

Home (1918) Department  
Education

Ordinary SERIES.

G.O. No. 263

DATED 22.2.18

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Soap plant.

Addressing the Honourable the Resident in Mysore on the  
subject of the recovery from the Mysore Darbar of the value of  
lent to the Director of Industries and Commerce, Mysore.

D. O.

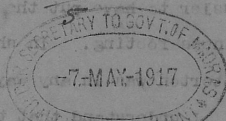


Rec 739.

MADRAS, POST BOX No. 112,

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "OHROMIUM."

4th May 1917.



My dear Harvey,

Will you please refer to your D.O. No. 1587-2 letter of the 31st March regarding soap machinery.

In reply to my letter, Chatterton writes that he got the soap machinery in his capacity as Director of Industries, Mysore, and sent it to the Indian Institute of Science where the soap experiments were being made. He adds that he is no longer Director of Industries in Mysore and that he has nothing to do with the soap experiments. He asks me therefore to address the officiating Director of Industries.

If I may venture to say so, I do not think that any useful purpose will be served by going for Chatterton over the business. He apparently referred to the question of sending the stuff back in conversation with Tressler as soon as he got the machinery, and advised Tressler that it was not worth the cost of packing and railing. He was not responsible for the state in which the machinery was when he got it, and though the borrow-

ing of it was rather casual, it was really up to Tressler to have put the transaction on a proper business footing. In short I cannot see that Chatterton was in any way to blame.

I understand that the machinery is still lying in some room of the institute, but I have no certain information. I wrote to Sir A. Bourne and asked him if it was there. He was at Ooty and passed on my letter to Fowler. Fowler in his turn passed it on to Chatterton. And Chatterton who is at Simla supposes the stuff is lying somewhere in the Institute.

It seems to me that the only course as far as the machinery <sup>is</sup> ~~has~~ is to sell it as old iron in Bangalore.

Yours sincerely,

*Chambers*

To

E.A. Harvey Esqr., I.C.S.,

Under Secretary to Government,

Home (Education) Department.

Stone House Hill.

Ootacamund.

Home (B.M.) Sept.

Please see notes to Gp. No 426  
Home (B.M.), dated the 31st March 1917.  
It is for orders whether the proposal  
to sell the plant <sup>when found</sup> as old iron in  
Bangalore may be approved.

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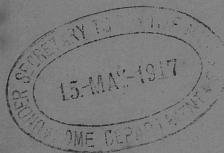
I think the machinery should be  
inspected & a report made.

Unless Mr. Chatterton reported that  
there is receipt that the plant was  
only fit for the scrapheap, I do not  
think his responsibility is fully absolved.

Hm 3

Hm 1

15/5/17



Ex 3  
15.5.17  
17.5.17

If Mr. Chatterton  
could with the Master as  
Director of Division in  
response, we cannot  
go for him personally. The  
European Director is of  
course responsible for what  
its officers do in the ordinary  
course of their business. We are



therefore entitled to insist on  
the return of the machinery  
I agree with Mr. James  
that the only course to  
take is to ask Mr. James  
Bangalore, and he may be  
asked to do so and settle  
the proceeds to Govt.

16/5/19

As far as I understand the transaction, the  
Director of Industries, Mysore, borrowed this  
machinery from the Director of Industries,  
Madras in or about March 1915, & has not  
returned it. I agree with the Honble Mr.  
Rajagopal Achariyar that we are entitled to  
ask for the return of the machinery from  
the Director of Industries, Mysore, whoever  
he may now be. There is no question of  
"going for" Mr. Chatterton, as Mr. James  
assumes. The cost of returning the machinery  
may be more than it is worth, but it will  
clearly have to be borne by the Mysore Dept  
of Industries, & I would tell the Director  
(Mr. James) to request that Dept to return

the machinery. If they cannot find it shall have a reasonable claim against Darbar for its value.

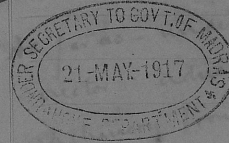
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A draft do. is submitted for,

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Shall (as per) approved: /  
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Home (Education) Department

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D.O. No. 1971A-19 2.5.17

Dear

With reference to your demi-off letter, R.O.C.No.739, dated the 4th instant, I am desired to ask you to write to the officiating Director of Industries, Mysore, requesting the return of the soap machinery borrowed by his predecessor in 1915. If he cannot find it, this Government will have a reasonable claim against the Darbar for its value.

Yours

As the machinery was sent at his predecessor's request, he must obviously pay for the cost of returning it.

To

21/5  
C.A. Innes, Esquire, I.C.S.,

Officer in charge of the

Department of Industries.



## NOTES.

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His reply has yet been received from Mr. Jones to the D.O. on the previous page. He may, if submitted, be reminded. The draft below is for approval.

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Home (Eds) Sep.

DD. No. 1971A-2831-7-17

Dear Sirs,

Please refer to my  
deniofficial No 1971A-1  
dated the 21<sup>st</sup> May 1917.  
Will you kindly let  
me know whether any  
reply ~~has~~ has been  
received from the  
officiating Director  
of Industries, Mysore,  
as regards the return  
of the soap plant  
lent to the barbar.

Yours sincerely,

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8/7/17

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2.7.17

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L. A. Jones Esq Dec  
Officer in charge of the  
Dept of Industries

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MADRAS, POST BOX No. 112.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS "CHROMIUM,"

Dated, 4th August 1917

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Dear Mr. Harvey,

(Placed below)

With reference to your demi-official letter No. 1971-A-2 of the 31st ultimo to Mr. Innes, I am desired to say that the officiating Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore was addressed on the matter in May last, and requested to have the Soap plant packed up and returned to Madras. No definite reply has so far been received, although reminders have been addressed to the officiating Director on the subject. A further reminder is being issued.

Yours sincerely,

*L. P. Allen*  
SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MADRAS  
-6-AUG-1917  
HOME DEPARTMENT

To

E. A. Harvey, Esqr., I.C.S.,

Under Secretary to Government

Home (Education) Department,

Stone House Hill,

Cotacamund.

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Noted  
Rai  
9.8.17  
E. A. Harvey

Submitted that a further reminder may be sent a month hence if a reply is not received in the meanwhile

11/8/17

Home (Ed.) Dept

Home (202) Sept.

Phase see note on the previous page. The following draft is to Mr. Lurie & subd: -

DO. 1971 2-3 8-11 9-17

Dear Lurie,

Please refer to my do.

N. 1971A-1, dated the 21st May last & the Green's intermediate reply, P.O.C. N. 739, dated the 10th ~~August~~ ultimus. Will you kindly let me know whether a ~~final~~ reply has <sup>been</sup> received from the officiating Director of Industries & Commerce in Mysore as regards the return of the soap plant.

Yours sincerely

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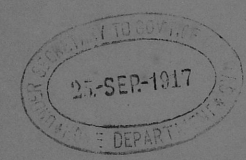
D.O. Rec 739

MADRAS, POST BOX No. 454,  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "CHROMIUM,"

14th September 1917.

Dear Harvey,

Your D.O. 1971 A-3 dated the 11th September regarding the soap plant. On the same day Green <sup>that</sup> replied to your previous demi-official he wrote to the Offg. Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore reminding him of <sup>the letter</sup> my letter. On the 10th of August the Offg. Director wrote back ~~today~~ trotting out the old story that Chatterton had stated that the stuff was only fit for scrap heap and it was not worth while to return the plant to Madras. A reply was immediately sent to him that Chatterton's views ~~have~~ already been reported to Government but ~~that~~ Government desired <sup>8</sup> that the machinery should be returned.



Home (Est.) Dept.  
A final reply may be awaited.  
S. F. <sup>present</sup>  
Can  
21.9.17  
then then wrote to Mr.





This was on the 13th of August and I have not heard anything from him till now. I am reminding him to day.

Yours sincerely,

*Calhoun*

To

E.A. Harvey, Esq., I.C.S.,

Under Secretary to

Government,

Home (Education) Department.

Ootacamund.

14th September

Dear Harvey,

Your D.O. 19th 1-2 dated the 13th

September regarding the soap plant.

On the same day I have replied to you.

Previous day I had written to the

Offg. Director of Industries and Comm-

ce in Mysore regarding the soap plant.

On the 10th of August the Offg. Director

wrote back to me stating that the

story that Chattran had stated that

the staff was only fit for work

and it was not worth while to return

the plant to Madras. I have

immediately sent to him that Chattran

views have already been reported to

Government but that Government desire

that the machinery should be retained.

D.O.

MADRAS, POST BOX No. 454,  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "CHROMIUM."

1st October 1917

Dear Harvey,

In continuation of my D.O.  
R.O.C. 739 of the 14th ultimo, I enclose  
for your information a copy of letter  
from the Director of Industries &  
Commerce in Mysore on the return of the  
Soap Machinery dated the 22nd September.

Yours sincerely,

*Chromium*

To.

E.A. Harvey Esq., I.C.S.

Secretary To Government,

Home (Education) Department

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9/17

Home (258) Dept.

Submitted that a final communi-  
cation from the Home Dept. may be awaited.

Home (258) Dept.  
Submitted that a final communi-  
cation from the Home Dept. may be awaited.

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Copy of letter from the Director of Industries & Commerce in  
Mysore No.1718 dated 22nd September 1917, to the Director of Industries  
Madras.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.  
739 of the 15th instant regarding the Soap Plant and to state that  
I have made a reference in the matter to the Mysore Government and  
there is no plant or part thereof at site to be sent to you and I  
am awaiting their orders. As soon as I get their orders I shall  
address you further.

G.H.

Recd (82) 10/10/17

Submitted to the Director of Industries  
Madras for his consideration



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D.O.

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MADRAS, POST BOX No. 454,  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "CHROMIUM."

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1st December 1917

Dear Mr. Ramachandra Rao

In continuation of my D.O. R.O.C.  
No. 739 of the 1st October last, I enclose  
a copy of letter No. 3004 of the 29th  
ultimo from the Director of Industries  
& Commerce Bangalore about the soap  
plant.

Yours sincerely,

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To.

The Hon'ble Dewan Bahadur,

R. Ramachandra Rao, Avl.,

Secretary to Government,

Home (Education)

Department, Madras.

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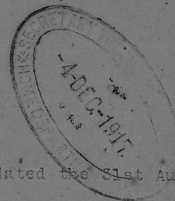
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Copy of letter from the Director of Industries and Commerce  
Bangalore dated 29th November No.3004 to the Director of Industries,  
Madras.

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Incontinuation of my letter No.1718 dated 24th September  
1917, I have the honour to forward copy of letter No.3595/I & C.  
99-17-2 pf the 5th October 1917 from the Secretary to Government,  
Departments of Education and Agriculture in regard to the Soap Plant  
said to have been sent to Mr. Chatterton by Mr. Tressler for your  
information.

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COPY OF LETTER NO. 3596/ I & C. 99-17-2 OF THE  
5TH OCTOBER 1917 FROM THE SECRETARY TO  
THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE  
MAHARAJA OF MYSORE, DEPARTMENTS OF  
EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE, TO THE  
DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE  
IN MYSORE . BANGALORE.



"With reference to your letter No. 95 dated the 31st August 1917 regarding the return to the Director of Industries and Commerce, Madras, of a soap plant said to have been sent to Mr. Chatterton by Mr. Tressler in April 1915 and which is reported to be not forthcoming in the Department, I am directed to state that if Mr. Chatterton has not regularly given charge of the Plant to any officer of the Mysore Government, he should be requested to settle the matter himself with the Madras authorities."



Home (Education) Dept.

Please see papers on pages 13 to 15 ante.  
The Mysore Darbar does not appear to have correctly understood the position. Mr. Chatterton took over the soap plant in his capacity as Director of Industries and Commerce, Mysore, and he has <sup>already</sup> informed Mr. Innes that he ~~has~~ sent the plant to ~~the~~ the Indian Institute of Science for the conduct of experiments in soap making and that the Offg. Director of Industries, Mysore, should be addressed in the matter of its return. The Ag. Director of Industries <sup>however</sup> states that the plant is not in his possession and the Mysore Darbar holds Mr. Chatterton personally responsible for the transaction. Apparently the plant is not forthcoming in the Indian Institute of Science either.

2. In the circumstances, it is for consideration whether the matter should be pursued further. It has to be remembered that the transaction took place ~~xxxx~~ between two officers (Messrs. Tressler and Chatterton) without the knowledge of their respective Governments and <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ not conducted in a businesslike manner.

*my reply* S. I don't find anything in the correspondence to show that the machinery has been found. The Mysore Darbar's letter looks to me like an attempt to shelve this. We can't see it if we don't know where it is. If you agree that the question may be carried on the J. M. D. D. C. M. Innes is for affo

My dear James, enclosing letter about the soap plant.  
Yours O.C. to N.C.C. 7389 J. 1.12.72

Your o.c. to N.C.C. 7387. 11.2.72

Apparently the machinery is not forthcoming. Will you please ask the buyers authorities to <sup>advise</sup> ~~tell us~~ <sup>know where it is</sup> whether they can find it or not.

James M. Smith

If the reply to this is in the negative - i.e. if the people have <sup>ever heard of</sup> ~~lost~~ it, then I think Mr. Chatterton must be accused of something more than "unbecoming likeness".

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He alone to my home

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D.O.

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MADRAS, POST BOX NO. 454,  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "CHROMIUM."

11th December

1917.

Dear Mr. Ramachandra Row,

In continuation of my letter  
of the 3rd December regarding the soap  
plant lent to Mr. Chatterton I write to  
say that Chatterton has again written  
to me on the subject, the Mysore Govern-  
ment having informed him that he must  
settle the matter in direct consulta-  
tion with the Madras authorities.  
Chatterton now says that he hears that  
the scrap iron has been sold by auction  
by the Indian Institute of Science,.  
He says that possibly a few rupees for  
the value of this scrap iron may be  
recovered from the Institute, but that  
even this would be difficult as other  
materials were sold at the same sale



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and the accounts are probably all  
mixed up. Personally I think, as I  
have said before, that the matter may  
be dropped.

Yours sincerely,

*Chatter*

To

The Hon'ble Dewan Bahadur

R. Ramachandra Row, Avl.,

Secretary to Government,

Home (Education) Department,

M a d r a s .



Howe's Dep't

From Mr. Jones' letter on pages 18-19  
it will be seen that Mr. Chatterton does not give  
any definite information as to where the  
machinery now is. It is for consideration  
whether the reply from Mr. Jones to D.O. on  
p. 17 and asking him to ascertain from the  
legitimate authorities definitely on the point,  
may be awaited, or whether the papers may be  
recorded.

CD  
15-12-17

MM  
17/11/17

*Answer reply*

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Extract from Weekly arrears list

" Please Show

C. H. B.  
5-2-18

Submitted.

CD  
7-2-18

MM  
7/2/18

From following D.O.:- 1971 A-5892

Dear Jones,

About that Soap plant.

Our last communication on the  
subject was your D.O. no 739

CD  
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MM  
9-2-18.

NOTES.

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 D. 11.12.17. I had also sent you  
 a D.B. on the same date  
 which must have crossed yours  
 in the post. I should be glad to  
 know if anything further has  
 come to light. ~~Our view of~~  
~~you as to this, but was~~  
~~was in the advisability of~~  
~~dropping the matter as advised~~  
~~in your last D.B.~~  
 Yours sincerely  
 S. 28

S.  
 The last sentence is for  
 orders. But with things as they are  
 now it does not look as though  
 we should do much good by  
 pressing the matter. We may see what  
 Mr Jones says.  
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Phase same as amended  
 W. 27/12



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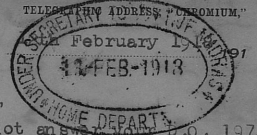
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D.O. No. 739

MADRAS, POST BOX No. 454.



My dear Brown,

I did not answer your D.O. 1971

A-4 dated 11th December last because my D.O. No. 739 of the same date made it unnecessary. I have no more information and hoped that the matter had been dropped.

Yours sincerely,

*[Handwritten signature: C. M. S.]*

To. Hilton Brown Esq., I.C.S.

Under Secretary to Government,  
Home (Education) Department,  
Madras.

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*[Handwritten notes:]*  
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C.O. No. 408  
13.2.18

Home (Edy) Dep't.

Submitted. It is for consideration whether the matter may be dropped as recommended by Mr. Jones. The file may be circulated to Mr. M. (Industries) and Mr. (Financial) with reference to the notes on pages 2 to 4 and

*[Handwritten:]* 13.2.18

*[Handwritten signature/initials.]*

S. The whole transaction has been very unsatisfactory. It is for your attention and action. Please see Mr. (Jones)'s letter on p. 4. anti.  
*[Handwritten:]* 15.2.18

The Mysore Government repudiates  
the idea that the machinery was  
borrowed on behalf of that Govt.  
So it is no use going in to that  
Govt. for value

2. I think that Mr. Chatterton's  
personal liability is absorbed by  
his conversation with Mr. Trevelyan.

3. As the plant has actually  
been sold probably for a low price,  
we can take it that it was not  
worth much & the loss is not  
great.

4. The dealings have been very  
unsatisfactory but on a consideration  
of all the circumstances I think  
that the matter may be dropped

JHM (Inquiries)

JHM (Ames)

May  
16/2/18

I do not think that  
the Mysore Government should  
be allowed to wash  
its hands of all  
responsibility in this matter.  
The Government can hardly  
disown Mr. Chatterton.

I would address the Resident and ask him to have the Darbar to maintain and pay as the Blue, stamp is maybe.

*[Signature]*

I agree. It is impossible for the Darbar to get out of the contractual liability incurred by its Director of Industries in this way. As for Mr. Luns' hope that the matter will be dropped, it is apparently due merely to a desire to save himself trouble.

slg  
17.2.18



A draft letter to the Honorable the Resident in Mysore is submitted for approval.

CD  
19.2.18  
JL  
20.2.18

*[Signature]*

My  
22/2/18



Home (Education) Department

LETTER:-  
Mis. No. 263, dated 22.2.1918.

To

The Hon'ble the Resident  
in Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to address you on the subject of the recovery from the Mysore Durbar of the value of soap plant lent to the Director of Industries, Mysore.

2. About the close of the year 1914, Mr. Tressler, the acting Director of Industries, Madras, obtained for purposes of experiment a loan of a soap machinery which belonged to one Mr. M. Krishna Rao of Masulipatam; but nothing was done with it till March 1915 when Mr. Chatterton wrote to enquire if Mr. Tressler could lend him any soap machinery. The machinery was accordingly packed up and sent to Mr. Chatterton at Bangalore. Subsequently in March 1916, Mr. Krishna Rao brought to the notice of Mr. Innes, the officer in charge of the Department of Industries, Madras, that before the machinery was sent by him he was given to understand that it would either be returned to him after trial or that it would be purchased by the Government at a reasonable price and that as it had been retained so long he presumed that Mr. Tressler intended to es then wrote to Mr.

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Mr. Chatterton to know what had become of the machinery but the latter is reported to have replied that Mr. Tressler sent him some iron work which was fit only for the scrap heap, ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>which</sup> not worth ~~while~~ <sup>to be sent</sup> back to Madras ~~because~~ <sup>as</sup> it would not be worth the cost of packing and carriage.

3. In March 1917, Mr. Krishna Rao again wrote to Mr. Innes stating that he purchased the plant in 1911 at a cost of Rs.2,150 and claiming a sum of Rs.1000 towards its price or as near an amount as might be considered reasonable. After a careful consideration of all the facts of the case the Government sanctioned the payment to M.R.Ry Krishna Rao of a sum of Rs.750 for the plant on condition that he would accept the sum in full satisfaction of his claim.

At the same time <sup>the</sup> Government directed Mr. Innes to ask Mr. Chatterton to return the plant borrowed by him. In reply to Mr. Innes' letter Mr. Chatterton wrote to say that he took over the plant in his capacity as Director of Industries and Commerce, Mysore, that he sent it to the Indian Institute of Science for the conduct of experiments in soap making and that the Officiating Director of Industries, Mysore, should be addressed in the matter of its return. The latter however stated that the plant was not in his possession and that the Mysore Durbar held Mr. Chatterton personally responsible for the transaction.

4. The Government now understand that Mr. Chatterton has again written to say that he heard the scrap iron had been sold by public auction by the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, and that possibly a few Rupees might be recovered from the Institute, but that even that would be

difficult as other materials were sold at the same sale, the accounts having been mixed up. As Mr. Chatterton got a loan of the machinery in his capacity of Director of Commerce and Industries, Mysore, this Government consider that the Mysore Durbar is responsible for the return of the machinery or for the value thereof. ~~If the machinery has been sold~~, I am directed to request you to be so good as to move the Durbar to ascertain and pay this Government the ~~proceeds of the sale~~ value.

I have, &c, &c.

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20-2-18

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22/2/18

Enderby's Call Book

pp 12-15 - do.

pp 18-19 - do.

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