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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of May 1860.

No. 78. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 18th May 1860, No. 219:—

Authorising the Mint Master to manufacture 20 sets of Weights for use in the District Huzúr Treasuries. (Vide Financial Proceedings, from 11th to 20th May 1860, Nos. 22-23.)

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1860, No. 853.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Major CHARLES A. ORR, Mint Master, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 4th May 1860, No. 5.

Paragraph 1st. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Order of Government, und er date the 19th April 1860, No. 146, directing me to report on the suggestion of the Board of Revenue, that a supply of Instruments should be furnished to all Public Treasuries to enable the Government Shroffs to issue Copper money with more facility than by counting it by hand, I have the honor to state that whether it be intended that balances should be employed in such a way as merely by a multiplication of small weighments against known quantities of coin to obtain a correct tale without the labor of counting, or whether it be meant that Copper Coin should be issued, when required in large quantities, by weight alone, I am of opinion that the proposition is quite feasible and if carried out will effect a great saving of time and labor.

2nd. Under arrangements made with the Sub Treasurer, by desire of His Excellency the Governor, Copper Coin is now packed at the Mint entirely by weight, and the bags, each supposed to contain if of Half Annas 960 pieces, and if of Quarter Annas or single Pie pieces 1,920, respectively of the value of Rupees 30, Rupees 30, and Rupees 10, are received at, and issued from the General Treasury without examination or disturbance of the Mint seals. This has caused a very considerable saving of time and expense both at the Mint and General Treasury, and no inconvenience, I believe, has resulted, for as each piece is turned out as close to standard weight as possible, there is a fair probability of each bag containing its full number, and a certainty of their being right in the aggregate. Practically there will be found, especially in the two higher denominations, a trifling surplus, because it being for economical reasons, inexpedient to take the minute precautions which would be necessary to insure absolute correctness, there must always be a slight deviation among the pieces from true weight, and care is taken that it shall be on the side of lightness.

3rd. I understand that at the General Treasury applicants for Copper money accept it in unopened bags just as these were filled by weight at the Mint. The system has therefore been successfully introduced so far, and I see no reason why it should not be extended so that all Public Officers applying for Copper Coin in large quantities should be required to take it in bags bearing the Mint seal at their nominal value, or by weight if less than Rupees 30 of Half and Quarter Annas, or Rupees 10 of single Pie pieces, be wanted. It may perhaps be advisable to allow private parties the option of verifying the contents of each bag by counting, or of purchasing small sums by tale, but as Copper is not a legal tender except for fractions of a Rupee, and is supplied as an accommodation, there would be no injustice in imposing even upon them the conditions of receiving it by weight.

4th. Balances and suitable weights may be made up at the Mint, perhaps as cheaply as they can be procured from England, but as large numbers will be required, and the Mint establishment is limited, delay will be obviated by ordering a supply from England, the necessary and most useful weights being :

	lbs.	oz.	Grains.	Pieces at ½ annas	Pieces at ¼ annas	Pieces at ⅛ annas	
One set of Weights.	0	14	4400=	32	64	192	For one Rupee.
	1	13	1800=	64	128	384	For two do.
	2	11	6280=	96	192	576	For three do.
	4	9	1000=	160	320	960	For five do.
	9	2	2000=	320	640	1,920	For ten do.

ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1860, No. 219.

The Government think it desirable that every District Huzur Treasury should be supplied with one set of weights of the description noted in the Table at the conclusion of the Mint Master's letter.

2. On these being provided, Copper Coin, half and quarter Anna, and one Pie pieces, for one, two, three, five or ten Rupees, or for any multiples of those sums, may be issued at the Treasuries by weight to any public Officers or individuals requiring small Coin. Bags of Copper Coins of such denominations and values made up by weight at the Huzur Treasury and sealed with the Collector's seal, may also be kept ready for issue there, and sent to the Táluq Treasuries for issue at them or at other places. At first private parties might be allowed the option of verifying the contents of the bags, but this would soon cease to be necessary, and Copper should then be issued by weight only, except for fractions of a Rupee.

3. As only 20 sets of weights will be required at first, they should, to save time, be made up at the Mint. Major Orr will ascertain by reference to the several Collectors direct, whether they require balances as well as weights—and if so, will supply them also, one to each District.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Mint Master.
" Revenue Department.
" Revenue Board.
" Accountant General.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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