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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 546 Press ~~Mis.~~

Dated 5-9. 1857

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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 8th September 1857.

No. 13. From Major J. W. STRETTELL, 1st Native Veteran Battalion; to the RIGHT HONORABLE the GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL of Fort St. George, dated 18th August 1857.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That your Memorialist purchased on the 1st April 1857, from D. Ross, Esq., at Ootacamund a Cheque or Order of the Madras Bank, for 85 Rupees 8 Annas, which he endorsed to Messrs. Bainbridge and Company of Madras, and enclosed the same to them in a letter which he placed in the Post Office at Ootacamund with his own hand.

That this letter was opened by Mr. Railing, the Acting Post Master of Ootacamund, who extracted therefrom the Bank Cheque, and after cutting off the endorsement, all but Memorialist's Signature sold it in the Bazaar at Ootacamund, and for which crime he was afterwards convicted in the Supreme Court at Madras.

That the Madras Bank paid the amount of the Cheque in question to a party who had no right to receive the same, thereby shewing a want of due scrutiny on the part of the Bank Servants, as Memorialist's endorsement could not be cut from the Bank Cheque without mutilating it. That the Madras Bank has refused to pay Memorialist the amount of his Cheque, which its Servants have disposed off so irregularly. That your Memorialist hopes that Government will cause reimbursement to be made to him, either by the Bank or by the party or parties on whose security Mr. Railing was acting as Post Master, he the said Mr. Railing being a lad under or about 17 years of age. And as in duty bound your Memorialist will ever pray.

(Signed) JOHN WYNN STRETTELL, Major,
1st Madras Native Veteran Battalion.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 546; dated 5th September 1857.

The Government cannot pass any orders on this Petition. It is open to Major Strettell to take proceedings against the Bank of Madras if they have wronged him in the matter of Cheque to which he refers.

Exd. J A. Wilson.

Finl. Departt.

No. 546.

Extract Mins. Cons: of 5th ~~August~~ Septr. 1857

Read the following letter from Major J. W. Strettell 1st Nat: Vet: Battalion

Here enter 18th Augt. 1857

The Govt. cannot pass any orders on this Petition. — It is open to Major Strettell to take proceedings against the Bank of Madras if they have wronged him in the matter of the cheque to which he refers.

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To Major J. W. Strettell Ootacamund — Despd. 5th

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