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Imitation Government Checks

*To all Banks, Trust Companies and Savings Banks
in the Second Federal Reserve District:*

The Treasury Department has asked us to inform you as to certain imitation checks which are being passed purporting to be issued by an officer of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Claims. According to a telegram received by us yesterday the checks are dated at Washington, D. C., and are drawn on the Treasurer of the United States.

“The names of the payees,” the telegram continues, “have varied. The Department here has specimens payable to George I. Mitchell and William M. Foster, Macon, Ga. The checks are usually drawn for \$75.00; sometimes less. Checks are printed on bankers safety paper, light bluish gray. Back of check reads ‘This check void unless signed by the payee in ink in the presence of at least two witnesses.’ Space is provided for signatures of two witnesses. All checks which have been passed to date bear signature of A. M. Wells as one witness.”

Very truly yours,

BENJ. STRONG,

Governor