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A complete Indian post-medieval gold pagoda of Tipu Sultan of the Independent Kingdom of Mysore, dating to the period AD 1791. The moneyer is Farooq Ahmed Havalad Khan.

This coin probably came to this country via the army, possibly by a member of the 52nd (Oxfordshire) Regiment of Foot and the East India Company. The following is taken from Wikipedia:

Indian Wars

In 1786, Lord Cornwallis was appointed Governor-general, and the war against Tippu Sultan was resumed after Tippu attacked British allies in 1789. (This was known as the Third Mysore war). Initially, military actions were fairly minor. In 1790, the 52nd were involved at Pollighautcherry and in a battle near Seringapatam. In 1791, the regiment fought at Bangalore in March, and Arakere (near Seringapatam) in May. In December that year, the flank companies from the 52nd and 76th Foot, with sepoy grenadiers, formed the storming party during the assault on Savandroog; the defenders abandoned the fortress, and it was successfully taken at the cost of just one British soldier wounded. Throughout the assault, the band of the 52nd played to spur on the attackers. The 52nd were also present at the February 1792 siege of Seringapatam, where the battalion's grenadier company received heavy casualties while crossing the Kaveri River. During that battle, the 52nd came to the aid of Lord Cornwallis, whose companies were exposed and in danger of capture. Tippu Sultan sued for peace during the siege, and a treaty was signed in 1792, ending the war. However, in August 1793 the regiment took part in an assault on Pondicherry.

Notes:

Identified by members of the Metal Detecting Forum. Thanks to the finder for providing the detail on the 52nd Regiment of Foot.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Exactly AD 1791

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 2.2 mm
Weight: 3.4 g
Diameter: 13.2 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 28th October 2018

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: OXPAS2019.286

Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold
Manufacture method: Struck or hammered
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Oxfordshire](#) (County)
District: [Cherwell](#) (District)
To be known as: Bletchington

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector
General landuse: Cultivated land