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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

17th January 1877, No. 156.

Copper Coin.

Read the following papers:—

No. 203. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th January 1877, No. 197 (Miscellaneous).*

Read the following letter from J. MACARTNEY, Esq., Agent to the Rajah of Sundoor, to the Collector of Bellary, dated 1st December 1876, No. 64:—

I have the honor to inform you that there is a considerable number of unalloyed copper pieces in circulation in this State. They are without superscription or device, are current only in Sundoor, and though originally valued at two pies each, seven of them, weighing together rather more than one anna of the copper coin of the Indian Government, are now received as an equivalent.

2. In the interests of the poorer classes, I would respectfully suggest that the said pieces should be recalled and replaced by Government coin at the exchange of seven pieces for one anna. When the weight and the quality of the copper are considered, it is evident that the Gov. will lose nothing by the transaction while the people would be benefitted by the exchange. It is not only extremely inconvenient for them to receive as money what will only pass within the narrow limits of Sundoor, but the current value of each piece, one-seventh of an anna, is inconvenient for calculation, and renders the ignorant more liable to be imposed on. I may add that merchants and money-changers will only take these copper tokens in exchange of a Rupee at a premium of one or two pieces, so that the poor are always the losers. From what I know I have reason to believe that the latter will hail the change with the greatest satisfaction.

True copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue for any orders they may think fit to pass.

2. It does not appear that Government have any concern in the matter.

BELLARY, (Signed) J. H. MASTER,
5th December 1876. Collector.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

Transferred to the Financial Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
13th January 1877.

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, 17TH JANUARY 1877, No. 156.

No. 107.

Referred to the Accountant-General for his remarks.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
15th January 1877.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 204.

No. 692.

MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned has the honor to report that these lump copper pieces are in no sense coin, and cannot be received.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
16th January 1877.

(Signed) R. W. LODWICK,
Accountant-General.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George.

No. 205.

ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1877, No. 156.

Communicated to the Revenue Board through the Revenue Department.
(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary

To the Revenue Department.
" Accountant-General.

Ed. J. Wright.

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Board of Revenue, submitting letter from the
Collector of Bahary, requesting that the unissued
copy of orders in circulation in the State of Sind
may be taken by Government in exchange in
current coin.

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the Board of Revenue

30 Jan 77
W. H. H. H.