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Government Savings Bank.

No. 187. Read the following letter from R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Fort William, 9th February 1876, No. 752 (Accounts):—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters, Nos. 4167 (Financial) and 4386 (Financial), dated respectively the 14th and the 24th December 1875, regarding a claim advanced by Mrs. Catherine Sarstedt against the Public Debt Office in Calcutta on account of two Government promissory notes for Rupees 1,000 each, formerly standing in the name of her late grandfather, Ensign John Osborne.

2. In reply, I am directed to observe that one of the two notes in question stood in the joint names of Ensign and Mrs. Osborne, and was rightly paid to the latter after the decease of the former. Mrs. Sarstedt's claim in respect of this note cannot, therefore, be admitted.

3. With regard to the other note which stood in the name of Ensign Osborne alone, I am directed to state that the Governor-General in Council is pleased to sanction the payment to Mrs. Sarstedt of two-thirds of the value of the note, together with interest up to the date on which the five per cent. loan of 1856-57 to which the note belonged was paid off. One-third should be considered as having been paid to Mrs. Osborne in a due course of administration.

4. I am to call your attention to a letter from the Government of Bombay in the Military Department to the President of the Committee of Adjustment on the estate of the late Honorary Ensign and Deputy Assistant Commissary J. Osborne, No. 1 (Assets and Estates), dated 4th January 1869, and to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to explain the circumstances under which the Committee of Adjustment was declared to be at liberty to make over to Mrs. Osborne the estate of her deceased husband on her paying in full the preferential charges.

Copy (together with a discharged Promissory Note, No. 38020, of the five per cent. loan of 1856-57 for Rupees 1,000, and vouchers) forwarded to the Comptroller-General, with the intimation that his Assistant, appears to be the officer through whose carelessness the amount of the note was erroneously paid to Mrs. Osborne, and that should, therefore, be called upon to show cause why he should not bear the loss; and with the remark that the Comptroller-General and the Accountants-General, Madras and Bombay, should be careful never, without the special orders of the Government of India, to issue any reductions calculated to relieve the Banks of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay from the responsibility which devolves upon them under their contracts with Government in respect to the management of the public debt.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras and the Accountants-General, Madras and Bombay.

(Signed) D. BARBOUR,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
21st February 1876.*

No. 188. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1876, No. 369.
Communicated to the Directors of the Bank of Madras.
(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary

To the Directors of the Bank of Madras.

- „ Board of Revenue.
- „ Revenue Department.
- „ Military Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 752.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Accounts.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

FORT WILLIAM, the 9th February 1876.

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I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. B. CHAPMAN,

Secretary to the Government of India.

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Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras and the Accountants General, Madras and Bombay.

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

Govt. of 1876; 31/1/76.

FINANCIAL.

To THE DIRECTORS OF THE BANK

OF MADRAS.

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Dated February, 21st.

Issued

Recd.

G.O. 21st February 1876, No. 369.

FEBRUARY.

NOS. 187-188.

Government Savings Bank.—Copy of a paper received from the Government of India, respecting the illegal payment by the Public Debt Office, Calcutta, to Mrs. Osborne of a promissory note afterwards claimed, communicated to the Directors of the Madras Bank.

General
Govt. of (1876) Madras.
Financial

G.O. 21st February 1876 No. 349

No. 187-8

Government Savings Bank.

Copy of a paper received
from the Govt. of India
respecting the illegal
payment by the Public
Debt Office, Calcutta,
to Mrs. Osborne of a 100
rupee note of the
Bank of India.
The same has been
communicated to
the Secretary of the
Government Bank.