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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
17th January 1874.

Read the following papers :—

No. 107. To His Exc. the Right Hon. the GOVERNOR in COUNCIL,
Fort St. George.

The humble Petition of COMBACONUM VENCATACHELLA PILLAY, Merchant, residing at No. 52, Coral Merchant's' Street, Madras.

Humbly Showeth,—That your petitioner, on the 24th Margalee of the year 1872, had lost ten Currency Bank Notes of the following character and numbers for Rupees 1,000 each :—

Nos. $\frac{B}{29}$ 32081, 32082, 32083, 32084, 32085, 32086, 32087, 32088, 32089, and 32090.

2. That, on the 18th January 1873, he published the same in the Government Gazette, and wrote to all the Banks in the Presidency, to the Branch and Currency Offices in the interior, a copy of which said notice is herein enclosed for information.

3. The theft of the said notes and the perpetrator, one Vencatachella Chetty, was apprehended by Inspector Simpson of the Reserve Force, and the said charge of theft of the said Bank Currency Notes was laid before the Senior Magistrate of the Town Police Court, Mr. T. G. Clarke. On the case being fully gone in and investigated by that functionary, it was proved that Vencatachella Chetty committed theft in the dwelling-house of your petitioner.

4. The said Bank Notes alluded to, excepting the last three numbers, were confessed by the prisoner that they were cashed by him, and the other notes from Nos. 32081 to 32087 were produced by the said Inspector, they having been found in the house of the said prisoner.

5. That on the trial terminating the said prisoner was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment with a fine of 200 Rupees and costs of petitioner ; at the same time the aforesaid Bank Notes, from Nos. 32081 to 32087, were handed over to petitioner with 3,000 Rupees, being amount of the latter three notes cashed by prisoner.

6. That, during the investigation, the Bank Note, No. 32081, was tampered with and the figure 1 was erased. The Magistrate was satisfied that the mischief was done by the prisoner.

7. About a fortnight ago petitioner presented the said erased Bank Note to the Currrency Office to cancel the note erased and to give petitioner a fresh one in lieu, whereupon the Currency Officer sent the said note to the Police office to ascertain if the note in question was investigated and that the erasure was discovered at the Police ; the Magistrate, in reply, stated that the note was discovered to be erased by the prisoner, and that the note is the *bonâ fide* property of petitioner. On receiving the reply the Currency Officer said that he had no power or an Act that the Currency Officer to renew a note under the circumstances, and had it stamped off " Payment refused, note altered," and the said note returned to petitioner, which said note is herein enclosed.

8. Under the foregoing circumstances, the erasure committed by the prisoner was fully discovered, and from the foul act and atrocity of the prisoner your petitioner is the looser of not a small amount, but a sum of Rupees 1,000.

9. The explanation herein made referring to the said note was no act of the petitioner that could disentitle him to a renewal of the said Bank Note, and thereupon your petitioner humbly prays that his case may be taken into consideration, and that your petitioner may have the benefit of a renewal of the said note. For which act, your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

MADRAS, 15*th November* 1873. கு. வெங்கடாசலப்பிள்ளை.

Referred to the Commissioner of Paper Currency for report.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20*th December* 1873.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 828.

No. 108. *Report of the Commissioner of Paper Currency.*

The undersigned has the honour to report that, under the Rules in force in this Department, Currency Notes, which are presented for payment and found to be fraudulently altered, are returned to the presenter branded with the words "Note altered, payment refused." This was done in the case of the note now under reference, as it will be observed that the last figure on both halves was erased evidently with some fraudulent intent.

2. Under the circumstances represented by Vencatachellam Pillay, payment can only be made by this department under the sanction of the Government of India through the Head Commissioner of Paper Currency, as in the case of notes entirely lost, Vencatachellam Pillay executing the usual Bond of Indemnity.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
7th January 1874.

(Signed) W. LODWICK,
Commr. of Paper Currency.

No. 109. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1874, No. 66.

Application will be made to the Government of India for authority to cash the note.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 110. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort St. George, 17th January 1874, No. 67.

I am directed to forward the accompanying papers for the consideration of the Government of India, with the request that the Commissioner of Paper Currency may be authorized to cash the mutilated note.

Procs., 17th January 1874, Nos. 107—109.

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2. It will be observed that it was stolen from the party presenting it for encashment, and altered by the thief before recovery, with the intent apparently of evading detection and enabling himself to put the note in circulation, payment having been stopped when the theft was detected.

3. There seems no reason to question the good faith and title of the applicant.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

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Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras.

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Dated January, 17th.

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G.O., 17th January 1874, No. 66.

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Paper Currency.—Application made to Government of India to authorize the Paper Currency Commissioner to cash a note which was stolen from the party who presented it for encashment and mutilated by the number being altered by the thief before recovery.

Government of Madras,

Financial DEPARTMENT.

From 17th January 1874.

Petition No. 2867 of 1873.

From C. Venkatachellum Pillay,

Occupation. Merchant residing at

Village
Talook. } Madras.
District.

Dated 15th November }
Received 5th December } 1873.

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Abstract.

States that on the 18th January last he published the numbers of ten currency Bank notes which

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that the erasure was made by the prisoner

Prays that the said note may be renewed as the erasure was not effected by him.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

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Petition from C. Venatachellum Pillay, dated 15th November 1873.

Report of the Commissioner of Paper Currency, — " — 7th January 1874.

Order thereon, 17 January 74. No. 66.

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Financial Department.

No. 67

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To
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Financial DEPARTMENT

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From
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George,

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated Jan 17 1874.

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