

Public Works (1890) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 75 Ry.

DATED 16th January

[Despatch Abstract.]

Fraudulently-altered coins. — Copy of letter from the Govt of India to the Comptroller and Auditor Genl laying down certain procedure for the treatment of —, Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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Calcutta, the 21st December 1889.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh and the Punjab.
The Chief Commissioners, Central Provinces, Burma and Assam.
The Accountant General, Public Works Department.
The Director General of Railways.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow, and Central Division.

The following is forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations and Officers noted in the margin, for information and guidance.

А. М. Мухомов

Lieut.-Col., R.E.,

Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 6098, dated 4th December 1889.

From—J. E. O'CONOR, Esq., Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Finance and Commerce Dept.,

To—The Comptroller and Auditor General.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1022, dated the 29th August 1889, recommending the continuance of the practice at present followed by the Mint Master, Calcutta, of accepting remittances of fraudulently altered coins received by the North Western Railway in payment of fares and of remittances of fraudulently reduced coins sent in consignments of uncurrent silver from Government treasuries, and enquiring whether the Examiner of Accounts, North Western Railway, should continue to make remittances of Government money to the Mint direct instead of through the Treasury.

2. I am to say that the Governor General in Council considers it sufficient to direct the adoption of the following procedure :—

- (a) Examiners of State Railway Accounts will present to the Treasury all light coin for which, under departmental rules, the station staff is not held responsible.
- (b) The Treasury Officer will cut those coins which fall under Rule 1 of the Notification in this Department, No. 57, dated the 5th January 1883, and return them to the Examiner, who, in his turn, will remit them direct to the Mint, which will receive them in accordance with the authority conveyed in para. 3 of this letter.
- (c) The Treasury Officer will give full credit for coins which fall under Rule 2 of the Notification referred to above (as modified by the penultimate paragraph of the same Notification) and remit them, after cutting them, under the orders of the Accountant General concerned, either to the Currency Department, to another Treasury, or to the Mint direct.

3. The Governor General in Council authorises the Mint Master to receive as bullion, under Section 19 of the Indian Coinage Act, (1) coin remitted to him by Examiners of State Railway Accounts which has been cut by the Treasury Officer under Rule 1 of the Notification in this Department, dated the 5th January 1883, and (2) coin remitted by Treasury Officers which has been received under Rule 2 of the Notification, even though the weight tendered is less than 1,000 tolas.

4. The Governor General in Council also authorises the Railway authorities to write off the loss in cases in which they consider the reduction of weight in the coin to be such as could not be detected with reasonable care in the ordinary course of business.

Finance and Commerce Dept. endorsement.

Ordered, that copy be forwarded to the Public Works Department and to the Mint Masters, Calcutta and Bombay.

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To The Secy to the Govt of Madras.

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The Com. Engr. for Rgs.
" Engr. Genl. R. Accs.
" Engr. R. H. Accs.

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