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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,*
*18th April* 1866.

No. 27. Read the following letter from the Secretary and Treasurer of the Madras Bank, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 6th April 1866, No. 660.

Government Savings' Bank Department.

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that a fraud connected with the Government Savings' Bank, which happened in the year 1861, has lately been discovered, amounting to Rupees 46-7-1. The circumstances under which the fraud came to light are as follows:

On the 15th ultimo, Mr. R. W. Meppen, the defrauded party, applied to me for his Bank Pass Book, which he stated was sent to the Bank, in his absence, by a friend, during the year 1861, to the then Actuary, Mr. T. Clark, for the usual adjustment of interest, and which was never returned to him, though repeated applications were made to Mr. Clark for the same.

On the receipt of this information, I caused a search to be made for the book, and found it in the possession of Mr. J. Mackey, who was Secretary to the Savings' Bank prior to its transfer to this Department. By the Bank's Ledger, it appears the account was closed by the payment of the abovementioned balance of Rupees 46-7-1 on the 15th November 1861, and by a reference to the Bank's receipt book, I observe that the amount was paid to Mr. T. Clark, as his signature is given therein. In the Pass Book itself, the withdrawal entry is evidently in the hand writing of Mr. Clark, but the signature does not seem to be genuine, as it bears no comparison whatever to that of Mr. Meppen's, as will be observed by a reference to the Pass Book, which I enclose for inspection. The genuine signatures will be found in pages 2 and 3, and the forged one in page 10.

On my forwarding the Pass Book to Mr. Meppen, with a Memorandum acquainting him of the fact that his balance had been paid up in 1861, he declares that he never received the money, and that the signature in question is not his own, but a forged one,—vide his letter also enclosed.

From the above explanation, it will be seen that Mr. Meppen's balance has been fraudulently drawn out from the Bank, and, as he now claims a refund of the same, I request your sanction to disburse the amount to him, with interest up to the date of payment.

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From Mr. R. W. MEPPEN, to the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras; dated Madras, 2nd April 1866.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Memorandum, No. 649, under date 29th ultimo, and am glad that my Pass Book has turned up, as it goes to establish the fact that I never drew the money stated to be paid to me on the 15th November 1861, and to strengthen my claim for it. I beg your attention to the signature alleged to be mine, and it will be evident to you by comparing it with my signature, as appears elsewhere, in the same book, that my name has been forged. I must also beg you to refer to the Marine authorities here, and you will be satisfied that I was not in Madras on the 15th November 1861. Under these circumstances, I hope that you will have the goodness to consider over the matter, and direct the amount at my credit to be paid to me.

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No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 18th April 1866, No. 147.

The foregoing communication refers to another of the series of frauds committed during the time the late Mr. T. Clark held the appointment of Actuary of the Savings' Bank.

2. Under the circumstances reported, the Governor in Council sanctions the payment to Mr. Meppen of the amount shown by the accounts to be due to him, viz., Rupees 46-7-1, with interest upon it up to the date of payment.

(True Extract).

*Chief Secretary.*

To the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, with two enclosures returned.
,, Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Government Savings
Bank Department.

Bank of Madras.

Madras 6th April 1864.

No. 660

To The Honble A. J. Arbuthnot Esqr
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to report for the information of Govermt that a fraud connected with the Govermt Savings Bank which happened in the year 1861 has lately been discovered, amounting to Rupees 46-9-10 the circumstances upon which the fraud came to light are as follows

On the 15th Instnt Mr. R. the Mussulman the defrauded party applied to me for his Bank Pass Book which he stated was sent to the Bank in his absence by a friend during the year 1861 to the then Secretary Mr. F. Clark for the usual adjustment of interest and which was never returned to him the repeated applications were made to Mr. Clark for the same.

On the receipt of this information, I caused a search to be made for the book and found it in the possession of Mr. J. Mackay who was Secretary to the Savings' Bank prior to its transfer to this Dept.
By the Bank's Ledger it appears the account

closed by the payment of the aforementioned balance of Rupees 46-7-1 on the 15th November 1861 and by a reference to the Bank's receipt book it appears that the amount was made by Mr. F. Black as his signature is given therein. In the Pass book itself, the withdrawal entry is evidently in the hand writing of Mr. Black but the signature does not seem to be genuine as it bears no Comparison whatever to that of the Deposit as will be observed by a reference to the Pass book which I enclose for inspection. The genuine signatures will be found in Page 2 & 3 & the forged one in Page-10-

On my forwarding the Pass book to Mr. Hopkins with a memo acquainting him of the fact that his balance had been paid up in 1861 he declares that he never received the money and that the Signature in question is not his own, but a forged one. vide his letter also enclosed.

From the above explanation it will be seen that Mr. Hopkins balance has been fraudulently drawn out from the Bank, and as he now claims a Refund of the same, I request your sanction to disburse the amount to him with interest up to the date of payment.—

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

F Black

For Secretary & Treasurer

to be returned

Financial 1866 Dept

From
Secy & Treasurer of the
Madras Bank
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# PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Secretary and Treasurer Madras Bank.

Here enter 6 April 1866 No 660.

Order thereon 18 April 1866 No 147.

The foregoing communication refers to another of the series of frauds committed during the time the late Mr T Clark held the appointment of Actuary of the Savings Bank.

2 Under the circumstances reported, the Governor in Council sanctions the payment to Mr Meppen of the amount shown by the accounts to be due to him viz Rs 46..7..1 with interest upon it up to the date of payment.

To the Secy & Treasurer Bank of Madras
— Accountant Genl with 2 Enclosures
" R W Meppen Esqre

Financial 1866. Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 18th April 1866

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