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(Subject)

Designs for bronze and silver coins.

- (1) States dies will be prepared immediately and submits estimates of cost.
- (2) Remarks as to difficulty of perforating the one cent and one-tenth cent pieces and weight of five and ten cent pieces.

(Minutes)

Mr. Read.

The schedule for the bronze coins was based on the Ceylon Order in Council of 1892 Revault (See Mr. Gray's No. of 12.1.00). As the Ceylon Schedule does not provide for anything larger than 5c. or smaller than 1/2c., it is a pity that, when it was decided to have a bronze 10c. piece and a 1/2c. piece, the point was not considered before the Schedule was finally settled.

- (1) One cent piece. This presents as difficult as there will be room for both the hole and the 5ffg, but the design will have to be altered.
- (2) One tenth cent piece. A strict proportion of weight in the Schedule would make the diameter not more than 1/2 that of the farthing, which is too little for the hole and the 5ffg. I see now that Col. Sastor proposed (and to drop 109 of 13.4.04) that the coin should be a mere ring, with an inscription. This is impossible.

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King's hand must go in <sup>partially</sup>  
of the coin <sup>as a</sup> <sup>part</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>coinage</sup> <sup>for</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>purpose</sup>  
The objection (very at present with <sup>the</sup> <sup>mint</sup> <sup>35000</sup> <sup>shells</sup>)  
the question of the kind has not explicitly been  
raised, and Mr. B. tells me that he  
had not contemplated the necessity for it.  
However, as the lowest value will be 10d, or  
8 1/2 times the value of the 1/10 c. piece, the difficulty  
will not be serious, especially as it  
can be taken in time.

Even if we adopt the proposal that the 1/10 c.  
should be of the <sup>weight</sup> and <sup>weight</sup> of the Caplan  
1/10 (18 229 grains, & I suppose, about 1/4 of the  
diameter of the farthing) there will be very  
little room for the perforation, & I think the  
plan is open to objection, ~~especially as~~  
~~the cost of the coins would probably very~~  
as the cost of the coins would probably very  
largely exceed their face value. Relatively to  
face value, the coin would be 7 or 8 times as heavy  
as the English penny; the cost of actual manufacture  
must be practically independent of the face  
value, and we have it on the authority of the  
Mint (both in the W. A. papers and in  
35228/02 Jamaica remark) that perforation  
adds no considerably to the cost. If we are  
going to coin a sufficient number to replace the  
shells we shall have to face a very considerable  
loss.

The mint has found the accumulation of  
coins in the stations of the St. Jago de Cuba  
both a nuisance and a direct loss in revenue,  
and apart from this danger it is of course  
desirable to replace the shells by an easily  
recognizable and durable currency, but the  
mint has not been able to find a suitable plan.

are proposing to  
give <sup>in</sup> <sup>value</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>coin</sup> <sup>with</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>face</sup> <sup>value</sup>  
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without submitting the question of the  
amount of the 1/10 c. to the King's College,  
of course, the design of the coin is left  
by the O. C. to the S. D. J., and if it  
is not considered desirable to make  
representations to H. M. on the subject it  
may be necessary to consider the possibility  
of dropping the 1/10 c. and substituting, say,  
1/2 c., to which the objection raised by  
Col. Sasho to the proposed 1/10 c. (2 1/2  
shells) would not apply.

Diminishing the thickness of the coin would  
not add proportionately to the diameter, and  
would seriously reduce the durability.

(3) Thin cut piece The difficulty here is in  
the other direction. If made twice the  
weight of the proposed 5 c. piece, it will  
weigh one-third more than the crown piece,  
and however heavy it may be, it will  
naturally suffer from the objection of  
ambiguity raised by the Mint.

The objections to the Jamaica penny are  
stated in the corresp. <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>Mint</sup> <sup>35228/02</sup> <sup>5</sup> <sup>d</sup>. If Sir A. Jones and  
his cabinet could mistake it for a  
florin (174 5/4 grains), there would  
be considerable risk of confusion  
in the native mind (to which misconception  
do not see a remedy) with the  
issue of 100 grains. This difficulty  
might be removed by perforation, but there  
is no particular reason for perforating it.

... to include both also a white iron...  
 ... to add to the number of...  
 ... particular denomination...

On the whole, I think it would be best to  
 depart from the strict proportion and to  
 have a large 10 c. piece of 400 grains, or  
 perhaps a 37.5 gr. (one gramme)

The best of the silver coins will be rather  
 under my rough guess or 18/13/05 in which  
 I am pretty far from a diff. to the money  
 in the accompanying arrangements

in which there  
 exist between the  
 5 cent... 24/10  
 the scale 21/10

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 I agree. but I think the  
 Common. Rd. to be cancelled  
 before we alter the denomination  
 The Ogn. C. will of course  
 be cancelled  
 I agree generally. Mr. Hobbes  
 Apparently it is only Col.  
 Pender who wants a leave

denomination than recent 102  
 or Mr. Hobbes's design of  
 of the 7.04 (or 7.04 of 7.0  
 p. 2)

I think we should telegraph to him  
 that to cost less if  
 suspected some imperfect will  
 on grounds of value of the other  
 reasons, that a 1/2 cent piece  
 would be preferable if he still  
 wishes for it.

We shall have to amend the  
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