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No. 1269.

FROM

A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTH WEST
PROVINCES, ALLAHABAD.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Under Secretary Tyrrell's letter of the 13th ultimo, No. 4008A, relative to the coins of which specimens are required for the Government Central Museum at this Presidency, I am directed to forward a copy of a further communication which has been received on the subject from Captain Mitchell.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
13th December 1865.*Chief Secretary.*

From Captain J. MITCHELL, Superintendent of the Government Central Museum, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 4th December 1865, No. 232.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of a letter, No. 4008A, from the Under Secretary to the Government of the North-West Provinces to your address.

2. I am sorry to have to give so much more trouble about the coins than I expected would be necessary, but I am obliged to confess that I cannot understand this letter. What I asked for is the coins now, or recently, current. If the reply is to be read literally there is no currency at all in the North-West Provinces, which, of course, cannot be the intended meaning.

3. It may be meant that no money except British currency now circulates in the Provinces, but on looking over Prinsep's Supplementary Table of Indian Gold Coins, I find the following mentioned:—Shah Alum, Dihli, Furrukhabad, Agra, Allahabad, Benares, Etawa, and several other Mohurs, which were current very recently. In his Table of Silver Coins I find the following Rupees:—Agra, Ahmad Shah, Allahabad, Benares, three kinds; Chandoli, Dihli, Muhammad Shah, 38th year of reign, three kinds; Etawa, Gohursahi, four kinds; Kora, years 8, 12, and 20, all current in Allahabad; Muhammadshahi, Mutysahi, coined at Allahabad, Panipat and Shamli, Dihli District, and perhaps others. It is true many, or possibly all, of these coins may be getting scarce; but that makes it the more desirable to obtain examples of them before it is too late.

4. I am induced to hope the Government of the North-West Provinces will do me the favor to re-consider this subject. I can only obtain the historical collection of coins I aim at by the assistance of all who are in a position to afford it.

Ezd. J. H. Burns.

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Allahabad

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For St. George.
13 December 1853

Act of 19 Dec.

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For the day to the Fort of the
North West (unmarked)
a day later.

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