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Political DEPARTMENT.

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No. 5. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the (Separate) Public Department, dated 24th November 1857, No. 330.

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Read also report of the Civil Auditor.

(Here enter No. 203.)

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No. 186, *Circular, July 21st* 1854.

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5. The Collector was not authorized in permitting Cooppa Row to retire, on the understanding that a good service pension would be secured to him. He should have continued Cooppa Row as Police Ameen, and submitted his application accompanied with copies of such Proceedings of himself and his predecessors as commented favorably on the applicant's character and attainments.

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7. Resolved to circulate this Extract from the Minutes of Consultation to the several Departments, in order that it may be fully understood that, pending the sanction of Government to an application for a "good service" Pension, the Officer recommended for that privilege is to retain his appointment.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 1052; dated 16th December 1857.

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Exd. J. A Wilson.

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(True Extract.)

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To

The Political Department.

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Extract Minutes Consultation in the Civil Session Department. 330.

3/24 Nov. 1857.

No 1714.

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