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Who was Bushby Sahib? (continued)

Bushby, in capacity as Agent to the Governor General, would, no doubt, have had dealings with Rahguraj Singh, the then Maharajah of Rewa. The nature of these dealings is not known but he was probably keeping an authoritative eye on his form of government. It is also a matter of conjecture as to why the Maharajah decided to have the Agent's name on his coin, or who instigated the idea. Unless Bushby was an extreme egoist the suggestion is hardly likely to have come from him, and if it had done the action would have been likely to incur the displeasure of the Bengal Government. In any event it would have caused some comment in official circles. Although not active in discouraging the Native States from producing their own coins, the Presidency Governments did nothing to assist with their coining. They were fairly prompt to suppress any use of the native coins in their own territories. The idea, and full marks must be given for originality, probably came from the Maharajah or a member of his court, with the presumed intention of making a favourable impression on the highest ranking representative of the Company in that area. Whatever impact the issue of coins bearing Bushby's name may have had, it is significant that they were issued with one date only and that they were the last issue struck by Rewa for general use.

There are two types of these coins and two denominations. The first type has on the obverse a tiger walking left and around it an Urdu inscription which includes the name of Raghuraj Singh and the date S. 1906 (AD 1849). The second type has the tiger reclining to the right with the same Urdu legend. The inscription is very badly engraved and cannot be properly read. Both types have the same reverse written in rather quaint English. The larger coins, which were presumably double paisa, weigh about 15.8 grammes and the smaller about 8.2 grams.

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To conclude the story of Bushby's career: he remained in the position of Commissioner and Agent for the Saugor and Nerbudda Territories, probably stationed at Jabalpur, until 1854. In that year he reached the zenith of his career and was appointed a 1st. Class civil servant, there being only a few of this rank in the Bengal Presidency, and was sent as Resident to Hyderabad. This was an important and responsible post calling for experience, diplomacy and tact in acting as the Company's representative to the Nizam. Bushby did not enjoy this position for very long, nor did he ever see England again. He died in Hyderabad on the 30th. December 1856. There is probably, in some dusty cemetary in Hyderabad, a crumbling monument to Bushby Sahib and with the passage of time this will dissappear entirely. A perpetual memorial was established during his lifetime, however, by some unknown dignitary of the Rewa State, who, out of admiration, gratitide or mere obsequiousness, decided that his name should appear on the state coins.



Two new types of Arakan rupee

An Indonesian windmill?

Miss Helen Brown of the Heberden Coin Room at the Ashmolean Museum (Oxford OX1 2PH) has sent this illustration of a piece in the museum to see if any member can shed any light. It is a uniface lead specimen weighing 61.57 gm. and 40 mm. diameter. Accompanying it is a note describing it as a "Leaden coin which passes current in some of the Oriental Islands. It was brought home from Sumatra in 1809/10".

by Michael Mitchiner

The conventional type of silver coin struck by the rulers of Arakan bears the Raja's accession date with standardised Burmese inscription below; the same design appearing on both the obverse and the reverse. Although normally called rupees these coins were struck to a weight of 10 to 10.5 grammes; much the same as the weight standard used for silver coins struck in the adjacent northern state of Tripura. The conventional Arakanese silver coin type was introduced by Narapatigyi (AD 1638 - 1645: Burmese era 1000 - 1007): a small number of his predecessors having struck silver coins bearing other forms of inscriptional coin type. From the time of Sandathudamma (AD 1652 - 1684) the Raja bore the standard title 'Lord of the Golden Palace'. Silver coins struck by a substantial number of rulers were published by Phayre (Coins of Arakan, Pegu and Burma, 1882, Pl. 1 - 2) and the final issues struck after the Burmese occupation and dated BE 1146 (AD 1784) have more recently been described by Mr. Lewis Shaw (ONS Information sheet no. 17).

Narapatigyi: AD 1638 - 1645: BE 1000 - 1007 2000 E AR 10.3 grammes

20 E W 2 9 E 20 A 20 3 E C 20 23 C Hsin Hpu Tha khin Hsin Ni Tha khin Narapadigyi

"Lord of the White Elephant,

Lord of the Red Elephant,

Narapadigyi"

(The coin of Narapatigyi published by Phayre, I, 7, had the shorter legend "Lord of the White Elephant, Narapadigyi")

Sandawizala: AD 1736: BE 1098 JOCU AR 9.95 grammes

SN エエ コ ると の手 36 N TES Shwe Nan Tha khin Sandawijala Raja

"Lord of the Golden Palace, Sandawijala Raja" In BE 1098 Sandawijala replaced his cousin Narapawara on the Arakanese throne but was deposed eight months later by Katya. He was expelled 3 days later by Sandawijala's brother Madarit who ruled from BE 1098 until BE 1104. Phayre (I, 15) published a coin of Madarit dated BE 1098, but this appears to be the first recorded specimen struck by his brother Sandawijala.







