Revenue Department.

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No. 8. Read the following letter from G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government; dated Fort Saint George 18th September 1858, No. 192.

SIR,

1. With reference to my letter to the address of the Acting Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department, dated the 25th June last, and to the order of Government passed thereon, as per Extract from Minutes of Consultation dated the 29th June 1858, No. 888, I have the honor to transmit herewith, copy of a letter from the Collector of Tanjore, dated the 13th Instant, in which he requests permission to issue, to those who may be willing to receive them, the Gold Sovereigns which he has been temporarily authorized to receive in payment of the public kist in consequence of the scarcity of silver.

2. The Collector of Tanjore has recently sent a remittance of ten lacs of Rupees to the Presidency, Rupees 52,260 of which consisted of Sovereigns. Having sent away his surplus silver, it cannot be expected, especially at this season when the revenues are small if most of such revenues are paid in gold, that the Collector will be able to meet the current demands on his Treasury, if his disbursements are confined to silver.

3. Moreover, the object in prohibiting the re-issue of gold and silver uncurrent coins, amongst which the Sovereigns* have been hitherto classed, is to secure their being sent sooner or later to the General Treasury, and thence forwarded to the Mint for re-coinage. This was not intended in the case of the Gold Sovereigns, which the Collector was authorized to receive and to send to the General Treasury for the purpose of being sold.

4. Under these circumstances, I beg to recommend that the Collector of Tanjore be permitted, as a special case, to issue the Sovereigns received by him, in payment of the demands on his Treasury, to parties willing to receive them, in the event of the silver in his Treasury proving insufficient for that purpose.

* *It may be doubted now that the East India Company has ceased to exist and India is an English Colony, as much as Ceylon or any other, whether Sovereigns can any longer be regarded as "uncurrent."*

From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore; to G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General, Fort Saint George; dated Vellum, 13th September 1858, No. 729.

SIR,

Para. 3. In paragraph 3 of your letter to Government dated the 25th June 1858, No. 72, you state that Sovereigns, when received into the Treasury, "cannot under the existing rules be issued" by me.

2. You are aware that at this season, the collections in the talooks are very limited. The small payments of Revenue that are made are mostly in Gold coins.

3. Under the present arrangements, nearly all the local disbursements have to be made from the talook treasuries; and the re-issue of Gold coins being prohibited, they have to be remitted to the Treasury at Tranquebar, from which Silver coins have to be sent to the talooks, thus entailing unnecessary inconvenience and delay.

4. The balance of cash in the Hoozoor Treasury is small; and while the receipt of Sovereigns is allowed, if their re-issue is interdicted, it will become necessary that I should apply for a remittance in Silver coins from Madras or other Quarters to meet the current demands on my Treasury.

5. Out of the balance of cash in the Hoozoor Treasury at Tranquebar, there are at present Rupees 10,000 in Gold coins, and you are aware that 52,000 Rupees and odd in Gold, formed part of the recent remittance of ten lacs by the "Coromandel." What quantity of them there is in the talook balances, the returns at hand do not show; but some of the Tahsildars have applied for a remittance in Silver in place of the Gold coins in their hands to meet the current month's disbursements.

6. Under these circumstances and as the prohibition to receive Gold coins in payment of the public Kists has been temporarily relaxed, and I am not aware of any objection to Sovereigns being tendered in payment to those who may be willing to receive them, I request you will be so good as to obtain or grant the necessary authority, as a special case, for departing from the rules you refer to.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, No. 1292; dated 22d September 1858.

Under the circumstances represented by the Collector of Tanjore, Government grant authority, as a special case, for the issue of Gold Sovereigns to parties willing to receive them, in payment of demands on the Tanjore Treasury, provided that the Silver in that Treasury is unequal to the demands upon it. A report of this will be immediately made for the information of the Government of India.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 10 From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George; to the Secretary to the Government of India; dated 22d September 1858, No. 1293.

SIR,

With reference to my letter dated 14th September 1858, No. 1250, reporting that this Government had been obliged as a temporary measure, to authorize the receipt of Sovereigns into the Treasury of Tanjore, in consequence of the scarcity of silver coin in that district, I am directed to submit for the information of the Government of India, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Accountant General, with its enclosure, and to report further for the confirmation of the Supreme Government, the orders of this Government in since sanctioning as a special case, the issue of Gold Sovereigns from the Treasury of Tanjore, to such parties as may be willing to receive them in payment of their demands, provided however that the Silver in that Treasury was unequal to the demands upon it. The Government were induced to authorize this measure, as the Collector apprehended that he would be otherwise obliged to apply for Silver from Madras and other quarters, in order to meet the current demands of his district.

18th Sep. 1858, No. 192, *with letter from Collector of Tanjore* 13th Sep. 1858, No. 729.

No. 1293 Revenue Dept.

22d Sept. 1858.

From

To The Secretary Govt of India,

Sir,

With reference to my letter dated 14th Sept/58, No. 1250, reporting that this Govt had been obliged as a temporary measure, to authorize the receipt of Sovereigns into the treasury of Tanjore, in consequence of the scarcity of silver coin in that District, I am directed to submit for the information of the Govt of India, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Accountant Genl, with its enclosure, and to report further for the confirmation of the Supreme Govt, the orders of this Govt in since sanctioning as a special case, the issue of Gold Sovereigns from the treasury of Tanjore, to such parties as may be willing to rece

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No. 1292

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 22d September 1858 -
Read the following letter from
the Accountant General 22d Ult. 587
(Here enter 18th September 1858 No. 1292)

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Silver in that Treasury is ma-
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A report of this will be immedi-
ately made for the information
of the Govt of India.

WS

1 Copy to the Accountant General dated 23d

Received 1858 Dept of the
Encl to Colr 28 Septr

No 1292
To The Secretary to
Govt of Madras
Dated 22d September
1858

Forty Rupees
Fees for Sovereigns
from Tanjore Treasury

1810.

Recd for duty for the
confirmation of the Grant
of Distillery the annexed
Granted by this Govt as a
special case for the issue
of Gold Coin from the
Treasury of Tanjore to
parties willing to receive
same in payment of
demands on the Treasury
Rupees Forty
Forty Rupees

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Revenue 1858 Dept.
Dy. to Cons: 28th Sept.

№ 1292.

Extract Minis: of Coun.
Dy 22d Septr 58.

From the Secty Govt. 14th Octobr
58 № 1623 in Cons 29 +

From Secrety Govt of Madras d/12
Octr/58 № 1669 in Cons 5th Novr/58
№ 54-55.

Authorizing as a special case, the issue of Gold Sovereigns from the Treasury of Tanjore, to parties willing to receive them in payment of demands on that Treasury.

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