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No. 37. Read the following letter from the Accountant General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Fort Saint George, 14th December 1868, No. 247.

Correspondence Department.

I have the honor to submit the report of the officer deputed by me to audit the Government Savings' Bank's Accounts of the Presidency for 1867-68.

2. It will be observed that the balance due to depositors on the 31st March last, namely, Rupees 13,32,936-15-10, is nearly two lakhs in excess of the balance at the close of the previous year, which seems to warrant the belief that the Savings' Banks are becoming more popular with the lower classes. Of the above sum Rupees 7,42,535-5-10 have been already invested in Government Securities, and I request that I may be permitted to authorize the Secretary of the Bank to invest a further sum of Rupees two and a half lakhs, as soon as the Government balance at the Bank, which is just now very low, admits of my doing so.

3. With reference to paragraphs 6 and 9 of the Auditor's report, I beg to state that it is my intention to refer the suggestion therein made for the opinion of the Comptroller General of Accounts, as it is desirable that the same uniformity which exists as regard Audit and Account in other branches of the administration should obtain also in respect to the Government Savings' Bank's Accounts.

4. The deposit account, referred to in the 8th paragraph of Mr. Trevor's report, is that of Quarter Master Serjeant Dalton, who is supposed to be the individual convicted of the murder of his wife at Trichinopoly, but of which the Bank possesses no authentic information ; cases such as this must be very rare, and should, I think, be invariably reported to Government for orders. To enable the Secretary of the Savings' Bank to do so, it will be necessary to instruct the District Officers to report to him the case of any depositors within their districts convicted of felony.

5. I beg, in conclusion, to express my hope that the Government will be pleased, in consideration of the arduous nature of the audit of these accounts, and which has been performed almost wholly out of office hours, to award to the Auditors the same fee which was granted to the Auditor on a similar occasion last year, namely, Rupees 300, to be divided between Messrs. Mackey and Trevor.

From TUDOR TREVOR, Esq., for Acting First Assistant Accountant General, to the Accountant General, Madras ; dated Madras, 3rd December 1868.

I have the honor to submit the following report of the audit of the accounts of the Government Savings' Bank for the official year 1867-68.

2. The audit was commenced by Mr. Mackey, but in consequence of his services being required for other purposes in obedience to your instructions I undertook its conclusion. The entries and postings of the Presidency Cash Book and Ledgers have been examined, I understand, item by item, by Mr. Mackey. I have also carefully checked every entry in the Mofussil Cash Book ; but as I was apprehensive that the completion of the audit would be much delayed, if I observed the usual practice of examining every posting in the Mofussil Ledgers, I obtained your permission, after I had checked upwards of 1000 of them, to hasten its completion by examining 20 per cent. of the remainder. Under these circumstances, I am enabled to report that the examination is concluded, and that the accounts are all very accurately and neatly kept.

3. I append a copy of the Balance sheet, marked A., which has been duly authenticated by the Secretary and Treasurer, and the Chief Accountant of the Bank of Madras, as well as by myself.

4. This Statement, as compared with last year's Balance sheet, shows the following results under their respective headings :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance due to depositors on 31st March 1867	11,35,243	8	7
Do. do. on 31st March 1868	13,32,936	15	10
Increase	1,97,693	7	3
Interest allowed during 1866-67	33,053	8	6
Do. do. 1867-68	40,446	13	5
Increase	7,393	4	11
Amount of deposits received during 1866-67	5,82,426	13	7
Do. do. 1867-68	7,03,697	14	11
Increase	1,21,271	1	4
Withdrawals made by depositors during 1866-67	4,74,430	10	2
Do. do. 1867-68	5,46,451	5	1
Increase	72,020	10	11
Average number of accounts open on 31st March 1867—Presidency 2732, Mofussil 2798	5,530	0	0
Number of do. on 31st March—Presidency 2888, Mofussil 2334	6,222	0	0
Increase	692	0	0
Number of new accounts opened during 1867	978	0	0
Do. do. 1868	1,066	0	0
Increase	88	0	0
Number of accounts closed during 1867	378	0	0
Do. do. 1868	374	0	0
Decrease	4	0	0

5. I have also inspected all the Government Securities on account of investments of Savings' Bank balances, together with non-transferable Treasury Notes belonging to Minors, as per annexed Statement marked B., aggregating Rupees 8,12,800, and have found them all correct. Of this sum of Rupees 13,32,936-15-10 due to depositors, Rupees 7,42,535-5-10 stand invested in 4 per cent. Government Promissory Notes, amounting to Rupees 8,09,300, and it remains for you to determine whether any further investment shall now be made.

6. With regard to the remarks made by the Auditor in the last paragraph of his report on last year's accounts, I beg to be allowed to make the following observations :—He there suggests that the Auditor should attend monthly and "proceed with the work as the books are posted up," and if this was possible, his suggestion would be of valuable service in reducing both the labor it now entails, and the time it occupies. But it appears to me impracticable for the following reasons :—The postings in the new Ledgers cannot, of course, be prepared until the old ones are closed, and it requires considerable time to collect all the Pass books and to examine them with the Ledgers so as to complete the preparation of the Balance sheet, which I am given to understand, under the present system, cannot be done for at least six months after the close of the official year after the accounts are closed and the Balance sheet is prepared, the books are ready for the Auditor's inspection and then the Clerks proceed (after six months have elapsed) to prepare and post up the new Ledgers. It appears to me, therefore, impossible for the Auditor to attempt anything like a monthly audit of the accounts. I think, however, much time might be saved if the preparation of the new Ledgers took place once in every four years, instead of every year as at present, and if some of the Paymasters were more punctual and accurate in their returns. The preparation of the headings and the posting of the balances occupies, I believe, the whole time of two Clerks for at least two months. Moreover, such a very complete system of check is observed in the department that, I think, the Government Auditor might be fairly released from checking, item by item, all the entries in the Cash books and Ledgers, which, in 1867, amounted to upwards of 20,000. His functions would, I presume, be then limited to an annual or half-yearly inspection of the accounts, and after satisfying himself of their general accuracy, and that every needful check had been exercised, to report the result of his observations for your information.

7. This reference to the amount of work done by the department gives me an opportunity of pointing out how much it has increased since the department was handed over to the Bank of Madras in 1864. Then the number of depositors was 4357, with a balance due to them of Rupees 8,95,841-10-1 ; now it is 6222, with a balance due to depositors of Rupees 13,32,936-15-10, whilst there has been no addition to the strength of the establishment. I think, therefore, the department is deserving of very great credit. This, however, is mainly owing to the industry and intelligence of the Head Accountant, Soobroyloo Naidoo, an old and well-tried servant of Government, to whom I have been much indebted for the ready assistance he has afforded me throughout this audit. His salary is but a small one for the responsibility which attaches to his office, and which a higher paid former Superintendent so grievously abused, and I should be glad to hear that the Bank had given him some further recognition of his services by an increase of salary.

8. As there is at least one instance in which a criminal has a deposit in the Bank, it would be useful if it was more generally known whether the deposits of criminals are forfeited to the Crown, or whether they may be withdrawn under the order of the criminal or otherwise, either for his own benefit, or that of his family. If, however, these deposits are the property of Government, it would be advisable to have them removed from the books of the Savings' Bank to the credit of Government.

9. It seems to me that the present system observed by the Bank of keeping the account of a depositor in the same Ledger, either Presidency or Mofussil as the case may be, in which the account was first opened, and without regard to his actual place of residence afterwards, is a bad one, because it makes it very difficult to arrive at an exact estimate of the relative number of Presidency and Mofussil depositors, as the accounts of Presidency depositors are posted in Mofussil Registers and *vice versa*. In my opinion, the Presidency and Mofussil accounts should be either kept quite distinct from one another, or there should be no distinction whatever, and only one set of books be kept for all the depositors, and I incline to the latter suggestion as the best one.

10. I beg very respectfully to remind you that this long and tedious audit has occupied Mr. Mackey and myself upwards of three months, and chiefly out of office hours, and to express a hope that the local Government will be pleased, at least, to remunerate the Head Accountant who has been always in attendance on the Auditor for the extra hours and work which has been thus entailed upon him. Indeed, I think it would be but fair if Government would lay down a rate of remuneration for all Clerks who assist the various Auditors appointed by Government, as extra work and attendance is required from them as well as from the Auditor, whilst he only receives extra remuneration.

11. In conclusion, I beg to record my acknowledgments of the uniform and courteous attention I have received from the several officials of the Madras Bank with whom I have been brought in contact during my recent audit.

A.

Dr. Account Current of the Government Savings' Bank, Civil Branch, for the official year 1867-68. Cr.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance due to depositors on the 31st March 1867, as per Abstract published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 29th Oct. 1867, p. 1454...	.....	...	...	11,35,243	8	7	Withdrawals made by depositors during the year 1867-68....	5,46,451	5	1			
							Balance due to depositors on the 31st March 1868.....	13,32,936	15	10			
											18,79,388	4	11
Deposits received during the year 1867-68. .	7,03,697	14	11										
Interest allowed during do... ...	40,446	13	5										
				7,44,144	12	4							
Total...	.....	...	...	18,79,388	4	11	Total...	.....	...	...	18,79,388	4	11

N. B.—Number of accounts in open credit in the Government Savings' Bank Ledgers of 1867-68.

Accounts remaining on the 1st April 1867.....5,530

Add new accounts as per Ledger..... 1,066

—— 6,596

Deduct closed accounts as per Ledger..... 374

Average number of accounts remaining on the 31st March 1868... 6,222

Bank of Madras,
31*st March* 1868.

(Signed) T. E. FRANCK,
Offg. Secy. and Treasurer.

(Signed) J. L. DUFFIELD,
Offg. Chief Accountant.

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) TUDOR TREVOR,
Auditor.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) T. E. FRANCK,
Offg. Secy. and Treasurer.

B.

Investment on Government Account of Savings' Bank Balances. *Four per cent. Loan of 30th June* 1854.	Rs.	Investment on Government Account of Savings' Bank Balances. *Four per cent. Loan of 30th June* 1854.	Rs.
No. 001815/42494.....	1,00,000	Brought forward...	2,44,100
,, 001816/39911.....	15,100	No. 9676.....	1,000
,, 001821/25234.....	10,000	,, 2996.....	1,000
,, 001829/33577.....	5,000	,, 004754/20951.....	1,000
,, 001836/40270.....	5,000	,, 26438.....	1,000
,, 004741/24114.....	5,000	,, 26437.....	1,000
,, 004742/25238.....	5,000	,, 011129/41257	1,000
,, 004740/25235.....	5,000	,, 13038.....	1,000
,, 17146.....	5,000	,, 004753/ 2212.....	1,000
,, 17065.....	4,500	,, 011124/20199.....	1,000
,, 001826/33567.....	4,000	,, 13495	1,000
,, 001827/33568.....	4,000	,, 13497.....	1,000
,, 001830/36010.....	4,000	,, 004750/26370.....	1,000
,, 004743/34065.....	4,000	,, 004751/26369.....	1,000
,, 001831/37924.....	3,000	,, 004752/26368	1,000
,, 001822/26434.....	3,000	,, 004758/41667.....	1,000
,, 44565.....	3,000	,, 004757/26501.....	1,000
,, 23913...	3,000	,, 004749/41304.....	1,000
,, 26431.....	3,000	,, 004748/ 3308.....	1,000
,, 011128/41256.....	3,000	,, 004747/ 3309.....	1,000
,, 004744/ 7446.....	2,500	,, 40928	1,000
,, 43460.....	2,500	,, 011122/12121.....	1,000
,, 001828/33575.....	2,000	,, 004759/11723.....	600
,, 001837/ 1775.....	2,000	,, 001824/32728...	500
,, 011126/29702.....	2,000	,, 004760/21330.....	500
,, 27206.....	2,000	,, 39596.....	500
,, 004745/ 6307.....	2,000	,, 39586.....	500
,, 9391.....	2,000	,, 19916.....	500
,, 3095.....	2,000	,, 19598.....	500
,, 001825/33563.....	1,500	,, 17068.....	500
,, 003018/42838..	1,500	,, 10243.....	500
,, 003017/42831.....	1,500	,, 22780.....	500
,, 43459.....	1,500	,, 2770	500
,, 011130/10591.....	1,500	,, 22779	500
,, 011127/34189.....	1,500	,, 008311/44267..... ...	5,000
,, 001835/39519.....	1,000	,, 008405/32460.....	1,500
,, 001833/38431.....	1,000	,, 007609/11806.....	1,300
,, 001834/39508.....	1,000	,, 29543.....	1,300
,, 001820/ 4862.....	1,000	,, 29542.....	1,200
,, 001818/ 4854.....	1,000	,, 29535	1,200
,, 001819/ 4857.....	1,000	,, 008313/46455.....	1,000
,, 001817/ 3314.....	1,000	,, 008309/31957.....	1,000
,, 001832/37932.....	1,000	,, 28388.....	1,000
,, 001823/29979.....	1,000		
,, 39966.....	1,000	Total...	2,86,700
,, 39628.....	1,000		
,, 39627.....	1,000	*Four per cent. Loan of* 1*st February* 1843.	
,, 39626.....	1,000		
,, 004756/ 6310.....	1,000		
,, 004755/ 6308.....	1,000	No. 001112/29769.....	1,00,000
,, 004746/ 9063.....	1,000	,, 001114/29293.....	1,00,000
,, 4900.....	1,000	,, 001113/29227.....	50,000
,, 3296.....	1,000	,, 002120/29222...	18,100
,, 2997.....	1,000	,, 001087/18002.....	7,000
,, 3301.....	1,000	,, 011060/26285.....	67,800
Carried forward ..	2,44,100		3,17,800

Investment on Government Account of Savings' Bank Balances.—(*Concluded.*)		Investment on Government Account of Savings' Bank Balances.—(*Concluded.*)	
Four per cent. Loan of 31st March 1836.	Rs.	*Four per cent. Loan of 1st May* 1865.	Rs.
No. 000310/ 7670	28,300	No. 000616.....	66,200
		,, 3266	9,800
Four per cent. Loan of 1st May 1832.		,, 3277	4,000
		,, 000506	2,000
No. 000812/183 .....Sicca Rupees.	48,000	,, 001510	1,700
		,, 006057/000506	1,00,000
Four per cent. Loan of 13th September 1824.		,, 006056/ 1748	8,500
		Total...	1,08,500
No. 000011/459..... Sicca Rupees.	20,000		
	Rs.		
Non-transferable Treasury Notes in custody of Bank on account of certain Minors, 5 pieces.....	3,500		

Abstract.

	Rs.
Four per cent. Loan of 30th June 1854.....	2,86,700
Do. do. of 1st February 1843	3,17,800
Do. do. of 31st March 1836....	28,300
Do. do. of 1st May 1832.....	48,000
Do. do. of 13th September 1824.....	20,000
Do. do. of 1st May 1865...	1,08,500
	8,09,300
Non-transferable Treasury Note.....	3,500
	8,12,800

(Signed) TUDOR TREVOR,
for *Actg. 1st Asst. Acct. Genl.*

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1869, No. 23.

With the foregoing letter the Accountant General submits the report of the officers deputed to audit the Government Savings' Bank's Accounts for the year 1867-68.

2. It appears from the report that there was an increase in the amount of deposits in 1867-68, as compared with 1866-67, of Rupees 1,21,271 ; and that there was an accession to the number of depositors of 692. The balance due to depositors on the 31st March last amounted to Rupees 13,32,936, or Rupees 1,97,693 in excess of the amount* due on the corresponding date in the preceding year. The Government view these results as highly satisfactory.

* Rupees 11,35,243.

3. Of the sum of Rupees 13,32,936 due to depositors, the Accountant General states that Rupees 7,42,535 have been already invested in Government Securities. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Madras Bank will now be authorized to invest a further sum of two and a half lakhs of Rupees, as soon as the Government balance at the Bank admits of this being done.

4. The Accountant General's suggestion in paragraph 4 of his letter, that every case in which a depositor is convicted of felony should be reported for the orders of Government, is approved. The paragraph in question, together with an extract from these Proceedings, will be communicated to the several District Officers for their information and guidance.

5. The payment of a sum of Rupees (300) three hundred to Messrs. Mackey and Trevor, as remuneration for the audit of the Savings' Bank's Accounts, is sanctioned:

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant General.
,, Directors of the Bank of Madras.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 13*th*.

Recd. Read.

G. O., 13*th January* 1869, *No.* 23.

JANUARY.
Nos. 37-38.

Reviewing the Report of the Officers deputed to audit the Government Savings' Bank's Accounts for 1867-68.

INVESTMENT on GOVT. ACCOUNT of SAVINGS BANK BALANCES.

4 ℔ Cent. Loan of 1st February 1843.

No. 001112/29769.....	Rs.1,00,000
001114/29293.....	1,00,000
001113/29227.....	50,000
002120/29222.....	18,100
001087/18002.....	7,000
011060/26285	67,800
	317800

INVESTMENT on GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT of SAVINGS BANK BALANCES.

4 ℔ Cent. Loan of 31st March 1836.

No. 000310/ 7670.....	Rs. 28,300

4 per cent Loan of 1st May 1832

000812-183 Sa Rs 48,000

4 per cent Loan of 13th September 1824

000011/459. Sa Rs 20,000.

Non Transferable Treasury Notes in custody of Bank on account of certain Minors 5 pieces Rs 3,500

INVESTMENT on GOVT. ACCOUNT of SAVINGS BANK BALANCES.

4 ℔ Cent. Loan of 1st May 1865.

No. 000616	.....	Rs. 66,200
3266	.....	9,800
3277	.....	4,000
000506	.....	2,000
001510	.....	1,700
006057/000506		1,00,000
006056/1748.		8,500
		108500

4 per cent Loan of 30th June 1854.

continued		272200
008311-44267		Rs 5000
008405-32460		1,500
007609-11806		1,300
29543		1300
29542		1200
29535		1200
008313-46455		1000
008309-31957		1000
28388		1000
		286700

Abstract

4 per cent Loan of 30 June 1854	286,700
4 per cent Loan of 1st Feby 1843	3,17,800
4 per cent Loan of 31st March 1836	28,300
4 per cent Loan of 1st May 1832	48,000
4 per cent Loan of 13th Septm 1824	20,000
4 per cent Loan of 1st May 1865	1,08,500
	809300
Non transferable Treasury Note	3,500
	812,800

Tudor Trevor.

For A.G. & Accountant General

Exam'd A.G.C. Accountant

INVESTMENT on GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT of SAVINGS BANK BALANCES.

4 ℔ Cent. Loan of 30th June 1854.

No. 001815/42494.....	Rs.1,00,000
001816/39911.....	15,100
001821/25234.....	10,000
001829/33577.....	5,000
001836/40270.....	5,000
004741/24114.....	5,000
004742/25238.....	5,000
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001831/37924.....	3,000
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011125/27912.....	2,500
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001818/ 4854.....	1,000
001819/ 4857.....	1,000
001817/ 3314.....	1,000
001832/37932.....	1,000
001823/29979.....	1,000
Carried forward	233100

INVESTMENT on GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT of SAVINGS BANK BALANCES.

4 ℔ Cent. Loan of 30th June 1854.

No.	39966.....	Rs. 1,000
	39628.....	1,000
	39627.....	1,000
	39626.....	1,000
	004756/ 6310.....	1,000
	004755/ 6308.....	1,000
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	26438.....	1,000
	26437.....	1,000
	011129/41257.....	1,000
	13038.....	1,000
	004753/ 2212.....	1,000
	011124/20199.....	1,000
	13495.....	1,000
	13497.....	1,000
	004750/2870	1,000
	004751/26369.....	1,000
	004752/26368.....	1,000
	004758/41667.....	1,000
	004757/26501.....	1,000
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	004747/ 3309.....	1,000
	40928.....	1,000
	011123/12123.....	1,000
	011122/12121.....	1,000
	004759/11723.....	600
	001824/32728.....	500
	004760/21330.....	500
	39596.....	500
	39586.....	500
	19916.....	500
	19598.....	500
	17068.....	500
	10243.....	500
	22780.....	500
	2770.....	500
	22779.....	500
		272,200

A

Dr. Account Current of the Government Savings' Bank Civil Branch for the Official year 1867.68. Cr.

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Total Rupees	1879,388 4 11	Total Rupees	1879,388 4 11

N.B. Number of accounts in open credit in the Government Savings Bank Ledgers of 1867-68.

Accounts remaining on the 1st. April 1867	5530	
Add New accounts as per Ledger	1066	6596
Deduct closed accounts as per Ledger	374	
Average Number of Accounts Remaining on the 31st March 1868.		6222

Bank of Madras
Govt. Savings Bank Deptt.
31st. March 1868.
Compd. [illegible]

/Sigd/ P.L. Duffield.
Offg. Chief. Accountant.

Examined & found Correct
/Sigd/ Tudor Trevor
Auditor

/Sigd/ J.E. Franck.
Offg. Secretary & Treasurer.

/True copy/
/Sigd/ J.E. Franck
Offg. Secretary & Treasurer.

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From

Tudor Trevor Esqr.

To

H. Lushington Esqr.

Accountant General

Madras

Madras 22 December 1868.

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Do Do 1867/68		703697	14 11
Increase	Rs	121271	1 4
Withdrawals made by Depositors during 1866/67	Rs	4,74,430	10 2
Do Do 1867/68		546451	5 1
Increase	Rs	72020	10 11
Average No of accounts open on 31st. March 1867 Presidency 2732 Mofussil 2798⅔		5530	
No of do on 31st. March Presidency 2888 2334		6222	
Increase		692	
No of new accounts opened during 1867		978	
Do 1868		1066	
Increase		88	

No of accounts closed during 1867 378 4

Do during 1868 374 15

Decrease 4

6 I have also inspected all the Government Securities on account of Investments of Savings' Bank balances together with new Transferable Treasury Notes belonging to minors as per annexed Statement marked B aggregating Rs 812800 and have found them all correct.

Of this sum of Rupees 13,32,936 15 10, due to Depositors Rupees 7,47,535 5 10, Stand invested in 6 per cent Government Promissary Notes amounting to Rs 809800. and it remains for you to determine whether any further investment shall now be made.

With regard to the remarks made by the auditor in the last para of his report on last years accounts, I beg to be allowed to make the following observations. He there suggests that the auditor should attend monthly and proceed with the work as the Books are posted up and if this was possible, his suggestion would be of valuable service in reducing both the labour it now entails, and the time it occupies. But it appears to me impracticable for the following reasons. The postings in the new Ledgers cannot of course be prepared until the old ones are closed, and it requires considerable time to collect all the Pass books and to examine them with the ledgers so as to complete the

preparation

preparation of the balance sheet, which I am given to understand under the present system cannot be done for at least 6 months after the close of the official year after the accounts are closed and the Balance sheet is prepared, the books are ready for the auditor's inspection and then the clerks proceed (after 6 months have elapsed) to prepare and post up the new ledgers. It appears to me therefore impossible for the auditor to attempt any thing like a monthly audit of the accounts. I think however much time might be saved if the preparation of the new ledgers took place once in every 4 years instead of every year as at present, and if some of the Paymasters were more punctual and accurate in their returns. The preparation of the headings and the posting of the balances occupies I believe the whole time of two clerks for at least two months moreover, such a very complete system of check is observed in the department that I think the Government auditor might be fairly released from checking item by item all the entries in the cash books and ledgers which in 1867 amounted to upwards of 20000. His functions would, I presume, be then limited to an annual or half yearly inspection of the accounts, and after satisfying himself of their general accuracy, and that every needful check had been exercised, to report the result to his observations for your information.

This reference to the amount of work done by the Department gives me an opportunity of pointing out how much it has increased since the Department was handed over to the Bank of Madras in 1864. Then the number of Depositors was 4,357, with a balance due to them of Rupees 8,95,841-10-1 now it is 6222 with a balance due to Depositors of Rupees 13,52,936-15-10. whilst there has been no addition to the strength of the establishment. I think therefore the Department is deserving of very great credit. This however is mainly owing to the industry and intelligence of the Head Accountant Seshayee Naidoo and old and well tried servant of Government to whom I have been much indebted for the ready assistance he has afforded me throughout this audit. His salary is but a small one, for the responsibility which attaches to his Office, and which a higher paid former Superintendent so grievously abused and I should be glad to hear that the Bank had given him some further recognition of his services by an increase of Salary.

9 As there is at least one instance in which a criminal has a deposit in the Bank, it would be useful if it was more generally known whether the deposits of criminals are forfeited to the Crown or whether

whether they may be withdrawn, under the order of the criminal or otherwise either for his own benefit or that of his family. If however these deposits are the property of Government it would be advisable to have them removed from the Books of the Savings' Bank to the credit of Government.

10 It seems to me that the present System observed by the Bank of keeping the account of a Depositor in the same Ledger either Presidency or Mofussil as the case may be in which the account was first opened and without regard to his actual place of residence afterwards, is a bad one because it makes it very difficult to arrive at an exact estimate of the relative No of Presidency and Mofussil Depositors as the accounts of Presidency Depositors are posted in Mofussil Registers and vice versa. In my opinion the Presidency and Mofussil accounts should be either kept quite distinct from one another or there should be no distinction whatever and only one set of books be kept for all the Depositors and I incline to the latter suggestion as the best one.

11 I beg very respectfully to remaind you that this long and tedious audit has occupied Mr. Mackay and myself upwards of three months and chiefly out of Office hours, and to express a hope that the local Government will be pleased at least to remunerate the Head Accountant who has been always in attendance on the auditor for the extra hours and work which has been thus entailed upon him. Indeed I think it would be but fair if Government would lay down a rate of remuneration for all clerks who assist the various auditors appointed by Government as extra work and attendance is required from them as well as from the Auditor whilst he only receives extra remuneration.

12 In conclusion, I beg to record my acknowledgments of the uniform and courteous attention I have received from the several officials of the Madras Bank with whom I have been brought in contact during my recent audit.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
(Sigd) Tudor Trevor
for A/g 1st Asst Accountt Genl

Compr J.D.M.

Comᵉ Department

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Fort Saint George
Accountᵗ Genᵗ Office
14ᵗʰ December 1868.

№ 247

From
F. Lushington Esquire
Accountant General

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the Reports of the Officers deputed by me to audit the Government Savings' Banks accounts of the Presidency for 1867-68.

2 It will be observed that the Balance due to depositors on the 31ˢᵗ May last namely Rupees 13,32,936-15-10, is nearly two lakhs in excess of the balance at the close of the previous year, which seems to warrant the belief that the Savings' banks are becoming more popular with the lower classes. Of the above sum Rupees 7,42,535-5-10. have been already invested in Government securities, and I request that I may be permitted to authorize the Secretary of the Bank to invest a further sum of Rupees two and a half lakhs as soon as the Government balance at the Bank, which is just now very low, admits of my doing so.

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With reference to paras 7 and 10 of the Auditors Report I beg to state that it is my intention to refer the suggestion therein made for the opinion of the Comptroller General of Account, as it is desirable that the same uniformity which exists as regard Audit and Account in other branches of the Administration should obtain also in respect to the Government Savings' Bank accounts.

The deposit account referred to in the 9th para of Mr. Trevor's Report, is that of Dwarka Mr. Serjeant Dallas, who is supposed to be the individual convicted of the murder of his wife at Trichinopoly, but of which the Bank possesses no authentic information, Cases such as this must be very rare, and should I think, be invariably reported to Government for orders. To enable the Secretary of the Savings Bank to do so, it will be necessary to instruct the District Officers to report to him the case of any depositors within their districts convicted of felony.

I beg in conclusion to express my hope that the Government will be pleased in consideration of the arduous nature of the audit of these accounts, and which has been performed almost wholly out of office hours, to award to the auditors the same fee which was granted to the auditor on

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on a similar occasion last year namely Rs. 300 to be divided between Messrs. Mackey & Trevor.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

F. Cruttenden
Accountant General

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Copy. Capt. Garrard

Financial Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Accountant General.
(Here enter 14th Dec 68 No 247)
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With the foregoing letter the Accountant General submits the Report of the Officers deputed to audit the Government Savings' Banks accounts for the year 1867-68.

2. It appears from the report that there was an increase in the amount of deposits in 1867-68, as compared with 1866-67, of Rs 1,21,271 and that there was an accession to the number of depositors of 692. The balance due to Depositors on the 31st March

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March last amounted to Rs 13,32,906, or Rs 1,97,693 in excess of the amount due on the corresponding date in the preceding year. The Government view these results as highly satisfactory.

× Rs 11,35,248.

3. Of the sum of Rs 13,32,906 due to depositors, the Accountant General states that Rs 7,42,035 have been already invested in Government Securities.

The Secretary & Treasurer of the Madras Bank will be now authorized to invest a further sum of two and a half lacs of Rupees, as soon as the Government balance at the Bank admits of this being done.

4. The Accountant General's suggestion in paragraph

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paragraph 4 of his letter, that every case in which a depositor is convicted of felony should be reported for the orders of Government, is approved. The paragraph in question, together with an extract from these Proceedings, will be communicated to the several District Officers, for their information & guidance.

5. The payment of a sum of Rs(300) three hundred to Messrs Mackey and Trevor as remuneration for the audit of the Savings' Bank's accounts is sanctioned.

27 Dec 10

To The Accountant General.
" Directors of the Bank of Madras } dispatch 29/12

Govt. of {186 } Madras.

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To

The Accountant Genl.
Mra.

Dated Janry. 13 } 1869.
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G. O., 13 Janry 1869, No. 23.

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Reviewing the Report of the Officers deputed to audit the Govt. Savings' Banks' accounts for 1867/68.