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No. 9. Read the following letter from the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 24th April 1866, No. 80.

In obedience to Order of Government as per margin, I have the honor to submit a list of the coins, as given by the Donor on the paper in which the respective coins were enclosed, with such

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remarks as it seemed necessary I should make.

The coins are all copper.

No. 1. Three coins of Shri Dedda Devi Rami of Kashmir, from A. D. 980 to 1000. Note.—In excellent preservation.

No. 3. Five coins of Soter Megas. Note—These coins are considerably worn, but will probably be improved by cleaning. Wilson says the complete inscription is “the Great King of Kings: the Preserver,” and that the Monarch, whose name is unknown, probably lived in the first century of the Christian Era.

No. 5. Five Mahomedan coins. Note—One of these is probably Hindoo. I cannot identify them at present.

No. 5, bis. Three Sinal coins. Note—I am not acquainted with this term. The coins, I believe, are Indo-Scythie but they require cleaning. The characters cannot be read at present.

No. 6. Three coins of Sri Vanka Deva, date unknown. Note—These are Rajput coins. The last Prince of this dynasty lost his life in battle with Mohumud Sam in A. D., 1192, they are therefore of an earlier, though unknown, date.

No. 7. Three coins of Sri Samanta Deva. Date and locality not known, probably 800 or 900 A. D., North West Provinces. Note—Two of these coins are much oxydized. The third is in fair condition, and evidently belongs to the same dynasty as No. 6.

No. 9. Three coins of Azes, King of Bactria, date unknown. Note—These coins are much oxydized, they are most likely of Azes. His era is B. C. 50.

No. 10. Two coins found in Guzerat. Fire-worshippers. Note—There is nothing to show the date of these coins; they are probably examples of the Gudhia pisa, or ass money, of Prinsep.

No. 11. Three coins of Sri Samanta Deva and Ball (? Bull), date and locality not known, probably 800 or 900 A. D. Note—Rudely executed coins of the Rajput dynasty.

No. 13. Twenty-five coins the dates of which are unknown. Note—I think some of these will be identified when they are cleaned.

No. 14. Five coins large and small of Kanerki, a ruler of Bactria, or some contiguous region. Greek letters on one side “Rao kanerki,” and on the other sometimes Greek with a orokro, and sometimes Bactria. Date not known, probably early in the Christian Era. Note—Kanerki, or Kanerkon, was one of the Indo-Scythie princes of Kabul, the exact date is unknown, but is supposed to have been in the

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early part of the Christian Era. These coins are worn and oxydized, and cannot be clearly identified in their present condition.

The Donor's reference to Greek characters appears to be made to more perfect coins in his possession.

There are four papers in the box, numbered 2, 4, 8 and 12, with which no coins were sent, viz.,

No. 2.—Guzerat coins, probably 1600 to 1700 years old "Shri Rajna Mahak-satrapa."

Of these I have only two.

No. 4.—These are called by Prinsep "Heart Coins," the heart is formed by the knees of a female very badly executed. Date near that of Kadphises.

Of these I have only two.

No. 8.—Raja of Kashmir, probably "Scirala," or "Sugandha," about 1100.A.D.

Of these I have got only two.

No. 12.—"Thri Skanda Gupta," reigned over Guzerat and west of Central India about the Christian Era.

Of these I have only two.

These coins are a very acceptable addition to the Museum Cabinet, and I am very much indebted to Mr. Maneckjee Sorabjee for his contribution, for which I beg he will accept my best thanks.

No. 10. To the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay dated Fort Saint George, 1st May 1866, No. 445.

I am directed to acknowledg the receipt of your letter of the 4th ultimo, No. 661, and of the parcel to which it refers. This parcel was forwarded to the Superintendent of the Madras Central Museum; and, in new transmitting a copy of Captain Mitchell's letter, in which is given a list of the coins contained in the box, with his remarks on them, I am to request that the thanks of the Madras Government may be conveyed to Mr. Maneckjee Sorabjee for his valuable contribution to the Museum.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

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