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No. 12. EXTRACT FROM MINUTES CONSULTION, in the Judicial Department, under date the 25th November 1857.

(*Vide* Diary Judicial Consultation, 1st December 1857, Nos. 3 and 4.)

No. 13. To H. RICKETTS, Esq., Commissioner for the Revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments throughout India, dated Fort Saint George, 3rd December 1857, No. 1014.

SIR,

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has had under his consideration your Report on the subject of the duties and emoluments of the Resident of Travancore and Cochin in which you recommend that the Salary be reduced from Rupees 33,600 to Rupees 25,000 per Annum or from Rupees 2,800 to Rupees 2,083-5-4 per mensem, observing that the Office does not appear more laborious or responsible than the Political Agency of Neemuch or Nimar to which that Salary has been allotted.

2. His Lordship in Council has no means of knowing what may be the duties and responsibilities of the Neemuch and Nimar Political Agencies; but he observes that you admit that the Resident of Travancore and Cochin exercises a much more minute interference in the affairs of those States than any Political Agent with whom you are acquainted, and considering the size of the Travancore Territory and the urgent need there is of a good and highly efficient Officer there to advise the Rajah and assist him in initiating and carrying out the reforms so much required in every branch of the Administration, he would much regret any reduction of the present Allowances of the Resident. He thinks it moreover very advisable that the very few of these well paid appointments in this Presidency, which remain as rewards for good Service, should be kept upon the present scale of Allowances attached to them.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

Memo.

I beg to circulate for orders the proposal of the Comm for Civil Salaries and establishments relative to the pay of the Resident of Travancore and Cochin — Mr Ricketts recommends that the salary be reduced from R 33600 per ann. to R 25000 or from R 2800 to R 2083:5:4 per mens. observing that the office does not appear more laborious or responsible than the Political Agency of [illegible] or him as to which that salary has been allotted —

I have no means of knowing what may be the duties and responsibilities of the Neemuch & Rewa Political Agencies — but it will be seen that the Commissioner admits that the Resident of Travancore and Cochin exercises a much more minute interference in the affairs of those States than any Political Agent with whom he is acquainted and considering the size of the Travancore Country and the urgent need that there is of a good man there to advise the Rajah and assist him in initiating and carrying out the reforms so much wanted in every branch of the administration it is I submit to be regretted that the allowances should be cut down —

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I quite agree — it is very desirable to keep up these very few of these well-paid appointments — which serve as rewards for good service.

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Just because he in his [illegible] post
has no knowledge of any Resident
who has the same amount of
work to perform —

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Judicial Department.

No. 1544.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 25th November 1857.

Read the following letter from H. RICKETTS, Esq., Commissioner for the Revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments throughout India; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Ootacamund, the 1st October 1857, No. 1249.

SIR,

In conformity with para. 7 of my instructions No. 1014, dated the 14th March 1856, I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copies of my proposed reports on the subjects noted in the margin.*

(Signed) H. RICKETTS,

Commissioner for the Revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments throughout India.

*1 The Resident at Travancore.
2 The Magistracies of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay.
3 Conservator of Forests and his Assistants in Madras.

Resolved that the papers relating to the Resident of Travancore and the Conservator of Forests, be referred for consideration to the Political and Revenue Departments respectively.

(True Extract and Copy.)

/Signed/ T. Pycroft

Chief Secretary.

To the Political Department, with an Enclosure.
" Revenue Department, do.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

The Resident at Travancore

Salary Rs 2800 per mensem
or Rs 33,600 per Annum.

Up to 1819 the Resident drew his pay of Rs 213 per Mensem as Regimental Lt Colonel in addition to his Civil allowance since then the civil pay only of Rs 2800 per mensem has been allowed. The Resident thus describes his duties. "The Resident in
"Travancore and Cochin exercises a
"general supervision over all the depart-
"ments of the Government, both in
"Travancore and Cochin. The Dewans
"of these states are of course the executive
"Officers under the orders of the Rajas,
"but every thing of importance is com-
"municated to the Resident, who,
"moreover, calls for such additional
"information as he considers necessary,
"and he offers his advice generally in
"the Revenue, Police, Judicial, and other
"departments. The correspondence
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Referring for consideration to this Deptt copy of the Report of the Commissioner for the revision of Civil salaries relating to the Resident of Travancore.

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"with the two Dewans, and the miscellaneous
"correspondence comprising all letters to
"Collectors and Magistrates, and others
"in the adjoining districts of Malabar,
"Coimbatore, Madura, and Tinnevelly,
"Amount in the aggregate to about
"2400 letters annually. The Resident
"has to forward to the Government weekly
"a diary for each Sirkar, recording all
"letters received and despatched as
"also the substance of all petitions,
"and the endorsements forming four
"or five sheets of demi paper. He has
"also to forward to Government a
"report annually on the receipts and
"disbursements of each Sirkar as well
"as full explanation of every thing
"of importance or interest that has occurred
"within the same interval. Besides
"which, he forwards to the Government
"annually from 50 to 70 special reports

on

"on a variety of matters. The petition
"department is also one of great labour,
"for the substance of every petition
"is recorded, translated, or orders
"passed upon it, and endorsements
"afforded to every petitioner. The
"average annual number of petitions
"is from 1800 to 2000. The Nair
"Brigade consisting of two battalions
"of 750 men and 30 goolundauze —
"commanded by a Captain and a
"Brevet Lt. Colonel of the Company's
"service with under him one Lieutt of the Company
"service with local rank of Captain,
"and three local Captains, and a local
"Medical Officer, are also under the
"orders of the Resident.

I find it very difficult to
class this Office. The incumbent is
styled Resident, but it is evident,

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from the account given of the duties, that indirectly, the Resident is much concerned in the management of the country. He receives from 1800 to 2000 petitions in the year. Every thing of importance is communicated to him. He calls for additional information if he considers it necessary, and he offers his advice in all departments. "It is a most extraordinary system. In other parts the political agents exercise much interference, but I have not found any office exactly resembling this and the extent of the Residents responsibility appears impossible of definition. The Raja, the Dewan, and the Resident all appear to be concerned in the Government, but the extent of authority vested in each is not explained.

The Office does not appear to be more laborious or responsible than

than the Political Agency of Neemuch, or Nimar, to which a salary of Rs. 25,000 has been allotted, I would decrease the salary to that scale. The saving will be Rs. 8,600 per annum.

(Signed) H. Ricketts

Rd. A. M. Begbie

Copd. E. A. Cuffley

Wd 7th

Financial Deptt

No 1014

To

H. Ricketts Esqre

Commr for the revision of Civil Salaries and Estabts throughout India

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2. His Lordship in Council has no means of knowing what may be the duties and responsibilities of the Neemuch and Nimar Political Agencies, but he observes that you admit that the Resident of Travancore & Cochin exercises a much more minute interference in the affairs of those States than any Political Agent with whom you are acquainted. And considering the size of the Travancore territory and the urgent need there is of a good and highly efficient Officer being there to advise the Rajah and assist him in initiating and carrying out the reforms so much required in every branch of the Administration, he would much regret ~~strongly deprecate~~ any reduction of the present allowances of the Resident. ~~and~~ He moreover thinks it very advisable that the very few of these well paid appointments in this Presidency, which remain as rewards for good service, should be kept up on the present scale of allowances attached to them.

Fort St George
3rd December, 1857

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To
The Commiſsioner for the
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