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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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2. I may mention that I have since received two more letters from the Executive Engineer bringing to notice that, owing to the inability of the Treasury to cope with the requirements for small coins, he is incurring charges in exchanging rupees. The charges already incurred on this account should, in my opinion, be debited to the works concerned, if not to the Civil department. Instructions are solicited on this point.

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3. As Mr. Bragg reports that he has paid a discount of Rs. 2-11-6 for changing Rs. 174 to make payments on this occasion, I shall be obliged by being informed whether that sum may not equitably be debited to the Civil department, which is presumably responsible for the failure on the part of the bank to meet a well-recognized and continuous want of the Public Works Department.

4. I observe that a similar complaint against the bank has twice before been made to the Treasury Deputy Collector, Ootacamund, in January 1885 and in December 1888. On the latter occasion, he replied as follows :—

"I regret the inconvenience complained of. I referred your letter to the Bank Agent, and from his reply the cause of the deficiency in small silver appears to be because his requirements for the past 3 months have not been met in full. I am, therefore, writing to the Accountant-General, Madras, and I trust there will be no cause for complaint again."

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No. 5902-C.

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FINANCIAL.

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G.O., &c., 6th March 1890,
Nos. 179, 180.

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