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No. 605

to or Individual

(Subject.)

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Subsidiary Coinage

Suggest weights and dimensions
for bronze coins besides specimens

Previous Paper.

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(Minute.)

Mr. Read

The letter on 4315 has not found
read not found. But I am afraid
a further letter will be necessary before
we put the new proposals to the
Treasury officially.

The design have been modified
since Mr. Macartney called on the
Antiquary on the 8th. Then the question
was whether the specimen 100 piece
was not too large. I pointed out that
when the local people elected for a bronze
100 piece they were aware of the weight (twice
that of the English penny) proposed for the 50
piece & that presumably there was no
objection to a somewhat bulky 100 piece.

It is now proposed to cut the 100 piece
down to the diameter & weight of the English
penny. I consider that the consequent
reduction of the 50 piece brings it too
close to the 100 piece in size, even though
the adoption of aluminium for the latter

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(The proposal is new) affects a considerable
difference in weight. The size on that of
the half penny & the shilling, and I think few
people would be able to say, without inspection,
which of these two was the larger. (Of course
the 40. piece will not be so much of a present.)
It has been decided to adopt nickel
brass for the 100. piece (450. piece). I
should have thought that the size or
weight would have depended on which
metal was selected. It will be well to
clear this up & also to look into
the necessary allowances.

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East Africa & Uganda Coinage.

Dear Anstobus,

As the Order in Council of February 1905 will have to be amended to permit of the introduction of a half-cent piece now determined, opportunity should be taken, as I have already pointed out, to amend the third schedule so far as it relates to the subsidiary bronze &c. coinage and substitute a reasonable scale of weights &c. for this portion of the coinage. The conditions desirable for these coins have been very carefully considered here and I now propose the following weights and dimensions:

Ten cent: Same diameter as the English penny (1.215in.) but slightly thicker to make up for metal removed in making the hole. ^{contains} Weight, 145.83, or 48 to the pound. Metal, English bronze or nickel-bronze. Profit, about 2600 per ton.

Five cent:

L. Anstobus, Esq., C.E.
Colonial Office, S.W.



Five cent: Same diameter as the English halfpenny (1.0 inch), but thickness adjusted to make up for metal removed in making hole. Weight, to be 72.916 or 96 to the pound. Metal, bronze or nickel-bronze. Profit, about £560 per ton.

One cent: diameter $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch.

Weight 30 grains: Metal, Aluminium.

Profit about £100 per ton.

half-cent: Size and diameter of English farthing.

Weight 15 grains: Metal aluminium. Arrangements could be made, by adjusting the charge for manufacture on this and the ten and five-cent piece, to deliver it within cost price in Protectorates.

Enclose a series of specimen coins showing the suggested diameters.

Yours sincerely,

William Ellison-Macartney

MS 6055 EAST
Uganda

of amounts for
Mr. Antrobus signature

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Right Hon.
W. Ellison Macartney

MS 6055

MINUTE.

- Mr. Bottomley 2 1/2
- Mr. Read 3 1/2
- Mr. Antrobus. 2 1/4 f.p.
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Mr. Graham.
- Sir M. Ommalley.
- The Duke of Marlborough.
- Mr. Lyttelton.

in a (cont.
attached 6055)

27 February 1906

Dear Macartney,

I return the
specimens of the
subsidiary coins for
East Africa and
Uganda which were
enclosed in your
letter of the 19th of
February.

The Colonial Office
express as to the diameter
which you suggest, but
with regard to the
five and ten cent pieces
we should
(which, it was agreed
according to the arrange-
ment agreed upon
when you called here
on the 15th will be

struck in nickel
(bronzes) we should
be glad to be
assured that the
weights which you
propose will be
suitable for nickel
bronzes as well as for
English bronze for
which they appear to
be adjusted.

We should also
be glad to have a
statement of the
various remedies
advised as used
before we write
officially to the
Bureau about the
measurement of the
O. U. Standard
weights that you
propose (I understand) that

the cent piece, as
well as the half
cent piece, should
be of aluminium

Yours sincerely

(Signed) R. L. ANTRGBUS.