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The So-called Mule Rupee Coins of William IV dated 1840

By *Gev F. Kias*



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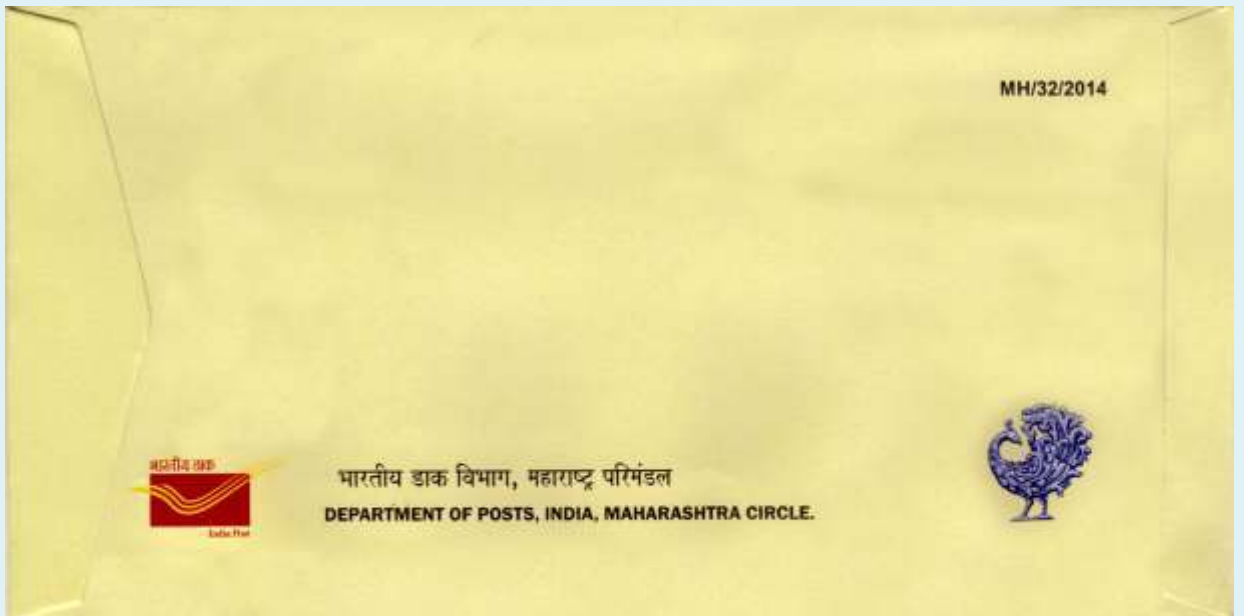
(Traces of numerals '3' & '5' are seen behind numeral '4' & '0' in 1840)

Silver Rupee coins of William IV with year 1840 have come across as currency issues. These coins are termed as 'Mule' by many authors / numismatists & their reason is: the obverse with effigy of William IV is paired with new Victorian reverse inscribed with year 1840. Now, technically such a pairing was not possible, as the Victorian reverse dies were made for striking on bigger diameter blanks or planchets, compared to the smaller blanks used in William IV period. Although the new obverse (with Queen's effigy) & new Victorian reverse working punches with year 1840 were prepared & supplied to Calcutta mint by Royal mint, due to technical problems arose in making of obverse & reverse dies from these working punches at that time. This delayed in the production of new coinage, meanwhile due to crisis over the shortage in Rupee coins, the mint authorities did correction on earlier William IV Rupee reverse dies & not on working punches, by removing or shaving off last two numerals '3' & '5' & re-punching incused numerals '4' & '0' on the die & paired with the left-over obverse dies which had the effigy of King William IV.

To my knowledge these coins are not to be termed as 'MULE', as same paired earlier used dies at the Calcutta mint, obverse with initial 'F' raised (looks like worn out 'F'), large thick lettering type Legend (Obv A) & reverse with 19 berries, two leaves type (Rev I) were used, only numerals 3 & 5 were removed & replaced by 4 & 0 in the year, the traces of numerals '3' & '5' are always seen behind the numerals '4' & '0'.

Moreover, some numismatists have claimed that 1840 William IV Rupee coins do come with initials 'R.S.' incused on the truncation of the King's neck; they need to know that initials 'R.S.' Rupee coins had thin (Obv C) or medium thin lettering type (Obv B) & not large thick lettering type (Obv A).

Many a times the truncation looks plain as initial 'F' raised (looks like worn out 'F') due to constant use of the dies, numismatists claim it as plain truncation type & attribute the coin to Bombay mint, since Bombay mint had no initials on truncation, but had medium thin lettering type (Obv B) on the obverse & not large thick lettering type (Obv A).



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On 8th December 2014, **Charles Lobo**, Post Master General, India Post, Goa Region, presented the just-released copy of the Rajgor's Coin Festival Goa 2014 **Special Cover** to **Hon. Siddharth Kunkolienkar**, the Jt. Secretary, Chief Minister, Goa. On the left are Shri Jagdish Agarwal, Dr. Dilip Rajgor, and on the right are Varad Sabnis.





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Estimate: ₹ 1,200-1,500
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Lot 7
Estimate: ₹ 4,000-5,000
Realized Rs. 10,000



Lot 57
Estimate: ₹ 3,25,000-4,00,000
Realized Rs. 3,25,000



Lot 67
Estimate: ₹ 3,000-4,000
Realized Rs. 5250



Lot 69
Estimate: ₹ 35,000-40,000
Realized Rs. 48,000



Lot 70
Estimate: ₹ 75,000-85,000
Realized Rs. 75,000



Lot 100
Estimate: ₹ 1,000-1,500
Realized Rs. 2,800



Lot 113
Estimate: ₹ 5,000-6,000
Realized Rs. 12,000



Lot 130
Estimate: ₹ 2,000-2,500
Realized Rs. 4,400



Lot 170
Estimate: ₹ 6,000-8,000
Realized Rs. 10,500



Lot 176
Estimate: ₹ 13,000-15,000
Realized Rs. 17,000



Lot 185
Estimate: ₹ 6,000-7,000
Realized Rs. 10,000



Lot 200
Estimate: ₹ 12,000-15,000
Realized Rs. 25,000



Lot 245
Estimate: ₹ 5,000-6,000
Realized Rs. 13,500



Lot 304
Estimate: ₹ 5,000-7,000
Realized Rs. 8,500



Lot 318
Estimate: ₹ 1,00,000-1,35,000
Realized Rs. 1,25,000



Lot 330
Estimate: ₹ 4,000-5,000
Realized Rs. 10,000



Lot 331
Estimate: ₹ 9,000-12,000
Realized Rs. 16,500



Lot 344
Estimate: ₹ 1,40,000-1,75,000
Realized Rs. 1,40,000



Lot 357
Estimate: ₹ 60,000-70,000
Realized Rs. 85,000



Lot 385
Estimate: ₹ 1,40,000-1,50,000
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Lot 390
Estimate: ₹ 1,40,000-1,75,000
Realized Rs. 1,55,000



Lot 404
Estimate: ₹ 60,000-65,000
Realized Rs. 81,500



Lot 406
Estimate: ₹ 5,000-5,000
Realized Rs. 16,000



Lot 411
Estimate: ₹ 2,00,000-3,00,000
Realized Rs. 2,40,000



Lot 448
Estimate: ₹ 3,00,000-4,00,000
Realized Rs. 3,50,000



Lot 479
Estimate: ₹ 7,000-7,500
Realized Rs. 12,000



Lot 505
Estimate: ₹ 1,000-1,500
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Lot 506
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Month	Date	Place	Event	Venue
December	7-10	Goa	Rajgor's Coin Festival - Goa 2014	5.00 pm, Institute Menezes Braganza, Central Library, Next To Police Headquarters, Panaji, Goa - 403 001.
December	8	Goa	Rajgor's Auction 28	6.00 pm, Institute Menezes Braganza, Central Library, Next To Police Headquarters, Panaji, Goa - 403 001.
December	9	Goa	Rajgor's Auction 29	6.00 pm, Institute Menezes Braganza, Central Library, For complete details, refer last page of the Gullak
December	26-28	Kolkata	Mudra Utsav 2014	Halidiram Banquet Hall, 24 Ballygunge Park, Kolkata- 700 019
January	9-11	Nasik	Nasik Rare Fair 2015	Indraprastha AC Hall, Old Gangapur Naka, Gangapur Rd., Nasik. Phone: (0253) 2313680
January	10	Nasik	Rajgor's Auction 30	6.00 pm Indraprastha AC Hall, Old Gangapur Naka, Nashik - 2
January	18	Internet	Rajgor's i-Auction 31	Internet Auction of Rare Books & Maps, closing from 3.00 pm onwards
January	16-19	Bengaluru	KARNAPEX 2015 Bengaluru	#114, 1st Floor, Pamadi Chambers, 120. Dr. DVG Road, Basavanagudi (Gandhi Bazaar), Bangalore - 560004, Karnataka.
January	24-26	Nagpur	Nagmoney 2015	Mor Bhavan, Jhansi raniSquare, Sitabuldi, Nagpur - 440 012
February	20-22	Bangalore	6th National Numismatic Exhibition	The Bell Hotel, Bangalore
Feb.-March	27-28, 1	Ahmedabd	Coinex 2015	Sardar Patel Sewa Samaj, Navarangpura (Gujarat Coin Society)
October	16-18	Mumbai	Mumbai Coin & Philately Fair 2015	World Trade Centre (Mumbai Coin Society)



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Numismatics as a Source of Investments VI (c)

Hello friends,

In my previous 2 Newsletters, I had covered Two Stories & a Personal Instance. As the Stories and the Instance Co-related with *Selling your Coin Collections*. As Collections/Investments in coins are important, so important is selling them, too.

We discussed the following important questions through the last 3 Newsletters. To sum up I have noted down the points.

- 1) Is the family involved while you are collecting coins?
- 2) Are there any heirs who will want the collection from a collectors stand point?
- 3) Where is the inventory of the Collectibles kept?
- 4) What is the approximate value of the coins?
- 5) Does any articles in your collection / possession belong to someone else?
- 6) Are there certain dealers or other experts you trust to provide guidance to your heirs?
- 7) Is there a Auction House/Firm that you & your heirs will wish to use in the collections disposition after your death?
- 8) Has the collection been appraised or insured? Does it need to be updated?
- 9) How well the coins are preserved and kept?

As we find many horror stories it is better to consider the points mentioned as all are TRUE, None are isolated cases as they won't be the last.

If for whatever reasons, you cannot allow yourself to share this information with your whole family, choose one trusted individual - perhaps the person you are considering to be an executor. If that doesn't satisfy you, please take the time to write detailed instructions, or simply make notes in a book & leave it in your safe deposit box or wherever you keep your valuables. As inheritances brings out Best in some families and Worst in some.

The problem is that it's difficult to predict exactly how the prospect of inheritance will work out in the given family. So it is best to minimize any confusion as suspicious minds won't take much time to spark/ignite a fire.

Friends, in the next Newsletter I will cover Assessment, Evaluation, Estimation, Rating and Judgement of Coin Collections.

As we are on the Eve of Christmas & New Year, I wish and pray for all my seniors, friends, fellow collectors and numismatists a warm heart- felt greetings. God bless us all.

Warm Regards
Sandeep V Shah

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Denomination: 8 Annas *Year:* 1920



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