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Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, for the month of March 1860.

No. 3. Read the following letter from Major CHARLES A. ORR, Mint Master, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 7th March 1860, No. 417.

Paragraph 1st. I have the honor to report for the information of Government circumstances which have led to the compulsory resignation of a subordinate employé of the Mint, and to his subsequent committal by Mr. T. G. Clarke, the Magistrate, to take his trial at the ensuing Sessions on a charge of obtaining money on false pretences.

2nd. On the 18th ultimo, Mr. D'Silva the Store-keeper reported to me that on the previous day his son Mr. R. S. D'Silva, a Senior Apprentice also *employed** in the Store Department, had complained to him that the Bricklayer Maistry, who for some four years past has been entrusted with building contracts about the Mint, had demanded the repayment of a sum of Rupees 481 which he accused Mr. R. S. D'Silva of having received for the purchase of waste and unserviceable Copper; that on his calling the Maistry and interrogating him, he asserted that the money had really been paid to Mr. R. S. D'Silva by two Native merchants, named Vencatasawmy and Narasimmooloo Chetties, under a belief, with which he had inspired them, that through his intervention the article they required could be obtained on more favorable terms than if they made a regular application for it, and took their money to the Mint, and further that that morning having seen the merchants they affirmed all that the Bricklayer Maistry had said.

* *Since September* 1857.

3rd. On hearing this statement I sent for the Bricklayer Maistry and in reply to my questions heard from him not only that the money in question, Rupees 481, had been paid by the two merchants to Mr. R. S. D'Silva for the purpose, and with the view above indicated, but that also on three previous occasions three several sums of Rs. 15, Rs. 15 and Rs. 20 had been obtained, through him, by the accused from the same parties, and paid to him through a Chickledar of the Store Department named Madvaroyen.

4th. Though the accusation was totally and persistently denied, and though scarcely able to bring myself to credit that a person, so well acquainted with the Mint as the Maistry must necessarily be from his length of service about it, could believe that it was possible clandestinely to pass out of it such an article as Copper or that he or the other parties should suppose that any thing could be obtained on any terms except an application to me, his statement, as well as that of the Chickledar, whom I also questioned, appeared to be made with so much consistency, and the two seemed so to corroborate each other though heard separately, as to leave, when considered in conjunction with the young man's admission of having had private meetings with the Maistry in a building adjoining the Mint, an impression on my mind of its truthfulness, so far, at least, as the alleged three smaller payments are concerned, and I consequently felt it my duty summarily to dismiss the Chickledar as a confederate and to call upon Mr. R. S. D'Silva for his resignation; at the same time letting the two merchants know that if they were entitled to redress they must seek it in the Courts.

5th. They accordingly instituted proceedings before the Magistrate of Police, and the result being that Mr. R. S. D'Silva was on Friday evening last committed for trial to the Sessions, I have requested the Government Solicitor, whom I consulted on the subject, to watch the case, as the charge implies an attempt at fraud on the part of a person holding at the time an official, though very subordinate situation in the Mint, and is therefore in some degree connected with the administration of that establishment.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1860, No. 307.

Communicated to the Government Solicitor, who is requested to watch the proceedings.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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