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15th October 1862.

No. 41. Read the following letter from R. S. ELLIS, Esq., Commissioner ; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 10th October 1862.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the petition presented by Mootooswamy Moodeliar the Head Accountant of the Government Savings' Bank.

The chief point relied on by the Petitioner is the fact that on his return from leave on the 10th March 1862, when he was informed by the subordinates in his Office, of certain irregularities practised by the Actuary in the Farmer case, he brought the matter reported to the notice of Mr. Gordon who was then Secretary to the Government Savings' Bank.

This statement was also made to me by the Accountant when I examined him on the subject of the frauds committed by the late Actuary, and I lost no time in putting myself in communication with Mr. Gordon who is at present employed at Hyderabad.

The result of that reference is contained in para. 33 of my report to the Government. I see nothing in the statements contained in the petition which can alter the opinion at which I arrived after giving Petitioner's statements made before me my best consideration regarding the Gascoigne fraud, (vide para. 35 of my report,) or in respect of the Accountant's knowledge of the malpractices of the late Actuary. The Petitioner was the subordinate in the Office who was most frequently with the late Actuary, he was high in the favor and confidence of the late Actuary, and he is a man of considerable intelligence. I therefore can arrive at no other conclusion than that he whithheld information which it was his duty to have given to Mr. Clark's superiors and which would have led to the detection of the frauds practised, (vide para. 37 of my report). I do not pretend that the result of my investigation has been to convict either the Accountant or other subordinates of having directly derived any advantage from these frauds, (vide para 44); but I cannot credit their statement that they made irregular entries in accounts and saw most irregular practises prevalent, although such were by Mr. Clark's orders, without suspicion, and when once these suspicions were aroused, the object of the irregularities could at any time have been discovered and brought to light.

It should be remembered that Mr. Clark once gave himself up as having defrauded the Bank, and this circumstance should have roused suspicion.

For although Mr. Clark was supposed to have acted thus during a fit of temporary insanity, it was well known *in the Office* that Mr. Clark was not insane, but suffering from the effects of intemperance.

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1862, No. 729.
To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd F. Cartledge.

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To the Chief Secretary to Govt

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Remain Sir
Your Obt Servt.

W. C. Ellis

Finl Dr to Engr 25th April 2nd 7 of 1863

Finl 1862 Dept

From
R. S. Ellis Esq.
Commissioner

Ref 10th Oct 1862

No 810

Reporting on the Petition from J. Mos Toosawmy containing certain facts connected with the cases of defalcation in the Govt Savings Bank.

No 729 — 15 Oct 1862

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