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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 468A—69 Press ~~Mis.~~

Dated 20. 8. 1869

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, from 20th to 26th August 1859.

No. 7. Read the following letter from Messrs. H. D. PHILLIPS and C. PELLY, Commissioners under Act XXXVII of 1850; to THOMAS PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 18th August 1859.

We have the honor to report that in conformity with the order of Government, dated the 19th July 1859, No. 393, we have held proceedings in the manner indicated by Act XXXVII of 1850, in respect of the charge preferred on behalf of Government against Mr. G. L. Prendergast, Accountant General for the Madras Presidency.

2. We now beg to submit the records of those proceedings, and to state that, for the reasons shown in our separate Minutes, we find Mr. Prendergast guilty of the Act imputed to him in regard of the purchase of Tanjore Bonds, and using the words of the accusation that we consider Mr. Prendergast's conduct to have been in contravention, of public policy, a breach of official confidence and of his duty as Accountant General, of the Madras Presidency, and unbecoming his position as such Accountant General and his character as a servant of the Government.

3. It is our painful duty to add in reference to the appeal made to us in defence, that we see no sufficient reason to believe that Mr. Prendergast's purchases of Tanjore stock were made on the strength of independent private information, and that we are unable to discover in the argument contained in the defence of that gentleman, any moral exculpation of his conduct.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1859, No. 468A.

Resolved that the proceedings received with the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to previous correspondence on the subject.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 9. TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, Financial Department, dated 20th August 1859, No. 469.

With reference to my letter, under date 9th July last, No. 381, I am desired to forward for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, the accompanying report of the Commissioners appointed under Act XXXVII, 1850, to enquire into the conduct of Mr. G. L. Prendergast, Accountant General of the Madras Presidency, together with their proceedings in the case.

2. Whilst this Government deeply regret the result of this enquiry in the case of an Officer who during a long period of service had born an unblemished character, the nature of the proceedings renders it unnecessary for them to do more than to forward the papers without comment.

3. I am at the same time to transmit the within copy of a letter* from Mr. Prendergast to this Government, with its original enclosure, being a letter† addressed to the Government of India, requesting permission to resign the service of Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

* *12th August* 1859.
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