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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

3rd July 1877, No. 1820.

Copper Coin.

Read the following paper:—

No. 17. *From W. F. GRAHAME, Esq., Acting Principal Assistant Collector in charge, Ganjam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chatterpore, 20th June 1877, No. 2110.*

With reference to G.O., dated 10th April last, No. 1223, Financial Department, I have the honor to state that as far as I am aware no such depreciation of copper has taken place in this district as has been reported from Bellary. Of my own personal knowledge, I am aware that in Chicacole a slight depreciation of copper has sometimes prevailed, once rising to about 3 per cent. but generally being at the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. In the former case shroffs asked for $16\frac{1}{2}$ Annas of copper for a silver rupee, and in the latter they asked $16\frac{1}{4}$ Annas in copper for a rupee. But at those very times the merchants and shroffs gave only 16 Annas in copper for a silver rupee.

2. I hardly think that Government mean to have any report on the subject from this district where there is no famine expenditure; but as the order of Government is general, I submit a report.

3. I cannot see how an adherence to the provisions of the Comptroller-General's Circular, communicated with the Accountant-General's No. 24, dated 4th* September 1874, could, as the Accountant-General observes, have prevented the depreciation reported on from Bellary.

The only way to prevent it in such instances as those mentioned, is to induce private dealers to pay copper coin into a Government Treasury at par in exchange for silver instead of seeking to part with it in any other way. The Comptroller-General's Circular referred to seems to provide chiefly for the unrestricted issue of copper coin to the public and not to its receipt from them in exchange for silver.

4. The only paragraph in the Circular which refers to the receipt of copper coin from the public into a Government Treasury is the 12th, but reading it in connection with the preceding and following paragraphs and also with paragraph 3, I am inclined to think that it refers to wornout coin and not to all coin generally. Paragraph 12 does not allude to small silver.

5. Paragraph 4, moreover, of the Circular requires it to be made generally known that all small coins are obtainable at par in the treasury.

6. I would therefore submit that if it is intended that copper and small silver coin should be as freely received into the treasury from the public as it is issued to them, the matter should be clearly made known so that there may be no misunderstanding on the subject.

No. 18.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1877, No. 1820.

Communicated to the Accountant-General.

(True Extrait.)

W. F. Graham
Under Secretary to Government.
in charge

To the Collector of Ganjam.
" Accountant-General.
" Revenue (Famine) Department.
" Board of Revenue.
Ed. T. O'Connor.

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Revenue Department

Miscellaneous N^o 9631

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
Dated 6th July 1877.

Board's R N^o 4846

Read Endorsement of the Additional Secretary
to Government, Revenue Department, dated 28th June
1877, transferring letter from the Quarter Master-
General to the Secretary to Government, Military
Department, dated 25th June 1877 N^o 273 ¹⁴⁵⁹⁴ regarding the
Mahomedan Burial Ground at the Mount.

Referred to the Collector of Chingleput for
early report.

(True Extract)

(Signed) C. A. Galtow
As Secretary

To, The Collector of Chingleput
(True Copy)

W. Galtow
As Secretary

To, The Addl Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

W. Galtow
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THE COLLECTOR OF GANJAM,
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