

Victoria – Continuous Legend – Gold – Mohur, Currency – 1841

One specimen has a dot on the truncation of the bust. The significance of this is not known. See photos for 2.5C below.



The bust of the Queen facing left. There may or may not be initials on the truncation of the neck. Continuous legend:
VICTORIA QUEEN
All within a raised, toothed rim.



ONE MOHUR
یک اشرفی
یک اشرف

A lion standing and facing left with a palm tree above.
The legend above:
EAST INDIA COMPANY
The value in English and Persian (= Yek ashrafi = One Mohur) below:
All within a raised, toothed rim.

Official Weight (g)	11.66
Actual Weight (g)	11.68
Actual Diameter (mm)	26.0-26.5
Composition	Gold
Edge	Varies. See table below
Axes	↑↑

Catalogue

SW	Pr. No.	Date	Mint/ Mintmark	Status	Obv	Edge	Comments	Mintage	Rarity
2.1	18	1841	Bombay or Calcutta No MM	Currency	A	SG		Mintage 601,088 at Calcutta and 5,960 at Bombay	S
2.2	19	"	"	Proof/PR	A	"			RR
2.2a	-	"	"	Gilt Proof/PR	A	"	Wt = 5.36. Ref: Barbara Mears also Kaslove. Two known		RRR
2.3	20	"	Madras S incuse	Currency	B	"		32,276	S
2.4	21	"	"	Proof/PR	B	"			RR
2.5	-	"	"	Bronze Proof	B	P	Ref: Pr. p27. BNJ 1907 p368		RRR
2.5C	-	"	Mint not certain Dot on bust	Currency	C		From David Guest. Ref: Pridmore sale, Glens 17 Oct 1983, lot 10		RRR

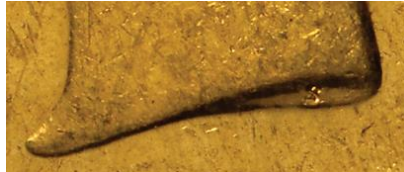
Obverse Varieties

	A	B
Initial on truncation of neck	None	S

Initial on truncation of neck	There may be no initials on the truncation of the neck, or S incuse. See rupee for possible meanings of initials.
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A – No initial on truncation of neck (Bombay or Calcutta)



B – S on truncation of neck (Madras)



C – Dot on truncation of neck

Victoria – Continuous Legend – Pewter – Rupee, Uniface Pattern – Struck 1839



The head of the Queen facing left. The legend above:
VICTORIA QUEEN
Surrounded by a plain, raised rim.



Blank

Actual Weight (g)	10.40
Actual Diameter (mm)	31.3-31.5
Composition	Pewter
Edge	Plain

Catalogue

SW	Pr. No.	Mint/ Mintmark	Date	Status	Comments	Rarity
2.7	182	Calcutta No MM	No Date	Pattern		RRR

See also half rupee and quarter rupee (below)

Victoria – Continuous Legend – Silver – Rupee, Bombay Pattern – 1839



The head of the Queen facing left. The legend above:
VICTORIA QUEEN
Surrounded by a raised, toothed rim.



The value in English and Persian (= *yek rupiya* = One rupee):
ONE
RUPEE

یک روپیہ

All within a wreath of laurel. Around this the legend:
EAST INDIA COMPANY 1839
All within a raised, toothed rim.

Official Weight (g)	11.66
Actual Weight (g)	?
Actual Diameter (mm)	30.5
Composition	Silver
Edge	Straight Grained
Axes	?

Catalogue

SW	Pr. No.	Date	Mint/ Mintmark	Status	Comments	Rarity
2.8	181	1839	Bombay No MM	Pattern	Only one is believed to be outside a museum	RRR

Victoria – Continuous Legend – Silver – Rupee, Currency – 1840

The head of the Queen facing left.
Continuous legend:
VICTORIA QUEEN
All within a raised, toothed rim.



The value in English and Persian within a wreath of laurel.
Around this the legend and date:
EAST INDIA COMPANY 1840.
All within a raised, toothed rim.

ONE
RUPEE
یک روپیہ
(= yek rupiya =
One rupee)

Official Weight (g)	11.66
Actual Weight (g)	11.61-11.68
Actual Diameter (mm)	30.5-32.3
Composition	Silver
Edge	Straight Grained
Axes	↑↑

Catalogue

SW	Pr. No.	Date	Mint/ Mintmark	Status	Obv	Rev	Comments	Mintage	Rarity
2.9	44	1840	Calcutta Diam 31.1- 31.4mm + ∪	Currency	A	VI	1840	179,934,670	C
2.10	43	"	Diam + ∪	Proof	A	III			RR
2.11	-	"	Diam + No privy mark	Currency	A	IV	Crescent may be worn away?		C
2.12	-	"	Diam + No privy mark	Currency	B	II	Crescent may be worn away?		C
2.13	42	"	Diam + ∪	Currency	B	III	Ref: Thompson		S
2.14	-	"	Diam + ∪	Proof/PR	B	VI	Diam 31.6mm		RR
2.14a	-	"	?	Proof/PR	B	IX	Ref: Baldwin (2013), sale 78 (Fore), lot 603		RR
2.15	-	"	Diam + No privy mark	Currency	C	IX			C
2.15a	-	"	?	Currency	C	VI	Ref: Aves collection. See also Baldwin (2013), sale 84 (Fore), lot 2370. The coins in this latter sale are described as having a tiny letter H on the reverse ribbon and having different obverses. However, the obverses both look the same to me.		S
2.15b	-	"	?	Currency	C	VIII	Ref: Baldwin (2013), sale 84 (Fore), lot 2367. In the same sale, lot 2369 is described as not having the hair on the ribbon but closer examination shows that this is the result of a damaged die and it is, in fact, C/VIII. See photos		S
2.15c	-	"	?	Currency	C	X	Not sure of mint. 36 beads on reverse. Amit Surana has also reported this feature.		RR?
2.16	53	"	Diam + ∪	Currency	F	VIII	Recorded from Pridmore.		C
2.17	54	"	"	Proof/PR	F	VIII			RR
2.17a	-	"	"	Currency	F	VI	Ref: Baldwin (2013), sale 84 (Fore), lot 2366,		RR
2.18	55	"	"	Proof/PR	F	VI			RR

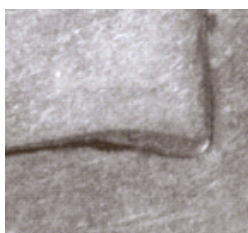
Catalogue

SW	Pr. No.	Date	Mint/ Mintmark	Status	Obv	Rev	Comments	Mintage	Rarity
2.20	-	"	Bombay Diam 31.6- 31.7 + No privy mark	Currency	B	II		109,838,073	C
2.21	51	"	"	Currency	B	IV			C
2.22	52	"	"	Currency	F	IX			C
2.22a	-	"	?	Proof/PR	F	IX	Ref: Baldwin (2013), sale 78 (Fore), lot 602		RR
2.23	-	"	"	Currency	F	VII	Ref: Roger Price		R?
2.24	48	"	Madras Diam 31.8- 32.3mm + V	Currency	B	I		21,898,181	C
2.25	47	"	"	Currency	D	I			C
2.26	45	"	"	Currency	D	II			C
2.27	46	"	"	Proof/PR	D	II			RR
2.28	49	"	"	Currency	D	V			C
2.28a	-	"	"	Currency	D	VIIa	Ref: Surana		C
2.28b	-	"	"	Currency	D	IX	Ref: Baldwin (2013), sale 84 (Fore), lot 2365		S
2.29	50	"	"	Currency	E	IX			C
2.30	-	"	"	Currency	E	VII			C

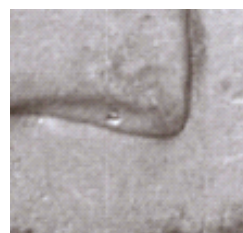
Obverse Varieties

	A	B	C	D	E	F
Initials on bust	None	None	None	S	S	None
Ridges on Ribbon	None	None	None	None	None	Present
Point of Bust	2mm	2mm	1mm	2mm	1mm	1mm
Lock of Hair on front ribbon	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

Initials on bust	There may or may not be incuse initials on the truncation of the bust. N incuse has been reported but more evidence is needed. See photos
Ridges on Ribbon	There may or may not be diagonal ridges on the top back and the bottom ribbons
Point of Bust	The distance between the point of the bust and the rim may be 1mm or 2mm
Lock of Hair on front ribbon	The lock of hair may or may not cross the ridge on the bottom ribbon



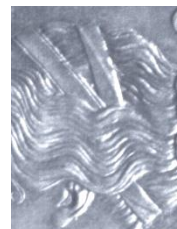
No initial



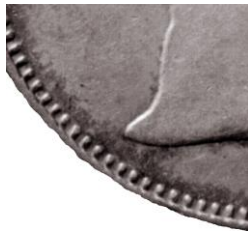
Initial: S



No ridges on ribbon



Diagonal ridges on ribbon

**2 mm between bust & rim****1 mm between bust & rim****Lock of hair on front ribbon****No lock of hair on front ribbon****Reverse Varieties**

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIIa	VIII	IX	X
Berries in wreath	19-10L;9R	19-10L;9R	19-10L;9R	19-10L;9R	20-10L;10R	34-19L;15R bead by ONE	34-19L;15R lower bead	34-19L;15R Bead by T	35-20L;15R	35-20L;15R	36 – 22L;14R?
Leaf group	Leaf	Leaf	Bud	Bud	Bud	Leaf	Leaf	Leaf	Leaf	Leaf	Leaf
Privy Mark	v	None	Crescent	None	None	Crescent	None	?	Crescent	None	Crescent
Date Digits	Large	Large	Large	Large	?	Small	Small	Large	Small	Small	Small

Berries in wreath	The number of berries in the wreath may vary. There are three varieties of the 34 berry variety with different berries missing. There seem to be endless discussions on Facebook about the number of berries. See photos.
Leaf group	The second inner leaf group at the top right of the wreath may look like a flower bud (Bud) or like two leaves (Leaf).
Privy Mark	There may be a crescent privy mark (cresc) on the left bow of the ribbon, a tiny v privy mark (v) or no privy mark. The crescent and v can easily be worn away. Much has been made of a possible letter I or M Lower on the ornamentation but I'm not sure. See photos and discussion.
Date Digits	The date digits may be large or small

NB KM tries to use size of diamonds as a differentiating point but I haven't found this to be consistently useful.

**19 berries****20 berries (extra berry highlighted) Photo from Amit Surana****34 berries (highlighted). Lower bead missing. Arrow shows missing berry****34 berries (highlighted). bead by ONE missing. Arrow shows missing berry, which gradually faded away over time.**

Uniform Coinage – Victoria Continuous Legend



34 berries bead by T of EAST missing.
(Photo from Surana)



35 berries (highlighted)



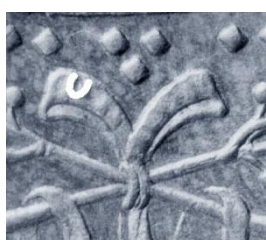
36 Beads



Bud



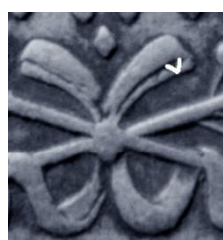
Two leaves



Crescent privy mark (highlighted)



No privy mark



v privy mark (highlighted)



Small date digits. Note the 0 & no serif on cross-bar of 4.



Large date digits. Note the 0 & serif on cross-bar of 4.

Victoria – Continuous Legend – Pewter – Half Rupee, Uniface Pattern – Struck 1839



The head of the Queen facing left. The legend above:
VICTORIA QUEEN
Surrounded by a plain, raised rim.



Blank

Photos from Rupee

Actual Weight (g)	?
Actual Diameter (mm)	26.5
Composition	Pewter
Edge	Plain

Catalogue

SW	Pr. No.	Date	Mint/ Mintmark	Status	Comments	Rarity
2.31	183	No Date	Calcutta No MM	Pattern		RRR

See also pattern rupee (above) and quarter rupee (below)

Victoria – Continuous Legend – Silver – Half Rupee, Currency – 1840

Head of the Queen facing left. Surrounded by a continuous legend:
VICTORIA QUEEN
All within a raised, toothed border.



The value in English and Persian (*Hasht ana* = eight annas):
HALF
RUPEE

هشت آنه

Within a wreath of laurel. Around this the legend:
EAST INDIA COMPANY 1840.
All within a raised, toothed rim.

Official Weight (g)	5.83
Actual Weight (g)	5.81
Actual Diameter (mm)	24.3-24.8
Composition	Silver
Edge	Straight Grained
Axes	↑↑

Catalogue

SW	Pr. No.	Date	Mint/ Mintmark	Status	Obv	Rev	Comments	Mintage	Rarity
2.32	73	1840	Calcutta Diam 24.3-24.4mm + ∪	Currency	A	I	∪ often worn away	8,049,420	C
2.33	74	"	"	Proof/PR	A	I			RR
2.34	79	"	Calcutta No mm	Currency Mule	(A)	IV	Indian head. No dot after date Also reported by Russel Haque.		RR
2.35	77	"	Calcutta Diam + ∪	Currency	(A)	I	Pr. Describes the bust as 'Indian Head'. Hard to distinguish from SW 2.32		C
2.36	78	"	"	Proof/PR	(A)	I	Ref: Pr.p33. Diam 24.6mm. This has the so-called 'Indian Head'		RR
2.37	76	"	Bombay Diam 24.5-24.6mm No MM	Currency	A	III		9,844,380	C
2.38	75	"	Madras Diam 24.7-24.9 + v	Currency	A	II	v often not visible.	1,874,420	C
2.39	75	"	Madras Diam + S + v	Currency	B	II	None seen		NR

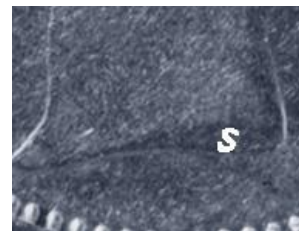
Obverse Varieties

	A	B
Initials on bust	None	Probably S incuse

Initials on bust	There may or may not be initials on the truncation of the bust. See rupee for photos. The S is not very clear on these half rupees.
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No Initial



S incuse (Initial added. No specimen traced)

Reverse Varieties

	I	II	III	IV
Privy mark on Bow	Crescent	v?	None	Crescent
Dot after Date	Present	Present	Present	Absent

Privy mark on Bow	There may be a crescent or a v on the ribbon bow. See rupee for photos
Dot after date	There is usually a dot after the date.



Crescent privy mark (highlighted)



*v privy mark (highlighted)
Photo from Sekhar Kausik. From a rupee*



No privy mark



Dot after date



No dot after date

Victoria – Continuous Legend – Pewter – Quarter Rupee, Uniface Pattern – Struck 1839



The head of the Queen facing left. The legend above:
VICTORIA QUEEN
Surrounded by a plain, raised rim.



Blank

Photos from rupee

Actual Weight (g)	5.03
Actual Diameter (mm)	21.3
Composition	Pewter
Edge	Plain

Catalogue

SW	Pr. No.	Date	Mint/ Mintmark	Status	Comments	Rarity
2.40	184	No date	Calcutta No MM	Pattern		RRR

See also rupee and half rupee (above)

Victoria – Continuous Legend – Silver – Quarter Rupee, Currency – 1840

The head of the Queen facing left. Continuous legend:
VICTORIA QUEEN
All within a raised, toothed rim.



The value in English and Persian within a wreath of laurel. Around this the legend:
EAST INDIA COMPANY 1840
All within a raised, toothed rim.

$\frac{1}{4}$
RUPEE
چهار آنه
(= Chahar ana =
Four annas)

Official Weight (g)	2.91
Actual Weight (g)	2.92-2.93
Actual Diameter (mm)	19.3-20.0
Composition	Silver
Edge	Straight Grained
Axes	↑↑

Catalogue

SW	Pr. No.	Date	Mint/ Mintmark	Status	Obv	Rev	Comments	Mintage	Rarity
2.41	98	1840	Calcutta Diam 19.3-19.4 + Crescent on bow	Currency	A	I		12,994,320	C
2.42	99	”	”	Proof/PR	A	I	Ref: Baldwin (2013), sale 78 (Fore), lot 446.		RR
2.43	103	”	”	Currency	(A)	IV	Pr. Describes these two as having the 'Indian Head'. They both have 34 berries in the wreath on the reverse and this is an easier feature by which to distinguish them from the other varieties.		N
2.44	104	”	”	Proof/PR	(A)	IV			RR
2.45	102	”	Bombay Diam 19.5-19.6 + No MM	Currency	A	II		10,617,480	C
2.46	100	”	Madras Diam 19.6-19.7 + S on neck	Currency	B	II		6,450,480	C
2.47	101	”	”	Currency	B	III			R

Obverse Varieties

	A	B
Initials on bust	None	S incuse

Initials on bust	There may or may not be incuse initials on the truncation of the bust. See rupee for photos
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The curl on the cheek of the Queen is sometimes not visible. It is not certain whether this is a die variety or just caused by wear on the coins. This feature has not been included as a variety in the present catalogue.

**A – No Initial****B – Initial S incuse**

Reverse Varieties

	I	II	III	IV
Berries in wreath	20-10L;10R	20-10L;10R	20-10L;10R	34-19L;15R
Privy mark on Bow	Crescent	None	v	Crescent

Berries in wreath	The number of berries in the wreath varies.
Privy mark on Bow	There may be a crescent or a v on the ribbon bow. See rupee for photos.



20 berries.



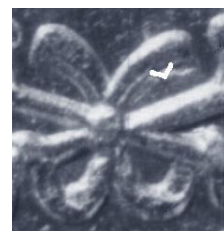
34 berries. NB crescent on ribbon.



Crescent on Ribbon (Highlighted)



No Mark on Ribbon



v on Ribbon (Highlighted)

Victoria – Continuous Legend – Silver – Two Annas, Pattern – 1841 – Grained Edge



Head of the Queen facing left. No initial on the truncation of the neck. Continuous legend:
VICTORIA QUEEN
All within a raised, toothed border.



The value in English and Persian within a wreath of laurel. Around this is the legend:
EAST INDIA COMPANY 1841.
All within a raised, toothed rim.

TWO
ANNAS
دو آنه
(= do ana = two annas)

Actual Weight (g)	1.45
Actual Diameter (mm)	15.5
Composition	Silver
Edge	Straight Grained
Axes	↑↑

Catalogue

SW	Pr. No.	Date	Mint/ Mintmark	Status	Comments	Rarity
2.48	-	1841	Bombay No MM	Pattern		RRR

Victoria – Continuous Legend – Iron Gilt – Two Annas, Trial – 1841

This coin appears to be a cancelled die trial for the 1841 coinage.



Head of the Queen facing left. No initial on the truncation of the neck. Continuous legend: VICTORIA QUEEN
Official cancellation marks (Xs) in the field on either side of the bust. All within a raised, toothed border.



The value in English and Persian within a wreath of laurel. Around this is the legend: EAST INDIA COMPANY 1841
All within a raised, toothed rim.

TWO
ANNAS
دو آنه
(= do ana = two annas)

Actual Weight (g)	?
Actual Diameter (mm)	~15.5
Composition	Iron Gilt
Edge	?
Axes	?

Catalogue

SW	Pr. No.	Date	Mint/ Mintmark	Status	Edge	Comments	Rarity
2.49	-	1841	?	Iron Gilt Trial		Ref: Baldwin (1995), Sale 6, lot 732	RRR

Victoria – Continuous Legend – Silver – Two Annas, Currency – 1841

Head of the Queen facing left. No initial on the truncation of the neck. Continuous legend: VICTORIA QUEEN
All within a raised, toothed border.



The value in English and Persian within a wreath of laurel. Around this is the legend: EAST INDIA COMPANY 1841.
All within a raised, toothed rim.

TWO
ANNAS
دو آنه
(= do ana = two annas)

Official Weight (g)	1.46
Actual Weight (g)	1.45
Actual Diameter (mm)	15.3-15.8
Composition	Silver
Edge	Plain
Axes	↑↑

Catalogue

SW	Pr. No.	Date	Mint/ Mintmark	Status	Obv	Rev	Comments	Mintage	Rarity
2.50	114	1841	Calcutta Diam 15.2- 15.3mm + Crescent on bow	Currency	A	I		8,385,077	C
2.51	115	"	"	Currency	B	I	Crescent often not visible		C
2.52	116	"	"	Proof/PR	B	I			RR
2.52a	-	"	"	Currency mule	B	IV	Reverse of divided legend type. Diam not known. Could be Calcutta or Bombay		RRR

Catalogue

SW	Pr. No.	Date	Mint/ Mintmark	Status	Obv	Rev	Comments	Mintage	Rarity
2.53	120	"	Bombay 15.4-15.5mm + No MM	Currency	B	II		11,430,800	C
2.54	-	"	"	Proof/PR	B	II	Ref: Baldwin (2008), sale 54 (Diana), lot 211		RR
2.55	117	"	Madras 15.6-15.7mm + S on neck	Currency	C	II		10,503,600	C
2.55c	-	"	"	Proof/PR	C	II	Ref: Pr. p. 200, also Fore		RR
2.56	118	"	"	Currency	C	III			C
2.57	119	"	"	Currency	D	III			C

Obverse Varieties

	A	B	C	D
Initials on bust	None	None	S incuse	S incuse
Hair between Ribbons	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Curl behind head	Unknown	Single	Single	Double

Initials on bust	There may or may not be initials on the truncation of the bust. See rupee for photos.
Hair between Ribbons	There may or may not be a lock of hair between the ribbons in the hair. This extends onto the front ribbon.
Curl behind head	The hanging curl behind the head may end in a single or double strand. We have recorded this from Pridmore but have not seen it ourselves.



No initials



S incuse



No curl on front ribbon



Curl on front ribbon



Double curl



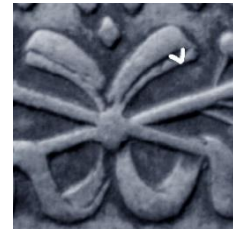
Single curl

Reverse Varieties

	I	II	III	IV
No. Berries	16	16	16	9
Privy mark on Bow	Crescent	None	v	None
Stop after Date	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

No. Berries	The number of berries in the wreath varies
Privy mark on Bow	There may be a crescent or a v, in relief, on the ribbon bow. See rupee for photos
Stop after Date	There may or may not be a stop after the date

Worn reverse dies can make the third of the top three left leaves disappear except for a hint seen with a good glass. Also the 4 in the date can have different ends to the cross-bar. These have not been recorded.

**16 berries****9 berries****Crescent privy mark (highlighted)****No privy mark****v privy mark (highlighted)****Stop after date****No stop after date**

Victoria – Continuous Legend – Copper – Half Anna, Currency – Dated 1845



Arms of the Company. Date between the scroll and the ribbon. The motto on the ribbon:

AUSP: REG: & SEN: ANG:
All within a plain, raised rim



درپای
HALF
ANNA
(= Do pai = Two Pice)

The value within a wreath of laurel. Between the tips of the wreath is the value in Persian. Around this is the

legend:
EAST INDIA COMPANY
All within a plain, raised rim.

Official Weight (g)	12.95
Actual Weight (g)	13.00
Actual Diameter (mm)	29.5-31.2
Composition	Copper
Edge	Plain
Axes	↑↑

Catalogue

SW	Pr. No.	Date	Mint/ Mintmark	Status	Obv	Comments	Mintage	Rarity
2.59	137	1845	Calcutta No MM	Currency	A	Pre 1849	7,788,197	C
2.60	138	"	"	Currency	B	Post 1849	9,371,813	C

Obverse Varieties

	A	B
Numeral 4	Serif	w/o Serif

Numeral 4	The crossbar of the numeral 4 may have a serif or be without (w/o) serif.
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A – 4 with serif



B – 4 w/o serif

Victoria – Continuous Legend – Copper – Twelfth Anna, Currency – Dated 1848

Calcutta Mint began striking copper twelfth annas dated 1848.



Arms of the Company, with the date between the scroll and the ribbon. The ribbon bears the abbreviated Latin motto:

AUSP: REG: & SEN: ANG:
All within a plain, raised rim



The Value in English and Persian within a laurel wreath. Around this is the legend:

EAST INDIA COMPANY
Within a plain, raised rim.

$\frac{1}{12}$
ANNA
ثلث پائی
(= *suls pai* = One-third pice)

Official Weight (g)	2.16
Actual Weight (g)	2.23
Actual Diameter (mm)	17.5-18.0
Composition	Copper
Edge	Plain
Axes	↑↑

Catalogue

SW	Pr. No.	Date	Mint/ Mintmark	Status	Comments	Mintage	Rarity
2.61	163	1848	Calcutta No MM	Currency		14,380,924	C
2.62	164	"	"	Proof/PR			RR