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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

27th July 1878, No. 1313.

Counterfeit Coins.

Read the following papers:—

No. 157. *From W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cocanada, 6th July 1878, No. 23.*

As requested by the Accountant-General, Rupees 10,00,000 were remitted to the Reserve Treasury, Calcutta, in May last. Of this, Rupees 8,00,000 were remitted from the Currency Reserve and Rupees 2,00,000 from the Revenue Treasury in the Branch Bank at Cocanada.

2. The Accountant-General in his letter, No. 4382, dated 27th ultimo (copy enclosed), asks me to recover Rupees 21 from the Shroffs who counted the money, owing to the deficiency and counterfeit coins found in the bags on examining the remittance at Calcutta. For the deficiency of Rupees 4 I have received tickets of Shroffs put into the bags when packing up, and I have no objection to recover the same from the Shroff who signed the tickets. For the 17 Rupees said to be counterfeit I have received none and do not know whom to recover from. The money was remitted from two offices and counted by two Shroffs. Even if the Shroffs' tickets are furnished to me, I do not like to recover the money from them without giving them the opportunity of seeing the coin and satisfying themselves that they are counterfeit. Mistakes so often occur and may occur in Calcutta as well as here. Besides I cannot collect anything from the Bank Shroffs and I do not see why my Shroffs should suffer all the loss, while the Bank Shroffs could have sent some of the coins. The Accountant-General further states that he will let me know regarding the other rejected coins after receiving the certificate of assay from the Mint Master at Calcutta. I fancy he will ask me to recover a further sum from the Shroffs and that without giving them the coins to see. He says there were 34 light weight and 125 defaced coins in the bags. They are apt to be mistaken very often. There may be a mistake in reshroffing the coin at Calcutta.

3. I suppose I shall not be furnished with the tickets of the bags from which the light coins were taken: so I shall not be able to say from what bag the light coin came. Now many of these bags were examined by the Assistant Accountant-General only two months and-a-half before I sent the remittance. He said the money was correct. This makes it more probable that some mistakes may have occurred in Calcutta, if others have occurred here. Possibly even the bags in which there was a deficiency might have been correct.

4. I therefore beg to request that Government will be pleased to issue instructions not to recover the money in case of base coins, &c., found in remittances.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated Fort St. George, 27th June 1878, No. 4382.

Resource Department.

I have the honor to state that the Reserve Treasury, Calcutta, has reported the following result of the examination of the remittances of Rupees 10 lakhs made by you, and to request that you will recover Rupees 21 from the Shroffs concerned on account of deficiency and counterfeit coin therein found, and credit the same under Government of India intimating when the credit is afforded. On receipt of a certificate of assay from the Calcutta Mint regarding the

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other* rejected coins, further instructions will be sent for the adjustment of any short credit that may be afforded to this Presidency:—

	RS.
Deficiency ..	4
* Foreign Coin ..	5
* Defaced ..	125
* Counterfeit Coin ..	17
* Light weight Coin ..	34
Total ..	185

No. 1251.

Referred to the Accountant-General for his remarks, and for report whether he cannot obtain the counterfeit coins from Calcutta and send them to the Collector.

OOTACAMUND,
12th July 1878.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

No. 157-A. From W. DONALD, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 19th July 1878, No. 4805.

Resource Department.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 1251, of the 12th instant, on the accompanying letter from the Collector of Godavery, I have the honor to state that since the despatch of my letter to that officer, No. 4382, of the 27th ultimo, the Assay Certificate has been received from Calcutta, declaring a further loss of Rupees 5-8-9 which the Collector has been called to recover from the Shroffs in addition to the 21 Rupees previously notified.

2. I have this day asked the Treasurer to the Government of India, if not against rule, to send to the Collector the cut-pieces of the seventeen counterfeit coins, together with the tickets of the bags in which they and the light weight and foreign coins were found.

3. I beg to add that it is the practice every where to recover from the Shroffs of the remitting treasury losses caused by negligence on their part at the time of receipt of coin into the Treasury. As the Collector, however, has doubts as to whether the result may not be attributed to some mistake on shroffage at Calcutta, it will be well for him in future to send podars in charge of specie remittances as authorized in Comptroller-General's Circular, recorded in Proceedings of Government, Financial Department, No. 1177, dated the 31st May 1875, communicated to Collectors by the Board in their No. 5954 of the 2nd July following.

No. 158.

ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1878, No. 1313.

The Officiating Accountant-General's letter will be communicated to the Collector of the Godavery District, and his attention drawn to the suggestion contained in the concluding clause of paragraph 3.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of the Godavery District.
" Officiating Accountant-General.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

5th August 1878

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THE COLLECTOR OF THE
GODAVERY DISTRICT,

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Dated July 1878

Issued

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Recd. 7 Aug 1878

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JULY.

No. 157-158.

Comptroller General.—Letter from the Accountant-General stating that an Assay Certificate has been received from Calcutta declaring a further loss of Rupees 5-8-9 in the remittance of 10 lakhs made by the Collector of the Godavery District in addition to the 21 lakhs previously notified, communi- cated to the Collector of Godavery, and his atten- tion drawn to the suggestion in paragraph 3 of the subject.

On 19th & 20th August 1878

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Communicated to the

Board of Revenue.

4. For the Board of Revenue & for the Board of Revenue

2. On 19th 1878