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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
28th February 1861.*

No. 77. Read the following letter from W. BALMAIN, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government Savings' Bank, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 19th February 1861.

1. In continuation of my letter of February 15th, I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government a letter in original from Mr. Clark.

2. In the absence of any circumstances tending to corroborate Mr. Clark's self accusation, the Directors must accept the explanation of its having originated in temporary loss of reason as likewise the causes assigned for his having been brought into that state.

3. The Directors however are of opinion that Mr. Clark should not be allowed to resume his duties for the space of 3 months, and then only on its being ascertained that his mind is in a healthy state. They would recommend this also for the reason stated in the latter part of paragraph 5 of my former letter. If Government see fit Mr. Clark might be considered on sick leave drawing half salary.

4. As the Directors have not yet found any one to put into the post of Actuary, I am carrying on the current duties.

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From THOMAS CLARK, Esq., Actuary, Government Savings' Bank, to W. BALMAIN, Esq., Officiating Secretary, Government Savings' Bank, Fort Saint George, dated 16th February 1861.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, No. 1,090, informing me of the Directors of the Government Savings' Bank having "deemed it proper to suspend me from the appointment of Actuary and to report the circumstances to Government;" and further, requesting me to "make any statement I may wish" in view to the submission of "a fuller report for the consideration of Government."

2. In reply I may, I trust, be permitted to observe that, in the absence of any specific charges affecting either my public or private conduct, and of any intimation of the grounds of my suspension from Office, I feel deeply aggrieved that this measure should have been determined upon without an opportunity having been afforded me, in the first instance, of offering the explanation now called for.

3. I would here remark that I had heretofore given great satisfaction in the performance of my duties as Actuary of the Government Savings' Bank which the public records will bear testimony to, and that any inconsistency of conduct on my part on Friday and Saturday must be attributed to acts done when laboring under temporary aberration of the mind caused by very great excitement and want of sleep for 7 or 8 nights previously, which my medical attendant will testify. My attendance at the Bank on Friday was also against the wishes of my medical attendant, who knew that I was then laboring under nervous irritability and very great mental excitement, and I would humbly hope that domestic affairs of a highly distressing nature will be allowed in some degree to plead on my behalf for any trivial dereliction of official duty into which I may have been unhappily led in moments of uncontrollable mental excitement. At the same time, I feel called on here to state, that my object in calling on Thursday morning at your place of residence was, to communicate to you personally—as I am still prepared to do if required—all the circumstances connected with the domestic afflictions I have adverted to; they being of too delicate and painful a character to be committed to paper: whilst I should, as directed in the Memorandum you were pleased to send out to me, have made it a point subsequently to appear before the Meeting of Directors had not my sufferings rendered me unequal to the task.

4. To a temporary hallucination alone is ascribable every thing said or done by me inconsistent with what would be reasonably expected from any fellow man not so grievously tried as I have been, and I must cast myself upon the sympathies of those with whom the decision of my case rests, for a generous oblivion of the past and reinstatement in my Office when I feel assured I shall be able to resume it and discharge its duties with thorough efficiency.

I beg to add that the key of my Office table has unfortunately been mislaid, but shall be forwarded as requested the moment I can lay my hand on it; I however have never been in the habit of putting any papers of importance in it.

28th February 1861.

No. 78.

ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1861, No. 113.

The Government sanction the course proposed with respect to Mr. Clark in paragraph 3 of the above letter, provided that he may be allowed to resume his duties as Actuary of the Savings Bank at an earlier date than three months, if the Directors deem it advisable. Mr. Clark may however be considered absent on *privilege* leave for that time, if entitled to it—but he must bear the expense of any arrangement that may be necessary for the performance of his duties.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Yours most obedt. servt
Thos. Clark

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Actuary for Savings Bank

Fort Saint George
Govt. Savings Bank
19th February 1861.

From: The Off. Secretary to the
Government Savings Bank

To: The Chief Secretary
to Government.
Fort Saint George

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R. H. Allen and
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19th Feb. 1861. }

Financial Department

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(Dated 19th February, 1861)

Order thereon. 20th February 1861, No 113.

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The Offg Secy to the
Govt Savings Bank.

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Dated 19th Feb 61
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Submits a letter

from Mr Clarke Secretary of
the Bank explaining the course
of his conduct as already re-
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that Mr Clarke should not be
allowed to resume his duties
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To the Secretary
to the Good Savings Bank.
Civil Auditor. Dec 28. 2. 61.

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