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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
8th February 1872.

No. 13. Read the following letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Mint Master, Calcutta, dated Fort William, 15th January 1872, No. 283 :—

Expenditure—Post Office.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 790, dated 30th December 1871, on the subject of supplying from the Mint scales and weights for weighing letters, the demands for which have apparently arisen in consequence of the withdrawal of franking privilege from several offices.

2. In reply, I am to state that the scales and weights need not be supplied from the Mint. There is no occasion for the Indenting Officers to procure expensive instruments for the purpose of weighing letters. Instruments sufficiently accurate for the purpose can be purchased in the local market and bazaars.

From the Officiating Mint Master, Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, Calcutta, dated 30th December 1871, No. 790.

I have the honour to bring to your notice that I am now receiving requisitions for scales and weights for use in weighing letters.

2. I do not think that the providing of these should be a Mint duty, and the total cost will be considerable. We must buy what are in the market, and probably the sudden large demand will raise the price. Such things are not made in the Mint, and to supply them by our ordinary means, examine and verify them, would take a very long time, whereas the want is urgent.

3. I would, therefore, solicit instructions, as early as convenient, as to supplying these articles, and if they are to be supplied, what the authority is to be for accepting calls.

Copy of the correspondence forwarded to the Home, Revenue, Military, and Public Works Departments, and to the several Local Governments and Offices of Account for information and guidance. 93/1

(Signed) J. WESTLAND,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1872, No. 169.

Communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat, and to all Heads of Departments.

(True Extract.)

R. S. Ellis
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department. for information & for communication to Bd. of Rev.
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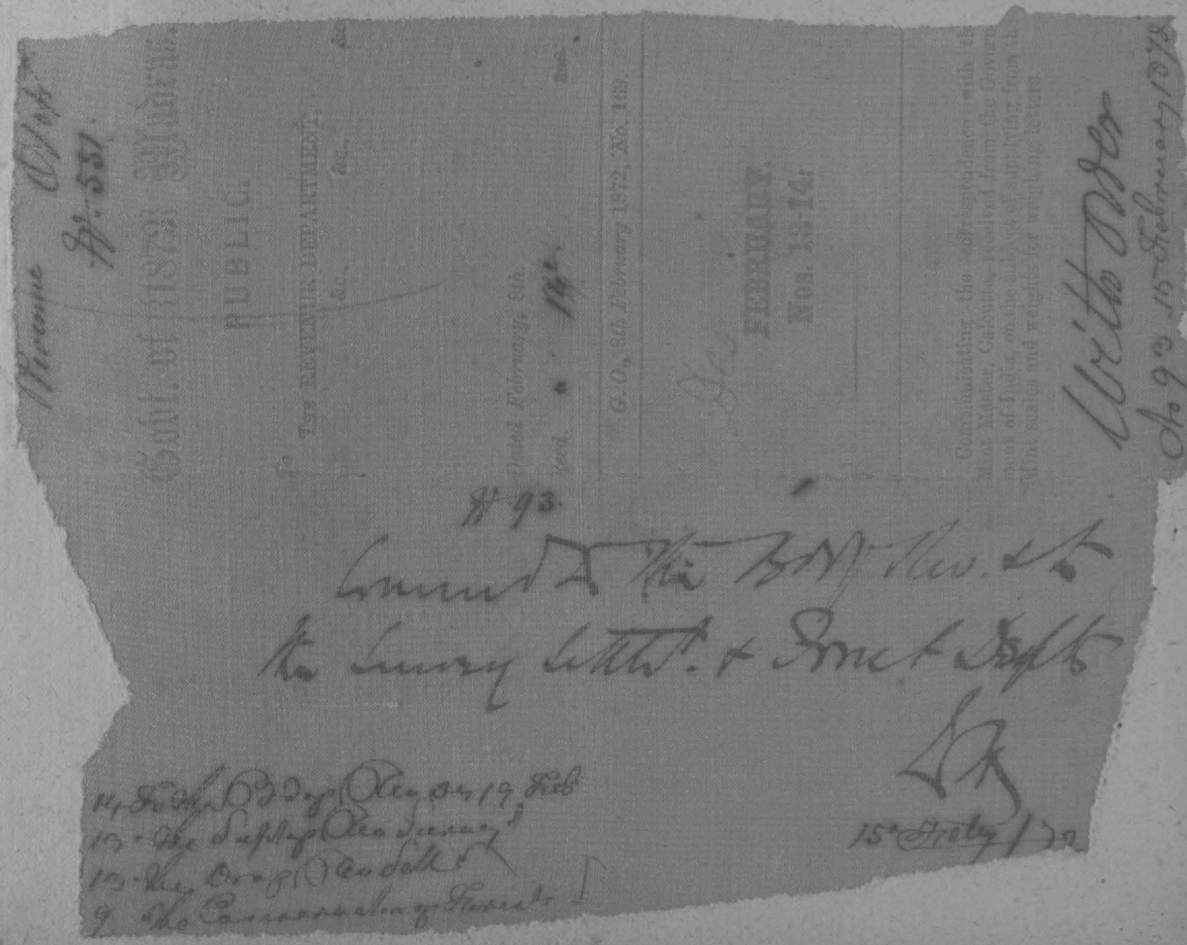
Mr. Saunders