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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1762 Press Mis.

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Dated 21 st June 1869

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st June 1869.

No. 467. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th May 1869, No. 3,332:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 29th April 1869, No. 111.

In continuation of my predecessor's letter of the 17th ultimo, No. 71, I have the honor to state that on further enquiry I understand that a cheque was originally presented to the Deputy Collector of Wynaad by the agent of Messrs. Richmond and Co., who appear to have received it from Messrs. Arbuthnott and Co., that the Head Clerk of the Forest Department, one Candasamy was sent for, and that on his stating positively that the cheque was drawn up in proper form, the Deputy Collector after proper enquiries as to whether the payment could be made, ordered the Talook Sheristadar, who was then in charge of the Treasury, to cash it.

Vide Board's Proceedings, dated 31st March 1869, No. 2,063.

2. The Sheristadar appears to have doubted whether presentation by the endorser should not be insisted on before the cashing of the cheque; but the Deputy Collector observed that it being an open endorsement payable to any one that might present, he saw no objection to the payment. The cheque was then duly cashed at the Manantoddy Treasury.

3. I may here mention, that the Forest Department cheques appear to me to be clearly negotiable. The form of the cheque clearly permits it, and custom also appears to have sanctioned it. Under these circumstances, I think Treasury Officers would not be justified in refusing payments for cheques drawn up in prescribed forms by Officers duly empowered to do so.

In paragraph 3 of their Order of the 6th March, Government called for an explanation as to why a cheque originally refused at Manantoddy was eventually cashed at the Calicut Treasury.

2. The Collector now explains that the cheque was cashed at Manantoddy and not at Calicut: there would appear to have been some question at first as to whether the cheque was transferable, but on reference to the Deputy Collector, that Officer decided that it was so.

3. The form of cheque, of which one has been obtained from the Forest Department and is enclosed, shows clearly that the Deputy Collector was right.

No. 468. Order thereon, 21st June 1869, No. 1,762.

Forest No. 15.

The explanation submitted by the Collector is satisfactory.

2. The Government are of opinion that cheques must necessarily be negotiable. Otherwise their usefulness would be much limited. The Board will, however, be requested to report if the rules which have been prescribed to guard against forgery in the Public Works cheques are observed in regard to the cheques of the Forest Department also.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Revenue Department

No. 1762

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 21st June 1869.

Read the following. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Reporting, with reference to the Embezzlements made by Mr. Turnbull, late of Forest Department, Madras Cheques for Rupees 2,000, drawn upon by Head Officer was cashed back by Manager of Treasury, and that Forest Department cheques appear to be negotiable.

F. C. 15th May 1869 No. 3332

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated June, 21st.

Read

G. O., 21st June 1869, No. 1,762.

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Embezzlement by Mr. Turnbull, late of Forest Department.—Collector's explanation regarding the cheque for Rupees 2,000 that was drawn by the Overseer and cashed at Meenambaky Treasury, considered satisfactory. Board to report if the rules prescribed against forgery in the Public Works cheques are observed in the cheques of the Forest Department.

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