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SOME RARE COINS IN THE STATE MUSEUM
HYDERABAD-DECCAN.

WHILE examining the cabinets of Hyderabad Museum, I have come across some coins which either add a new name to the list of mints or bring to light new facts. These coins have been discussed by me in this brochure.

“ FATHABAD ” (A New Baihmani Mint)

Lat. 18°-45' Long. 76°-15'

Fathabad has been identified by me as Daulatabad (see Annual Report of the Archæological Department for 1350 F.). This coin adds one more to the number of the Baihmani Mints hitherto published.

MUHAMMAD SHAH I

759-776 A.H. = 1358-1375 A.D.

(1) Metal. Silver.
Size. 1.1"
Weight. 174 Grains.

Obverse.

سلطان
العهد و الزمان
حامى ملة رسول
الرحمن

Reverse.

ابوالمظفر
محمد شاه بن
بهمن شاه السلطان (sic)

Margins :—

Left. ضرب

Top. حضرت

Right. فتحاباد

Bottom. ۷۶۳

AHSANABAD (GULBARGA).

Lat. 17°-21' Long. 76°-51'

Mr. R. B. Whitehead in his Mint Notes observes :
 " From 1115 to the end of the reign, the Baihmani name of the town (*i.e.*, Ahsanabad) was revived on both gold and silver coins ." The three coins, in the cabinet of the Hyderabad Museum described below, prove that the name was revived as early as 1112 A.H. (if not earlier) at least on the silver coins. The following is the reading :—

AURANGZEB ALAMGIR.

1068-1118 A.H. = 1658-1707 A.D.

(2) Metal. Silver.
 Size. .90 "
 Weight. 172 Grains.

<u>Obverse.</u>	<u>Reverse.</u>
عالم (گبر)	مانوس
۱۱۱۲	میمنت
اورنگ زیب	۳۵
شہ	سنہ جلوس
زد چو بدر منیر	ضرب
سکہ	(۱) حسن آباد
درجہان	

Pl. II and III, (No. 2)

BIJAPŪR.

Lat. 16°-49' Long. 75°-43'

I will next take a set of Mughal coins from the Bijapur Mint. In Numismatic Supplement No. XXX, Mr. C. J. Brown observes that he has not come across any coin from the Bijapur mint dating between the 24th and 30th Regnal years of Aurangzeb. The undermentioned is one of the 26th Regnal year.

It will be interesting to note that the Hijri year 1091 was stamped not only on coins of the 23rd and 24th Regnal years, but also on those of 26th Regnal year, of which 2 specimens are now in our cabinet. The following is the reading of the coins :—

(3) Metal. Silver.
Size. 1.5"
Weight. 172 Grains.

<u>Obverse.</u>	<u>Reverse.</u>
عالم گیر	مانوس
۱۰۹۱	میمنت
اورنگ زیب	۲۶
شہاہ	سنہ جلوس
زد چو بدر منیر	ضرب
سکہ	بیجا پور
در جہان	

Pl. II and III, (No. 3)

I may here add that the reading مجلوس مجلوس mentioned in the Numismatic Supplement No. XXX, page 265, is not to be found on a coin of the 23rd Regnal year in the Museum of Hyderabad.

(4) Metal. Silver.
Size. .87"
Weight. 172 Grains.

<u>Obverse.</u>	<u>Reverse.</u>
عالم گیر	مانوس
۱۰۹۱	میمنت
اورنگ زیب	۲۳
شہاہ	سنہ جلوس
زد چو بدر منیر	ضرب
سکہ	بیجا پور
در جہان	

Pl. II and III, (No. 4)

The earliest coin known with the Daru-z-zafar epithet is said to be of the 31st Regnal year, with the Hijri date missing (Numismatic Supplement No. XXX, page 265). The undermentioned is a coin of 1097 A. H. and of the 30th Regnal year :—

(5) Metal. Silver.
Size. 1"
Weight. 172 Grains.

<u>Obverse.</u>	<u>Reverse.</u>
عالم گیر	جلوس
۱۰۹۷	میمنت
اورنگ زیب	مانوس دارالظفر
شش	۳۰
(ز) د چو بدر منیر	بیجاپور سنہ
سکہ	ضرب
در جہان	

Pl. II and III, (No. 5)

There is a unique coin of this very mint of the 42nd, 43rd or 44th Regnal year of Aurangzeb which has the word "Naik" below 'Zarb' and before the epithet Daru-z-zafar. It might have been struck by one of the Naik feudatories of the Mughal Emperors. The coin reads as follows :—

(6) Metal. Silver.
Size. .90"
Weight. 169 Grains.

<u>Obverse.</u>	<u>Reverse.</u>
عالم گیر	مانوس
اورنگ زیب	میمنت
سز— (۵۱)	۳۲
زد چو بدر منیر	سنہ جلوس
سکہ	ضرب
در جہان	نائک دارالظفر
	بیجا پور

Pl. II and III, (No. 6)

Mr. R. B. Whitehead, in his mint notes, has stated that "after Farrukhsiyar the mint Bijapur disappears from the Mughal series." The following coin of Muhammad Shah from the same mint shows that it was active even after Farrukhsiyar :—

MUHAMMAD SHAH.

1131-1161 A.H. — 1719-1748 A.D.

(7) Metal. Silver.
Size. .93"
Weight. 170 Grains.

<u>Obverse.</u>	<u>Reverse.</u>
محمد شا (ه)	(ج) لو (س)
سا (ه)	میمنت مانوس
باد غازی	۳
سکه	سنه
(سب) ارک (ب)	(الظ) — فر
	(د) اریجا پور
	(ضرب) ب

Pl. II and III, (No. 7)

BARELI.

Lat. 28°-22' Long. 79°-24'

Mr. R. B. Whitehead observes:—

"Coin No. 1626 is dated 1100, but a coin earlier by two years is in the cabinet of Mr. H. Nelson Wright (Mint notes P.M.C.)."

The Hyderabad Museum cabinet has a unique coin of 1097 A.H.—29 R.Y., one of the R.Y. 29 and one of 1098 A.H. 30 R.Y.

AURANGZEB ALAMGIR.

1068-1118 A.H. = 1658-1707 A.D.

(8) Metal. Silver.
 Size. .92"
 Weight. 170 Grains.

Obverse.

عالم گیر

اورنگ زیب

۱۰۹۷

سہ ماہ

زد چو بدر منیر

سکہ

در جہان

Reverse.

مانوس

میمنت

۲۹

سنہ جلوس

ضرب

بریلی

Pl. II and III, (No. 8)

PHONDĀ (A New Mughal Mint).

Lat. 15°-23' Long. 74°-50'

A coin of Aurangzeb from the mint "Phondā," adds one more name to the list of Mughal Mints. I have been able to locate it near Goa.

It is a very old place and had a very strong fort during the time of the 'Adil Shahis,' Mughals and Marathas'. It is now in the possession of the Portuguese. My reading of the coin is given below.

(9) Metal. Silver.
 Size. 1"
 Weight. 170 Grains.

Obverse.

اورنگ زیب عالم گیر

سہ ماہ

(ز) د چو بدر منیر

سکہ

(در جہان)

Reverse.

سہ ماہ

مانوس

میمنت

جلوس پھوندا

(ضرب ب)

Pl. II and III, (No. 9)

JETPŪR (A New Mughal Mint)

Lat. 20°-45' Long. 70°-48'

A coin of Ahmad Shah from "Jitpur," if my reading is correct, adds one more name to the list of Mughal Mints. The following is an extract from Imperial Gazetteer of India, Vol. XIV, page 102.

"Fortified town in the State of same name, Kathiawar, Bombay, situated in 20° 45' N. and 70° 48' E. on the western bank of Bahadar river."

It reads thus :—

AHMAD SHAH.

1161-1167 A.H. = 1748—1754 AD.

(10) Metal. Silver.
Size. .82"
Weight. 169 Grains.

<u>Obverse.</u>	<u>Reverse.</u>
(در) احمد شاه بها	مانوس
(۱) —————	مہمنت
باد شاه غاز	ع
سکہ بها (ر)	سہ جلوس
	ضرب
	چیت پر

Pl. II and III, (No. 10)

KOILKONDA (A New Mughal Mint)

Lat. 16°-50' Long. 77°-35'

A coin most probably of 'Alamgir II adds one more name to the list of Mughal Mints.' "Koilkonda" is an old town with a fort in Mahboobnagar District, Hyderabad State,

The following is a reading of the coin :—

ALAMGIR II.

1167-1173 A.H. = 1754-1759 A.D.

(11) Metal. Silver.
Size. .80"
Weight. 169 Grains.

Obverse.

عالمگیر ثانی

فضل

Reverse.

مانوس

میمنت

جلوس احد

(ضرب ب)

کو یلکند (ه)

Pl. II and III, (No. 11)

Subsequent to the publication of my article in 'Numismatic Supplement No. XLIII,' I have discovered one more coin of Alamgir II from Kovilkonda mint, bearing neither Hijri year nor regnal, but with better caligraphy. I have deciphered the coin as follows :—

(12) Metal. Silver.
Size. .82"
Weight. 169 Grains.

Obverse.

عالم گیر

(ب) —————

باد سه اه غاز

سه سکه

Reverse.

(جلوس)

میمنت

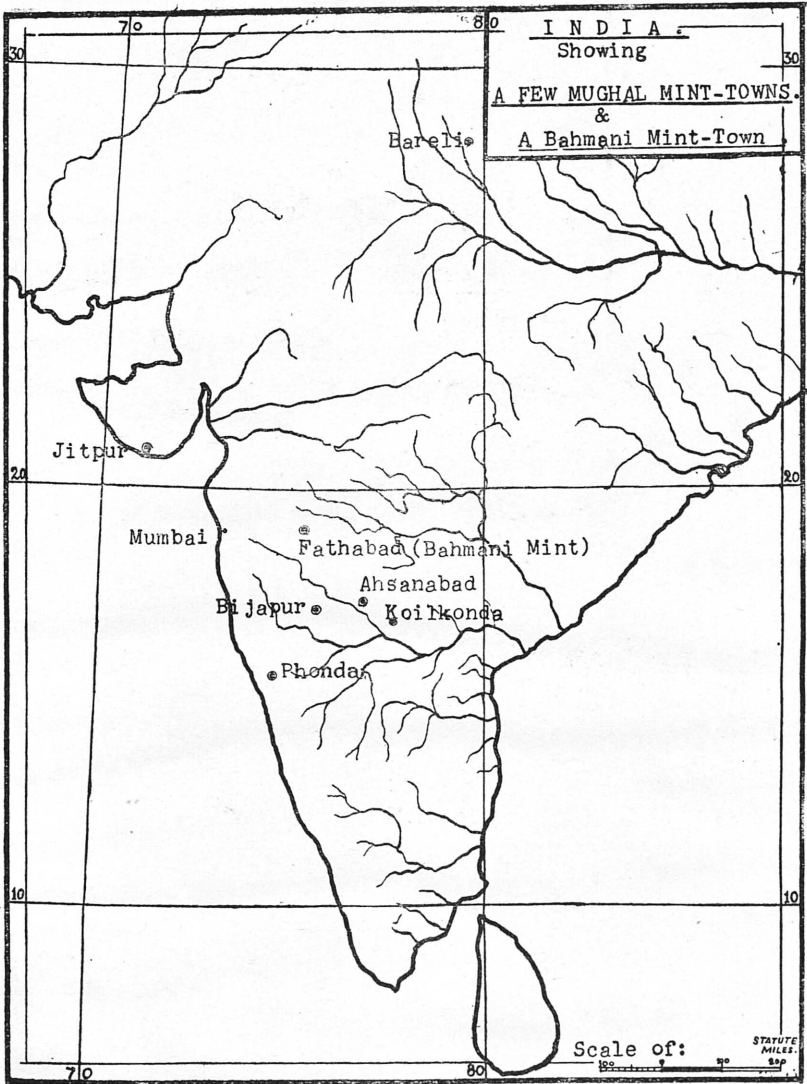
مانوس

ضرب

کو یلکند ه

Pl. II and III, (No. 12)

PLATE I



Map of India showing Mint Towns (mentioned in this Brochure).



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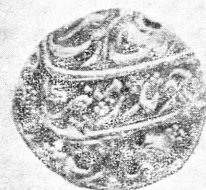
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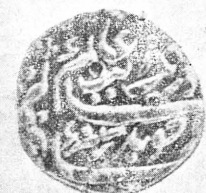
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11



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Some rare Coins in the State Museum, Hyderabad-Deccan.
(Photograph.)



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