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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 20.07.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

Crl.O.P.No.16154 of 2023
and Crl.M.P.Nos.10160 & 10161 of 2023

M.Saravanan
S/o.Murugappan

...Petitioner/Accused

. Vs .

1.G.Bharat, M/36
S/o.Ganesan

... 1st Respondent/Complainant

2.Velmurugan, M/52
S/o.Ramar

..2nd Respondent/2nd Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to call for the records in STC No.2058 of 2021, on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.III, Salem, quash the same.

For Petitioners : Mr.T.Padmanabhan

ORDER

This petition has been filed challenging the proceedings initiated by the respondents against the petitioner under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

2. The grounds raised by the counsel for the petitioner is all factual in nature and it requires appreciation of evidence and this Court cannot decide the same in exercise of its



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jurisdiction under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code. It is left open to the petitioner to raise all the grounds before the Court below and the same shall be considered on its own merits and in accordance with law. This Court is not inclined to interfere with the proceedings pending before the Court below.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner requested this Court to dispense with the presence of the petitioner. Taking into consideration, the facts and circumstances of the case, the presence of the petitioner is dispensed with and he shall be represented by a counsel, who shall cross examine the witnesses on the same day, they are examined in Chief. The petitioner shall be present before the Court below at the time of questioning under Section 313 Cr.P.C and at the time of passing of the final judgement.

4. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is disposed of with a direction to the Court below to complete the proceedings in STC.No.2058 of 2021, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are also closed.

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Index : Yes/No
Speaking order:Yes/No
Neutral citation:Yes/No
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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.III, Salem.



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