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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 10*th February* 1868.

Read the following papers :—

No. 18. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 27th January 1868.

I have the honor to bring to your notice the following circumstances, not with a view to the recovery of the Note lost (for that, under the system now in practice, appears to be almost impossible), but in the hope that some alteration may be made in that system for the benefit of others in similar circumstances.

2. In July last, while at Ootacamund, my bed room was entered during the night, and I was robbed, among other property, of two Madras Bank Notes of 100 Rupees each. Information was at once sent to the Bank and to the Commissioner of Paper Currency, in order that payment should be stopped, the numbers and dates of the Notes being given at the same time.

3. On the 3rd instant, one of the Notes was sent by the *Bank of Madras* to the Commissioner, and was cashed, the latter Officer having, I believe, no option in the matter. On hearing this, I applied to the Bank to learn from whom the Note had been taken, but received no reply. The Commissioner, however, wrote, a few days subsequently, to say that it was presented by Vencataram Chetty, but that his address was not known to the Bank.

4. It appears to me that, when a stolen Note, which this was known to be, was tendered, the Bank should have stopped its payment, or at any rate should have required the tenderer to find security to appear when called upon to explain how he came by it. If any other description of stolen property, however small in value, were found in possession of any one, he would justifiably be called upon to prove how it came into his hands, and the owner would have the opportunity of recovering it ; but, under the system now prevailing, the stealer of a Note finds it the simplest and safest plan to go to the Bank and cash it.

5. With this simple statement of facts before them, the Government will, I feel assured, perceive that some alteration is needed in the present mode of dealing with stolen Notes.

Referred to the Directors of the Bank of Madras, for report as to what steps have been taken by them on the Orders of Government dated 8th November 1867, No. 502, regarding lost or stolen Notes either presented at the Bank or received through the Collecting Peons of the Bank.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd February 1868.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 19. From the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 5th February 1868, No. 50-256.

In reply to your Memorandum of the 3rd instant, annexed to the letter to your address from Mr. J. J. Franklin, of the 27th ultimo (herewith returned), I have the honor to inform you that the practice observed at this office prior to the transfer of the Currency Department, of comparing *all* Currency Notes received with the Register of stopped Notes, was, by order of the Directors, resumed on the 1st December 1867, and that, since then, intimation of the payment of such Notes has been usually given to the party by whom stopped, as also to the Currency Commissioner.

2. In Mr. Franklin's case, I regret that, by an oversight of the paying Shroff, neither the address of the party presenting the Note for 100 Rupees was taken down, nor was intimation of its payment given to Mr. Franklin until brought to notice.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1868, No. 65.

Ordered that a Copy of the letter from the Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Madras be sent to Mr. J. J. Franklin.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To J. J. Franklin, Esq.
To the Directors of the Bank of Madras.
,, Mint Master.
Exd. J. H. Burns.

Board of Admiralty
Read 4 1868
Answ

To

The Honorable R S Ellis C B
Chief Secretary to Government
Marine Department
Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to bring to your notice the following circumstances, not with a view to the recovery of the note lost, for that under the system now in practice appears to be almost impossible, but in the hope that some alteration may be made in that system for the benefit of others in similar circumstances.

2 In July last while at Potacamund my bed room was entered during the night and I was robbed, among other property of two Madras Bank notes of 100 Rupees each. Information was at once sent to the Bank and to the Commissioner of Paper Currency in order that payment should be stopped, the numbers and dates of the notes being given at the same time.

3 On the 3d. instant one of the notes was sent by the Bank of Madras to the Commissioner and was cashed, the latter officer having, I believe, no option in

in the matter. On hearing this I applied to the Bank to learn from whom the note had been taken, but received no reply. The Commissioners, however, wrote a few days subsequently to say that it was presented by Venkataram Chetty, but that his address was not known to the Bank.

4 It appears to me that when a stolen note, which this was known to be, was tendered the Bank should have stopped its payment, or at any rate should have required the tenderer to find security to appear when called upon to explain how he came by it. If any other description of stolen property however small in value were found in possession of any one, he would justifiably be called upon to prove how it came into his hands, and the owner would have the opportunity of recovering it, but under the system now prevailing the stealer of a note finds it the simplest and safest plan to go to the Bank and cash it.

5 With this simple statement of facts before them the Government will, I feel assured, perceive that some alteration is needed in the present mode of dealing with stolen notes.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt.

Madras
January 1868

A Dr Hamilton

No 55/256.

Bank of Madras

Madras 5 Febry 1868

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

I am reply to your memo of the 3rd Instant annexed to the letter to your address from Mr J. Franklin of the 27th Ult. (herewith returned) I have the honor to inform you that the practice observed in this office prior to the transfer of the Currency Department of comparing all Currency Notes received, with the Register of Stopped Notes was one by order of the Directors dated on the 1st December 1867, and that since then, intimation of the payment of such Notes has been usually given to the Party by whom stopped as also to the Currency Commissioner.

In Mr Franklin's case, I regret that by an oversight of the paying Shroff neither the address of the party presenting the Note for 100 Rs was taken down, nor was intimation of its payment given to Mr Franklin until brought to notice.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed Servt

J Mc Leod

Rec'd 8th Febry 1868

Referred to the Directors of the Bank for their remarks for report, as to what steps have been taken by them, on the orders of Government dated 8th Novr 1867 - No 502, regarding lost or stolen Notes either presented at the Bank, or received thro' the Cashiering Peons of the Bank -

R S Ellis
Chief Secretary

To the Directors of the Bank

Rec'd 10th Febry 1868

Rec'd 8th Febry 1868

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

I am directed by the Directors to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 59 dated 7th instant

Rec'd 7th Febry 1868

No 59

Forwarding Mr Franklin's letter dated 27th Ult. and requesting to be informed what steps are taken by the Bank to prevent the payment of Notes that have been stolen or lost

In reply I am directed to state that the Notes are compared with the Register of Stopped Notes before payment is made, and that the Register is kept up to the present date by the Cashiering Peons of the Bank

By Order

Read Nov 43 & 59
10th February 1868 Nos 65=
& desired that a copy of the letter
from the Secy & Treasurer of the Bank of
Montreal be sent to Hon. O. S. Franklin.

Hon. O. S. Franklin

Wm. F. F. Franklin Esqr.
" Directors of the Bank of
" Montreal Montreal

Bank of Montreal
Montreal 18th Sept. 1868

Hon.
Secy. & Treasurer.
Montreal Bank.

Sir,

By order of the Board of Directors I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to furnish me with a statement of the amount of Bonds issued by the Province of Canada to the Montreal Bank on account of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners, with the dates of the several issues.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient
Servant