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No. 53. Read the following letter, from J. MACKEY, Esq., Secretary Government Savings' Bank; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort Saint George, 7th March 1864, No. 1051.

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2. The facts of the case are briefly these, on the 6th June 1854 a sum of Rupees 500 was transferred, or rather invested in a Note for Rupees 500 on account of Bombardier Robert Watson, A. Company 4th Battalion Artillery, and his account debited with cost or say Rupees 500.

3. Under the rules then in force, when a depositor had more than 500 at his credit, the amount was reduced by investment in a Treasury Note; when this rule was subsequently modified, and the amount of deposits allowed to accumulate to 1,500, Bombardier Watson requested through his Commanding Officer that the amount of his Treasury Note might be re-credited to his account.

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and Interest from 1st September 1859 to 19th April 1860, being seven months and eighteen days, at 4 per cent. per annum,	12	10	8
	512	10	8

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6. In support of this statement I beg to submit copies of the following documents:—

1st.—Copy of a letter from Mr. S. D. Birch, Secretary Savings' Bank, No. 78, dated 15th June 1854, to Bombardier Watson informing him that Rupees 500 had been transferred from his deposits, on the 6th June, into the General Treasury as per G. O. G., No. 231 of 1848.

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9. Under the circumstances above stated, I request that Government will be pleased to order a refund in cash of the sum due to Serjeant Watson, *viz.*:—

Principal.....	Rupees	500
Interest on ditto at 4 per cent. from 1st September 1859 to 1st March 1864, is four years and six months.....	,,	90
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From S. D. BIRCH Esq., Secretary to Government Savings' Bank, to Bombardier Robert Watson, A Company 4th Battalion Artillery, No. 2215, dated Fort Saint George, 15th June 1854, No. 78.

I beg to inform you that the sum of Company's Rupees (500) five hundred has been transferred from your deposits in the Savings' Bank into the General Treasury, as per G. O. G. No. 231 of 1848, and that the Treasury Certificate No. 299, dated 6th instant, has been handed over to the charge of the Government Agents.

From S. D. BIRCH, Esq., Secretary to Government Savings' Bank, to the Officer Commanding Head Quarters, 4th Battalion Artillery, Secunderabad, dated Fort Saint George, 15th June 1854, No. 79.

I have the honor to enclose a communication addressed as per margin, advising the party concerned of the transfer of his deposits into a Treasury Note; previous to your delivering it over to him, I beg to request you will direct the Officer Commanding A Company of the Battalion, under your Command to note the investment thus made in the Regimental Books.

Bombardier Robert Watson, A Company 4th Battalion Artillery, No. 2215.

From HUGH SANDEMAN, Esq, Secretary Government Savings' Bank, to the Accountant General, Fort Saint George, dated Fort Saint George, 17th April 1860, No. 1133.

I have the honor to transmit a Treasury Note No. 20 of 1857-58, for Company's Rupees 500 and request that you will certify the Principal and interest for payment.

From W. J. RAYNOR, Esq., 2nd Assistant Accountant General, to the Secretary to the Government Savings' Bank, dated Fort Saint George, 20th April 1860. No. 2150.

Bond Department.

No. 20 for Company's Rupees 500,

I am directed by the Accountant General, to return herewith the Treasury Note described in the margin, received with your letter of the 17th instant. The Principal and Interest thereon, have been duly certified for discharge.

From HUGH SANDEMAN, Esq., Secretary Government Savings' Bank, to the Accountant General, Fort Saint George, dated Fort Saint George, 28th April 1860, No. 1166.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of letter from your Department, No. 2150, dated 20th instant, transmitting Treasury Note No. 20, for Company's Rupees (500) five hundred duly certified for discharge.

From Captain C. THORNTON, Commanding C Company 4th Battalion, Madras Artillery, to the Secretary of the Government Savings' Bank, Fort Saint George, dated Tonghoo, 13th February 1860, No. 56.

I have the honor to forward copies of letters as per margin, and to request that the amount *viz.*, Company's Rupees 500 may be transferred on Serjeant Watson's account, from the General Treasury, to the Government Regimental Savings' Bank of the 4th Battalion Madras Artillery.

No. 20, dated 25th January 1860.
,, 78, dated

From Lieutenant A. H. ROBERTS, Commanding Detachment C Company 4th Battalion, Madras Artillery, to the Officer Commanding C Company 4th Battalion Artillery, Tonghoo, dated Shoaygheen, 25th January 1860, No. 20.

I have the honor to forward herewith letter, No. 78* of date 15th June 1854, from the Secretary Government Savings' Bank to Serjeant R. Watson, of the Detachment under my Command, and request you will be good enough to forward the Serjeant's application for the above amount being transferred from the General Treasury to the Government Regimental Savings' Bank agreeably to G. O. authorizing Soldiers to have credit to an amount of Company's Rupees 1,500.

In duplicate.

(A true Copy.)

TONGHOO,
13th February 1860.

(Signed) C. THORNTON, Captain,
Comg. C Compy. 4th Battn. Madras Arty.

From HUGH SANDEMAN, Esq., Secretary Government Savings' Bank, to the Officer Commanding C Company 4th Battalion Artillery, Tonghoo, dated Fort Saint George, 3rd May 1860, No. 16.

With reference to your letter, No. 56, dated 13th February 1860, I have the honor to advise having credited Serjeant Watson with Rupees 512-10-8, the amount of his Treasury Note.

From Captain T. J. M. HOG, Commanding No. 5 Battery 20th Brigade Royal Artillery, late C Company 4th Battalion Madras Artillery, Tonghoo, dated Fort Saint George, 3rd May 1860.

With reference to the accompanying copy of a letter, No. 56, dated 13th February 1860, I shall feel much obliged by your informing me, (the documents of that date in my Office, being in considerable confusion,) if any answer was returned to that communication and from date the amount specified was transferred to the credit of Serjeant Robert Watson.

From J. MACKEY, Esq., Secretary Government Savings' Bank, to Captain T. J. M. HOG, Commanding No. 5 Battery 20th Brigade Royal Artillery, late C Company 4th Battalion Madras Artillery, Tonghoo, dated Fort Saint George, 20th May 1863, No. 89.

In reply to your letter, No. 118, dated 16th ultimo, and its enclosures, I have the honor to state that a reply was sent to the communication from Captain Thornton on the subject of Bombardier Robert Watson's Treasury Note for Rupees 500, a copy of which is annexed for your information.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. MACKEY,
Secretary Government Savings' Bank.

From Serjeant R. WATSON, No. 5 Battery 20th Brigade Royal Artillery, late Bombardier C Company 4th Battalion Madras Artillery, to the Secretary to Government Savings' Bank, Fort Saint George, dated Depôt Poonamallee, 27th February 1864.

Having experienced, while at Tonghoo, some difficulty to ascertain with certainty from the Officer Commanding my Battery, whether the proceeds of my Treasury Note of Rupees 500 was credited in the Battery Savings' Bank account and with reference to the letter, No. 56, dated 13th February 1860, addressed to you by Captain Thornton, then Commanding C Company 4th Battalion Madras Artillery, I have to request that you will inform me whether the amount has been included in the balance transferred to the Regimental Savings' Bank. I leave India for England in a few days as a time-expired Soldier, and should wish the amount to be remitted together with my Savings' Bank balance in the Battery.

From J. MACKEY, Esq., Secretary Government Savings' Bank, to Serjeant ROBERT WATSON, No. 5 Battery 20th Brigade Royal Artillery, Poonamallee, dated Fort Saint George, 27th February 1864, No. 1007.

In reply to your letter received this day, I beg to say that on reference to your account in the year 1859-60, with this Bank, the sum of Rupees 512-10-8 does not appear to have been credited. The Treasury Note has however been discharged and must therefore have been paid to a wrong party; I will investigate the matter and if I find that this has been the case, will apply to Government on your behalf to refund the money.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. MACKEY,
Secretary Government Savings' Bank.

BOMBARDIER ROBERT WATSON. Cr.

Dr. Tr. No. 7154. A. Company 4th Battalion Artillery, No. 2215.

Date.			Amount withdrawn.			Interest. Months.	Interest. Amount.			Date.			Amount received.			Interest. Months.	Interest. Amount.		
1854										1854									
June	6th	To amount transferred for a 4 per cent Treasury Certificate, No. 299	500	0	0	5	7	13	0	May	1st	By Balance brought forward from last year's Register	517	10	8	5	8	1	3
1855										Feby.	27th	By Interest from Government Agents	9	7	1	3	0	1	4
April	30th	To Interest account	17	13	0		17	13	0	Jany.		By Cash received	349	0	0	4	4	5	10
			517	13	0								876	1	9		24	9	5
		To Balance	382	14	2					April	30th	By Interest account	24	9	5				
		Company's Rupees...	900	11	2							Company's Rupees...	900	11	2				

(True Extract.)
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April	30th	To Balance	819	1	4					May	1st	By Balance brought forward							
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										April.	30th	By Interest account	29	4	11		29	4	11
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(True Extract.)
(Signed) J. MACKEY, *Secretary.*

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1864, No. 181.

Under the circumstances connected with the fraud brought to notice in the foregoing letter, His Excellency the Governor in Council grants authority for the refund *in Cash* to Serjeant Robert Watson of Rupees (590) five hundred and ninety, being the amount of Principal and Interest on a non-transferable Treasury Note in his name, dated 1st September 1857, and directs that the charge on this account be passed against the reserve for unforeseen contingencies in "FIX, Miscellaneous." It is presumed that no portion of the amount provided in "F X Civil Contingencies" for the current year for "the defalcations in the Government Savings' Bank by the late Actuary, Mr. S. Clarke," is available for meeting the refund now sanctioned.

(True Extract)

Chief Secretary.

To the Secretary to the Govt. Savings' Bank,
" with the Treasury Note.
" Dy. Auditor and Accountant General.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Secy. and Treasurer of the Bank of Madras.

Exd. T. Dunn.

Fort Saint George
Government Savings Bank.
15th June 1854.

No. 78.

From
The Secretary Government Savings Bank
To
Bombr. Robert Watson.
A. Co. 4th Bn. Artly. No. 2215.

Sir.

I beg to inform you that the sum of Company's Rupees 500/ Five hundred has been transferred from your deposits in the Savings Bank into the General Treasury. as per G.O.G. No. 231 of 1848 and that the Treasury Certificate No. 299 dated 6th Instant has been handed over to the charge of the Government Agents.

I have &c.

(Signed) J.D. Birch.
Secretary.

No. 79.

Fort Saint George
Government Savings Bank.
15th June 1854.

From
The Secretary Government Savings Bank.
To
The Officer Commanding
4th Drs. 4th Bn. Artly. Secunderabad

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose a communication addressed as per margin, advising the party concerned of the transfer of his deposits into a Treasury Note; previous to your delivering it over to him, I beg to request you will direct the Officer Commanding A Co. of the Battalion under your Command to note the investment thus

made

Bombr. Robert Watson.
A. Co. 4th Bn. Artly. No. 2215.

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I have &c.
(Signed) J.D. Birch.
Secretary.

No. 1133.

Fort Saint George
Government Savings Bank.
17th April 1860.

From The Secretary Government Savings Bank
To The Accountant General
Fort Saint George.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit a Treasury Note No. 20 of 1857/58 for Company's Rupees 500 and request that you will certify the Principal and Interest for pay=ment.

I have &c.
(Signed) Hugh Sandeman.
Secretary.

Bond Department.

No. 2150.

To The Secretary to the Government Savings Bank.

Sir.

I am directed by the Accountant General to return, herewith the Treasury Note described in the margin, received with your letter of the 17th Instant. The Principal and Interest thereon have been duly certified for discharge

No. 20 for Cos Rs. 500.

Fort Saint George
Accountt Genls Office
20th April 1860

I have &c.
(Signed) W. J. Raynor.
2d Asstt Acctt General.

No. 1166.

Fort Saint George
Government Savings Bank.
28th April 1860.

From The Secretary Government Savings Bank
To The Accountant General.
Fort Saint George.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of letter from your Department No. 2150 dated 20th Instant trans=mitting Treasury Note No. 20 for Company's Rupees 500 Five hundred duly certified for discharge.

I have &c.
(Signed) Hugh Sandeman
Secretary.

No. 56.

To The Secretary of the Government Savings Bank.
Fort Saint George.

Sir

I have the honor to forward copies of letters as per margin, and to request that the amount viz Cos: Rupees 500 may be transferred on Serjeant Watsons account, from the General Treasury, to the Govt Regtl Savings Bank of the 4th Battalion Madras Artillery.

* No. 20 dated 25th January 1860.
No. 78 dated ——

I have &c.
(Signed) C. Thornton Captain
Comg. 6 Compt 4 Battn
Madras Artillery

Fort Saint George
13th Feby 1860

No. 20.

To

The Officer Commanding

6. 6ᵉ 4ᵗ 13ᵈ Artʸ

Tsungoo.

Sir.

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* in duplicate.

I have &c.

(Signed) A. H. Roberts. Lieut.

Comg: Det. 6 Compys 4 Bn. Inn. Artʸ

Shwaygheen
25 January 1860

(A true Copy)

(Signed) C. Thornton Captain

Comg: Compys 4 Battᵒ

Madras Artillery

Tsungoo
13th February 1860

No. 78.

(already entered vide 1st page)

No. 16.

Fort Saint George
Government Savings Bank
3d May 1860.

To

The Officer Commanding

6. 6ᵉ 4ᵗ 13ᵈ Artʸ Tonghoo

Sir. With reference to your letter No. 56 dated 13th February 1860. I have the honor to advise having credited Serjeant

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I have &c.

(Signed) Hugh Sandeman

Secretary.

No. 118.

No. 5 Battery 20 Brigade Royal Artillery — Tonghoo 16 April 1863.

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I have &c.

(Signed) J. J. M. Hog Captain

Comg: No. 5 Battery 20 Bde Royal Artillery

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To

The Secretary Government Savings Bank

Madras.

No. 56.

(already entered vide page 3)

No. 89.

Fort Saint George
Government Savings Bank
20th May 1863.

To

Captain J. J. M. Hog

Comg. No. 5 13ᵈ 20 Bde R.A

Tonghoo.

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Secretary.

(True Copies)

Secretary Government Savings Bank

To
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Sir.

Having experienced, while at Tonghoo some difficulty to ascertain with certainty from the Officer commanding my Battery whether the proceeds of my Treasury Note of Rs 500 was credited in the Battery Savings Bank account and with reference to the letter No. 56 dated 13th February 1860 addressed to you by Captain Thornton, then commanding 6 Compy. 4th Battalion Madras Artillery, I have to request that you will inform me whether the amount has been included in the Balance transferred to the Regimental Savings Bank. I leave India for England in a few days as a time Expired Soldier. and should wish the

the amount to be remitted together with my Savings Bank Balance in the Battery.

I am &c.
(Signed) R. Watson
Serjt. No. 5 Bty. 20th Bde. R. Artly.
late Bombr. 6. Compy. 4th Bn. Madras Artly.

Depôt
Poonamallee
27th Feby. 1864

No. 1007.

Fort Saint George
Government Savings Bank
27th February 1864.

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To
Serjt. Robert Watson
No. 5 Bty. 20 Bde. R.A.
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I have &c.
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Secretary Government Savings Bank.

Bombardier Robert Watson.

Dr. Tr. No. 7154

A. Co. 4½ Bn. Arty: No. 2215

6½

Date		Amount Withdrawn	Months	Interest Amount
1854				
June 6	To Amount transferred for a 4½ Cent Treasury Certificate No. 299	500 " "	6	10 " "
			5	7 13 "
1855				
April 30	To Interest account	17 13 "		17 13 "
		517 13 "		
"	To Balance	382 14 2		
	6 Rupees	900 11 2		

Date		Amount received	Months	Interest Amount
1854				
May 1	By Balance brought forward from last years Register	517 10 8	7	12 1 "
			5	8 1 3
1855				
Feby 27	By Interest from Govt Agents	9 7 1	3	" 1 4
Jany —	By Cash received	349 " "	4	4 5 10
		876 1 9		
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(True Extract)

Secretary.

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Dr. To. No. 7154 — A. Co. 4th Bn. Arty. No. 2215 — Cr

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Secretary.

Fort Saint George

No. 1051. Government Savings Bank.

7th March 1864.

From

J. Mackey Esqr.

Secretary Government Savings Bank

To,

A. J. Arbuthnot Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government.

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Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Secretary

Financial Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read letter from the Secy: to the Govt. bearing date 7th March 1864 No 1057

Order 19th March 1864 No. 181.

Under the circumstances connected with the fraud brought to notice in the foregoing letter, H.E. the Governor in Council grants authority for the refund in cash to Serjeant Robert Watson of Rupees (690) Six hundred & ninety, being the amount of Principal & Interest on a Non-transferable Treasury Note

Fin. Dept. 1864
From
The Secretary to the
Government Carnatic Bank
No 18
To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. David
Dated 7th March 1864.
Received 9th "
No. 1057.
No. 448
Encls: 2.

Reports the discovery of another fraud of a Soldier's Non-transferable Treasury Note for Rupees 500. and requests permission to refund the amount to the Madras the owner.

Cll. Mark 53
215 "

Note in his name dated
1st Septr: 1857, & directed
that the charge on
this account be passed
against the reserve
for unforeseen contingen-
-cies in "F IX Miscellaneous
It is presumed that no
portion of the amount
provided in "F X Civil
Contingencies" for the
current year for the
defalcations in the Govt.
Savings' Bank by the
late Actuary Mr. S.
Clarke," is available
for meeting the refund
now sanctioned.

50 Secy. to the Govt. Savings' Bank
Dy: Accr. & Asstt. General
& ind. Paymaster
Secy. & Treasr. of the Bank
of Madras

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