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No. 4670.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Accounts.

FORT WILLIAM, the 27th December 1872.

Read—

Endorsement of the Public Works Department, No. 1821GR, dated the 28th November 1872, forwarding copy of correspondence regarding a loss of Rs. 759-9-2 sustained by the Oudh and Rohilkhund Railway Company.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council observes that a cheque for Rs. 759-9-2 was drawn by the Agent of the Oudh and Rohilkhund Railway Company on the Barabankie Government Treasury in favor of Mr. Nicholas, the Company's Engineer at Suffdergunge.

2. Mr. Nicholas endorsed the cheque in favor of his Cashier, but took no receipt from him; and the amount of the cheque was never brought to credit by the Cashier, although the cheque was cashed at the treasury. The signature of the payee was not taken when the cheque was cashed.

3. The question now is whether the civil officers concerned are responsible for the loss.

4. His Excellency in Council is of opinion that, while it is to be regretted that the Treasurer did not exact a receipt from the payee, he was not legally bound to do so, the cheque being payable to bearer. The responsibility for the loss cannot, therefore, be enforced against the civil officers. In future, however, all such cheques should be made payable to order only.

ORDERED, that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Public Works Department and to the Comptroller General; also to local Governments, with a request that local Treasury Officers may be forbidden to cash cheques payable to bearers.

R. B. CHAPMAN,

Secretary to the Government of India.

Signed D. Barlow.

Order thereon 21 January 1873 N. 115

Communicated to the Accountant General who will issue the necessary instructions to all Treasury Officers, to inform all Depts. who have credit in Government Treasuries. It will be notified in the Fort St. George Gazette that under instructions from the Government of India all Treasury Officers have been prohibited from cashing cheques made payable to Bearer.

(True Extract)

Robertson
Chief Secretary

The Accountant General.
Revenue Department.

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Revenue 1873 Dept.

No 197.

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1 To the Board of Directors of the Bank of India

No 198. 23 January 1873

Communicating to the
Accountant Genl. a Finan-
cial Resolution of the Govt.
of India prohibiting Treasury
Officers from cashing cheques
payable to bearers—

W. H. Menden