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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 266-267	307	Press Mis.
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
28th February 1866.

No. 266. Read the following letter from the Accountant General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 24th February 1866, No. 285.

Book and Adjustment Department.

With reference to the Orders of Government, dated 15th instant, No. 228, Judicial Department, I have the honor to request the sanction of Government to write off to 26 "Miscellaneous," the sum of Rupees 500, payment of which was made at the Bank of Madras, on the 14th October last, on bill erroneously audited by the Examiner of Claims on the 12th idem, on account of a grant-in-aid for 1865-66 to the Upayucta Granda Karana Saba Society, and debited to 20 "Education, Science, and Art." For the forgery of this bill, Mr. G. Corneille, late a clerk in the Post Audit Branch of this office, was tried at the last Sessions of the High Court, and acquitted from want of sufficient evidence to identify him with the transaction.

2. Owing to the transition state of the office, consequent on the introduction of the new System of Account and Audit, and to the change of clerks from one Department to another, which was then of necessity made, peculiar facilities were afforded for the perpetration of the fraud by any person acquainted with the state of the office, and I have no doubt whatever in my own mind, that Mr. Corneille intentionally misled the parties entrusted with the audit of the bill above alluded to.

3. I beg to add, that the salary of Mr. Corneille, from 1st to 21st October last, the date of his arrest, and which remained undisbursed, was paid to him on his application on the 10th current, and he was dismissed from the office with effect from 22nd October 1865.

No. 267. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1866, No. 307.

Under the circumstances stated in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the sum of 500 Rupees paid on a forged bill, erroneously passed by the Examiner of Claims, being written off the Public Accounts.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant General.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

28th February 1866 No. 307.

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stated in the foregoing letter
the Council is pleased
to sanction the sum of
500 Rs. paid on a forged
Bill erroneously passed
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Public Account.

Cog. No. 148-149
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The Accountant General &c &c &c