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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
7th May 1866.*

No. 30. Read the following letter from the Officiating Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort William, 11th April 1866, No. 2088.

General.

With reference to your letter, No. 87, dated the 29th January last, and previous correspondence, I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the accompanying copy of letters* from the Officiating Mint Master, Calcutta, and Secretary to the Asiatic Society, Bengal, as to the best means by which a collection of the coins required for the Central Museum at Madras may be made in Bengal.

* No. 674, dated the 7th ultimo.
,, 195, ,, the 4th instant.

From the Officiating Mint Master, Calcutta, to the Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal; dated Calcutta, 7th March 1866, No. 674.

In reply to your letter, No. 1058, dated 21st February 1866, I have the honor to state that, if any coins of the description required by the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, Madras, come to the Mint, a specimen will be sent to him; but, it is probable very few will be collected in this way; and I would suggest that a Circular be sent to Commissioners or other Officers in charge of Districts, requesting them to send Captain Maxwell any specimens they can collect.

From the Secretary to the Asiatic Society of Bengal, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal; dated Calcutta, 4th April 1866, No. 195.

In reply to your letter, No. 1057, dated 21st February 1866, in which you request, for the information of the Lieutenant-Governor, the views of the Society as to the best means by which the collection of coins required for the Central Museum at Madras may be obtained in Bengal, I have the honor to inform you that the Council, having carefully considered the correspondence enclosed in your letter, recommend that, in the first place, the Mint Master of Calcutta be requested to retain specimens of all such Native coins as may be received at the Mint, and that, eventually, taking Prinsep's table as a guide, the coins deficient in the collection thus made be supplied by purchase in the local bazars, and from Native States, through the Residents and Agents to the Governor General. The coins required may be readily obtained, as a rule, by offering a certain percentage (say 25 per cent.) over and above their current value, or something more in the case of copper coins, and those of small intrinsic value.

2. The Society will be glad to furnish the Madras Museum with certain of its duplicates, so soon as its collections have been catalogued, a work now in progress under the superintendence of the Coin Committee.

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1866, No. 459.
Recorded, with reference to Proceedings of the 27th ultimo, No. 430.
(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

From

THE OFFG. JUNIOR SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,

*Mr. Chief Secretary to the Government of
Fort St. George*

Dated, Fort William, the 11th April 1866.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obed^t serv^t

Wm. Hunter

Offg. Secretary to the Govt of Bengal

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Forwards Correspondence
regarding the best
means of obtaining the
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W. H. R.