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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th February 1877.*

No. 232. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th January 1877, Miscellaneous No. 948:—

Read the following letter from R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vizagapatam, 8th January 1877, No. 33.

IN September last some lead was recovered from the bottom of the sea at this port in $3\frac{1}{4}$ fathoms of water, which has been disposed of under the salvage rules. With the lead nine Chinese coins were found, which I herewith forward.

2. The tradition is that there was once a mint at the place where these were found, but that the site and neighbouring land have been submerged by encroachment of the sea.

SUBMITTED to Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 233.

ORDER THEREON, 9th February 1877, No. 569.

Miscellaneous.

The coins will be sent to the Museum.
A respectable Chinaman, resident in Madras, pronounces them to be tokens

current in many parts of China, about 20 years old, and of the value of 500 to a piece.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, with Coins.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. Grubert.

GOVERNMENT CENTRAL MUSEUM

MADRAS, 1877

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My dear Mr. Armistead,

I have not been able to get a Chinaman to help me with the coins, but they agree with the descriptions of China Cash coins in Kelly's "Cambist," & Humphrey's "Coin Collector's Manual."

The latter says that the coinage of China appears to be of modern date, & consists only of copper.

Govt of (1877) Madras,

REVENUE.

To THE SUPR. GOVT. CENTRAL MUSEUM,
do, do, do.

Dated February 9th.

Recd.

G.O., 9th February 1877, No. 563.

Recd.

FEBRUARY,
Nos. 233-284

Chinese Coins.—Forwarding to the Museum the—found with some lead at the bottom of the sea at Vizagapatnam in September last.

The inscription is
said to express the
year of the prince's
reign in which it was
struck, but not the
name of the prince.

Yours
Sedio.

Department
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High Justice
6th February 1871.

My Dear Sir
I am sorry to hear of your illness
in your letter regarding the enquiry
about Chinese coins sent true. I
try to inform you as far as I can
Chinese Interpreter Gifford, who had
sent for & spoke yesterday at the High
Court where I am now on duty for the
Japsans is the person that gave the
information.

The 6 pieces of silver hereinto
are called Chens by the Chinese. They
are made of brass in a village called
Chen. bearing by heads who are
called Thow-wei.

The coins are about 20 or 30 years
old & are current in Chinese Villages &
Bazars. but in some parts of China,

Revenue Department
Miscellaneous No. 948

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 24 January 1877.

Read the following

No. 33

From
R. J. Melville Esq.
Collector

To H. E. Stokes Esq.
Ag. Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Sir Madras

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Proceedings of the
Board of Trustees

Called 24. Jan
Nov. 25. 11

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Ex: 9 coins

Submitting to Gov. Letter from
College of Washington, forwarded by
Miss Charles Corwin found with
some kind at the bottom of the
box in Sept. last

in the order

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The coins will be sent to the Museum.
At Westport, Chinaman, resident in London.
Immense heap to be taken current in mining
part of China, about 20 years old, & of the value
of 500 or more.
Feb. 6-1-7
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