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11th February 1875.*

No. 243 Read the following Circular letter from Colonel J J McLEOD INNES, R E, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—General,) to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, in the Public Works Department, General, Irrigation and Railway Branches, the Governments of Bengal, North-Western Provinces, and Punjab, in the Public Works Department, General and Irrigation Branches, the Chief Commissioners of Oudh, Central Provinces, British Burmah, Mysore and Coorg, and Assam; the Resident at Hyderabad, the Agents of the Governor-General for Central India and Rajpootana, the Superintendent of Port Blair, and Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands; the Director-General of Telegraphs; the Inspector-General of Military Works, the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, the Director of State Railways, the Director-in-Chief, Indo-European Telegraph; the Director, Persian Telegraph, the Deputy Director, Persian Gulf Telegraph; dated Fort William, 11th January 1875, No 6 P W. —

A CASE has recently occurred in which the legal ownership of a Government Promissory Note deposited with an Executive Engineer as security for due fulfilment of a contract has been disputed, owing to the fact of the transfer of the Note to the Contractor not having been signed by the former possessor of it, but by another person who had acted as Agent for the latter.

2 It has been laid down by the Bank of Bengal (Loan Department) that "the sale of the Note by — as Agent of — cannot be admitted under the explanation that he is known to be the Agent; the endorsement must be supported by a power of sale, or effected by the principal, or his legal representative, should his legal representative sign, the Treasury Officer should certify that the endorser is such"

3. With a view to prevent a recurrence of the delay and inconvenience which has resulted in the case under notice, I am directed to request that the attention of all officers, with whom Government Promissory Notes are deposited as security, may be drawn to the necessity for exercising the greatest care in satisfying themselves, before accepting the Notes as security, that such Notes have been formally endorsed to the intending depositor by the previous possessor, and that, so far as can be ascertained, the sole right to the possession of such Notes is vested in the person depositing them.

No. 244. ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1875, No. 377.

ACCOUNT, No. 14.

COMMUNICATED to all District Engineers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, R.E, Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

To all District Engineers.
To the Consulting Engineer for Railways
.. Consulting Architect to Government.
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts
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Promissory Notes.

Circular from the
Govt of India, regarding
the necessity for exercising
great care in the accep-
tance of Government
Promissory Notes as
~~trust~~ security deposits,
Comd to all Dist Engrs