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Government of Madras.

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No. 248. Read the following letter from A. RIACH, Esq., Auditor of the Administrator General's Accounts, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 30th April 1866.

In compliance with the Order of Government, No. 413, of 21st ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that I have re-examined all the Bonds and other Securities belonging to Estates in charge of the Administrator General.

2. I have now to report that there are no Bonds or other Securities belonging to Estates in charge of the Administrator General which are not duly endorsed in the name of the "Administrator General of Madras," excepting three and three-quarter shares in the Bank of Madras belonging to the Estate of the late James Morris, and six shares in said Bank belonging to the late Michael McDowell's Estate.

3. The Administrator General has written to the Bank of Madras, asking it to transfer the three and three-quarter shares from the name of "James Morris" to that of the "Administrator General of Madras for the time being." These shares were deposited with the Bank by the Administrator General before he got Letters of Administration.

4. With regard to the Bank shares belonging to Michael McDowell's Estate, I find that McDowell, by his Will, appointed the Administrator General of Madras for the time being as his Executor, and the late Supreme Court granted Probate to the Administrator General, as the Executor appointed by the Will. The difference, therefore, between this Estate and the other Estates in charge of the Administrator General is that in McDowell's Estate a Probate has been obtained, and in the other Estates, Letters of Administration. I am, therefore, of opinion that the Government have little or no control over any Estate of which the Administrator General is Executor, as he is appointed Executor by the Will. At present these shares stand in the name of the deceased, and nobody but the Executor can deal with them.

No. 249. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1866, No. 803.

With reference to the inquiry made in paragraph 5 of the Proceedings, dated 21st March last, No. 413, the Auditor of the Administrator General's Accounts reports that, with two exceptions, all the Bonds and other Securities belonging to the Estates in charge of the Administrator General are duly endorsed in the name of "the Administrator General for the time being." This point should hereafter be invariably noticed by the Auditors in their half-yearly Reports. They should explicitly state whether all Bonds are duly endorsed over to the Administrator General, and, in any instance in which such may not be the case, should explain the reasons for the omission. This course should be observed as a standing rule.

2. With reference to the remark of Mr. Riach, that this Government have little or no control over any Estate of which the Administrator General is duly appointed Executor, the Governor in Council is disposed to think that the Government have no control whatever in such cases, and that such Estates should not find a place in the Administrator General's Schedules; but, before passing final orders on the point, he resolves to refer it for the opinion of the Government Solicitor.

(True Extract).

Chief Secrerary.

To the Auditor of the Accounts of the Administrator General.
" Administrator General.
" Accountant General.
" Government Solicitor.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Judicial Department.

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Read the following letter from the Auditor of the Administrator General's Account, dated 20 April 1866

Order thereon 23rd May 1866 No. 803.

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To the Auditor of the Accounts of the
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