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No. 4. Read the following letter from J. MACKEY, Esq., Secretary to the Government Savings' Bank; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 30th June 1863, No. 255.

I am directed to submit for the consideration and orders of Government, the following in connection with the Government Savings' Bank.

2. The Military Paymaster, Colonel W. P. Macdonald, one of the Directors appointed under Government Order, No. 777, dated 4th November 1862, has tacitly declined attending at the Bank to pass the abstract of Cash transactions for the month of March last, by not attending or replying to letter* from this Department, No. 1,094, dated 13th April 1863, inviting him to do so for this purpose, and as his turn will come round early in July, to pass the abstract for June, I beg to request the order of Government on the subject.

*Copy enclosed.

3. Colonel Macdonald on receipt of the letter above quoted, wrote to the Accountant General "for instructions." Vide copy of his communication, dated 14th April,† and reply thereto, No. 7,618, dated 15th April, since which time nothing more has been heard from him.

† To be returned.

4. In conclusion, I beg to add that there is nothing to prevent Colonel Macdonald from carrying on his examination of the Bank account books, &c., in his own time and manner, the abstract is, however, the only document requiring the signature of a Director, and the course pursued here is similar to that of the other Presidencies.

From W. J. RAYNOR, Esq., Secretary; to Colonel W. P. MACDONALD, Director of the Government Savings' Bank, Fort Saint George, dated 13th April 1863, No. 1,094.

I have the honor to inform you that the Abstract of Cash transactions of the Government Savings' Bank for the month of March will be ready for examination and signature in this office on Wednesday the 15th instant, at any time after 12 o'clock.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. MACKEY,
Secretary.

From Colonel W. P. MACDONALD, Director, Government Savings' Bank; to the Accountant General, dated Fort Saint George, 14th April 1863.

I. I have received the enclosed letter.

II. On a former occasion, in reply to a similar one, I attended at the Savings' Bank office.

III. The audit is a mere checking of the Cash book, which tells nothing of the state of the Bank accounts, which I conceive to be the intention of Government.

IV. I think some course of audit should be prescribed, I am far from imagining that every thing is not in the most correct order, but the present system, of so called audit, is a perfect farce.

V. I believe I am not singular in this view of the case, and as you are, I suppose, President of the Board of Direction, I beg for instructions.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. J. RAYNOR,
1st Assistant Accountant General.

From J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Deputy Auditor and Accountant General; to Colonel W. P. MACDONALD, one of the Directors in the Government Savings' Bank, Fort Saint George, dated 15th April 1863, No. 7,618.

Correspondence Department.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, without number, dated 14th instant,

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enclosing letter* as per margin, from the Secretary Savings' Bank giving you the usual intimation that the monthly Abstract of Cash transactions would be ready for examination on this day, the 15th.

* No. 1,094, dated 13th April 1863.

2. In reply, I have the honor to state, that, as Government appointed you a Director in the Bank, I do not feel myself competent to give you any instructions, at the same time, if, as I gather from the general term of your letter under reply, you consider the attendance of the Directors useless, and wish yourself to be relieved from the honorary appointment, I would suggest that you communicate with Government direct on the matter.

3. The enclosure received with your letter, is herewith returned.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. MACKEY,
Acting 2nd Assistant Accountant General.

Forwarded to the Secretary Savings' Bank, with copy of Colonel Macdonald's letter.

1*st July* 1863.

W. J. R.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1863, No. 438.

It appears from the foregoing letter that the Military Paymaster, who had been appointed a Director of the Savings' Bank and instructed to examine its transactions in his turn, has failed to attend at the Bank, although invited for this purpose by the Secretary.

2. From a letter addressed by Colonel Macdonald to the Accountant General, he appears to be dissatisfied with the system of audit observed in the Bank, and thinks that some other course should be prescribed.

3. The Governor in Council requests the Military Paymaster to state his objections more fully, and to explain why he did not seek the orders of Government on the subject.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. McMoot

Fort Saint George.
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Government Savings' Bank.
30th June 1863.

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Secretary to the Government
Savings' Bank.

To
J. D. Sim Esqre.
Secretary to Government.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant
Illegible
Secretary.

Sent

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read letter from the Secy: to the Govt: Savings' Bank.

(Dated 30 June '63. No 255)

Order. No 438 of 4th July 1863

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To Lt. H. P. Macdonald
Military Paymaster, Presidency
Secy: to Govt: Savings' Bank

dated 28

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Rec. 4th Nov 62 No 777

Ans'd 5th Dec

From
A. S. Macdonald Esqr to
Sec. to the Govt
To
A. D. Pinnock Esqr
Secretary to Govt
dated 30th June 1863
Rec'd 1st July
Ans'd 4th
No 255

Military Paymaster's Office
Madras 30th June 1863

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 27th instant, No 1777 of 1863, and in reply to state that I have declined to attend at the Bank, although invited for this purpose by the Secretary, as I consider that I have no power to do so under the Rules and Regulations for the management of the Savings Banks.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble servant
(Signed) A. S. Macdonald
Lt. & Military Paymaster

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Letter and Report
Ans'd 5th Dec

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