

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 788 Ry.

DATED 17th July 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Counterfeit Coins Letter from the Govt of India forwarding copy of its letter to the Mint Master Calcutta and Bombay prescribing the rules how Railway Administrations should send — to the Mint for Examination. Communicated to the Agents, Madras and S.I. Ry's for information and guidance.

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Letter from the Government of India forwarding copy of its letter to the Mint Master, Calcutta and Bombay, prescribing the rules how Railway Administrations should send — to the Mint for examination, communicated to the Agents, Madras and South Indian Railways, for information and guidance.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read the following papers:—

Circular from—The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Dept.
To—The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, P.W. Dept., Ry. Branch.
Dated—Simla, 17th March 1899, Circular, No. 2 Railway.

[Rules for the treatment of counterfeit coins.]

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

The Govt. of Madras, Bombay and Burma, Ry. Branch.
The Chief Commissioner of Assam.
The Accountant-General, Public Works Department.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow and Assam.
The Managers, North-Western, Oudh and Rohilkhand, East Coast and Eastern Bengal State Railways.

Attention is invited to rule 6 of the rules appended to the Resolution, regarding the submission of special reports when any unusually large amount of counterfeit coins is tendered to Railway officers, or the existence of such coins in circulation in large quantities in any locality is otherwise brought to their notice, and it is requested that arrangements may be made by all Railway Administrations for the submission of such reports, when necessary, for the information of the Government of India.

Also forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations noted on the margin for information.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Finance and Commerce Department Resolution No. 217 A., dated 17th January 1899.

Read—

Notification by the Government of India in the Department of Finance and Commerce, No. 664, dated the 13th February 1891.

Resolution—The Governor-General in Council has had under consideration the question of laying down rules for the systematic examination of counterfeit coin by the Mint Masters of the Calcutta and Bombay Mints. Under sections 16 and 17 of the Indian Coinage Act, 1870, and under clause 2 (1) of the notification read above, any counterfeit coin tendered to an officer are to be returned to the tenderer. In practice, however, such coins, after being broken, are sent, in accordance with article 581 of the Civil Account Code, to the Mint at Calcutta or Bombay, when this can be done with the consent of the tenderer. The practice has certain advantages, and the rules appended to this Resolution are accordingly prescribed for the guidance of officers empowered to cut coin under the Indian Coinage Act, 1870. The High Courts of the several provinces will be moved to issue orders providing that counterfeit coins which come before the Courts under sections 517, 523 and 524 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, shall be disposed of in similar fashion.

Order—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to the several Local Governments and Administrations; to the Home and the Public Works Departments; to the Comptroller and Auditor General; to the Mint Masters, Calcutta and Bombay; and to all Accountants-General and Comptrollers.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

RULES.

Treasury Officers.

1. When it can be done with the consent of the tenderer, counterfeit coins tendered to Treasury officers and others authorized to cut or break them under the provisions of section 16 of Act XXIII of 1870, should be sent to the Mint at Calcutta or Bombay. If the tenderer, however, does not consent to the counterfeit coin being sent to the Mint, unless the broken pieces are afterwards returned to him, the coin should not be sent at all. It is, however, open to a Government officer, to whom such a coin is tendered in cases in which the tenderer is otherwise unwilling to part with it, to purchase it from him at a suitable price, not in any case exceeding its nominal value, charging its cost to Government. This course should only be followed when from the excellence of the execution, or for any other special cause, it seems desirable that the coin should be acquired as a specimen and the officer purchasing the same should, when forwarding it to the Mint, state at the same time the grounds upon which its purchase was considered desirable.

2. Treasury officers should, as soon as possible, after the end of each quarter, submit to the Accountant-General a return, in form No. 77 of the Civil Account Code, showing the working during the past quarter of the rules for cutting and breaking coin. These returns should be consolidated by the Accountant-General concerned for each Province, and a copy of the consolidated return should be furnished by him to the Mint Master, Calcutta or Bombay.

Mint Master.

3. When counterfeit coins are received at the Mint under rule 1, or under any orders which may be issued by the High Courts for the disposal of coins received in the course of criminal investigations, the Mint Master should cause them to be examined and assayed, if necessary. If they present any special features of importance, or if it appears from the number received at the Mint, or recorded in the quarterly returns furnished by Treasuries, that counterfeit coins on an unusually large scale are being produced in any province or locality, or are being imported into any particular district or districts, or that fraudulent tampering with the coinage is prevalent anywhere to an unusual extent, he will submit a special report regarding the same to the Government of India through the Comptroller and Auditor General.

4. The Mint Master should keep a classified record of all counterfeit coins received by him, and should include it in his annual administration report embodying therein the statistics of counterfeit coins cut and broken which he obtains from the consolidated returns furnished to him by the provincial accounts officers.

Railways.

5. Railways in India are under Civil Account Code, article 590 A, entitled to send out (fraudulently reduced) coins to the Mints and to receive credit for their market value. This rule applies only to fraudulently reduced coin and not to counterfeit coin. As regards the latter, Railways are merely in the position of private tenderers and are not entitled to receive credit from the Mint for the market value, or to have the coins assayed and reported on by the Assay Master.

6. When, however, any unusually large amount of counterfeit coins is tendered to Railway officers, or the existence of such coins in circulation in large quantities in any locality is otherwise brought to their notice, a special report on the subject should be submitted for the information of the Government of India.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.
To—The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, P.W. Dept., Ry. Branch.
Dated—Simla, 4th July 1899, No. 198 A.R.

In continuation of Public Works Department Circular No. 2, Railway, dated the 17th March 1899, I am directed to forward, for information and guidance, a copy of Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, letter No. 2891 A. of the 28th June 1899, to the Mint Masters, Calcutta and Bombay.

2. A specimen form of the report required by rule 6 of the rules prescribed in Finance and Commerce Department Resolution No. 217 A., dated 17th January 1899, is enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1

From—The Assistant Secretary to the Govt. of India, Finance and Commerce Department.
To—The Mint Master ^{Calcutta} _{Bombay}.

Dated—Simla, 28th June 1899, No. 2891-A.

I am directed to say that, with reference to rule 6 of the rules prescribed in the resolution in this department, No. 217 A., dated the 17th January 1899, it has been arranged that the Railway authorities will separate from the mass of counterfeit coin taken at stations, and send to the Mint for examination such coins as they consider to be good imitations. The coins will be accompanied by a statement in the following form:—

Station.	Date of tender of coin.	Number of coins sent.	Year of coinage stamped on each coin.	Remarks.

2. I am to request that after examination and assay of the coins you will forward a copy of the statement to the Government of India, together with your report briefly noted against each entry, in the last column, and including the following particulars:—

- (1) Whether the coins were cast in moulds or struck from a die;
- (2) Weight of each coin;
- (3) Proportion of silver contained in each; and
- (4) Remarks as to the execution and appearance of the coins.

3. Credit may be given to the Railway in your accounts for the market value of the silver contained in the coins received for examination.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

REPORT on counterfeit coins tendered to officers of the Railway during
[Resolution No. 217 A., dated the 17th January 1899, of the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department.]

Particulars of tenders.				Number of coins sent to Mint as good imitation.	Remarks.
Station.	Date of tender.	Number of coins.	Year of coinage stamped.		

No.

..... (Station)
..... (Date)
..... (Signature.)
..... (Designation of officer)

ORDER—No. 785 Ry., dated 17th July 1899.

Communicated to Railway Administrations for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

FRANCIS J. E. SPRING,
Joint Secretary.

To the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.
" Agent, South Indian Railway.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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Govt of India Circular No 2 Rg 7/17.6.99

✓ Sent also the following
Govt of India No. 198 AR 3/4.7.99

From
6P The Govt of India

Order

Communicated to
Railway Administrations
for information & guidance

No. 198 AR

Dated 4th July 1899

Received

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SUBJECT.

counterfeit coins

To

The Agent & Manager of the
" " S. Rg
" Cane Sugar Works
" Examiner of Rg Receipts

Forwarding for
information & guidance
a copy of Govt of India
Finance & Commerce
Department letter No. 2891A
of the 28.6.99 to the Minis-
ters, Calcutta and
Bombay re: — taken
at Ry stations.

Despatched on 27/7/99

at
17/7/99

FURTHER PAPERS.

Circular No. 2 Railway.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.
Railway.

Simla, the 17th March 1899.

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By order,

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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G. C. P. 55, Simla.—No. 422 P. W. D., A. G.—21 3-99. 879.

The Secretary to the Govt of Madras.

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No.2891 A.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 28th June 1899.

To

The MINT MASTER CALCUTTA
BOMBAY.

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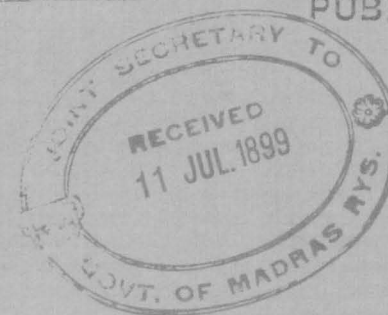
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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Signed.) J.E.O'Conor,
Asstt.Secy.to the Govt.of India.



THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Public Works Department.
Railway Branch.

Simla, the 4th July 1899.

Sir,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Edward Major R.E.

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