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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 29th September 1857.

No. 68. Read the following letter from the Accountant General; to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 23rd September 1857, No. 167.

Sir,

Para. 1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, No. 1163, dated the 9th Instant, referring for my report, a petition from John Spencer, a pensioned Bailiff of the Madras Court of Small Causes, stating that he deposited 500 Rupees in Bank Notes as security, and praying that orders may be given to the Accountant General to receive from him the Government Promissory Note of Rupees 500 (which has been the invested security required by the rules of the Court) and to give him 500 Rupees in cash in lieu thereof.

" 2. I do not think Government have any concern with this matter; Mr. Spencer, conforming to the rules of the Court, and thereby kept his place, and had that advantage from his deposit as well as the interest* which from time

*From 1st December 1856, to 30th January 1857,	11 1 4
@ 5 per cent	
Accumulation interest @ 4 per cent for 3 months,	8 2 1
up to 30th June 1857	
From 1st July 1856, to 30th June 1857, @ 5 per	40 0 0
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to time was drawn on his note and delivered, I presume, to him. Had the Bank Notes been detained as security, he would have received no money by way of interest. The depreciation of the Promissory Note in which his deposit of Bank Notes was invested, has not been the re-

sult of any act of this Government. It was accepted and retained so long as he held his place, as the equivalent of 500 Rupees, but whether his creditor will take it as the equivalent, is quite a private affair, resting between themselves. Mr. Spencer, most likely is not the only person thus affected, but many holders of that security, and others who have deposited paper as security, for their acts as public servants.

(Signed) G. L. PRENDERGAST,

Accountant General.

No. 69. ORDER THEREON, No. 1251; dated 29th September 1857.

Mr. Spencer will be informed that as the conversion of his Bank Notes for Rupees 500, into a Promissory Note of the same amount, was not the act of Government, and he has received from time to time the interest which thus became due to him, Government does not feel called upon to take any steps in the matter.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

N. 1251.

Mr. Spencer will be informed that
 as the conversion of his Bank Notes for
 £1000 into a Government Note of the
 same amount was not the act of
 Govt. and he has received from him
 to time the interest which thus he
 - came due to him Govt. does not
 feel called upon to take any steps in
 the matter.

Yr

Wm. George, Esq.
 27th September 1857.

To Mr. John Spencer, Madras.
 " Post General } Disptd.