution.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent, Government Central Museum.
„ Accountant General,

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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I think it soon be advisable to
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of Mr. Gibbs.

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2^d December 1865 N^o 1243-

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To the Sup^t G. C. Museum
- Rec^d General - 1865/12