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Government Agents Office
5th January 1857.

From,

Surgeon C. G. Balfour
Government Agent at Cheepauk.

To,

J. Lycroft Esqr
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

In my letter No. 95 dated 29th October 1856, I recommended, and the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, by Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 31st October No. 2409 of 1856, ordered, the houses within the Cheepauk Palace Square to be purchased of, having then no doubt in my own mind that the Cheepauk Palace was Circar property.

2 I have the honor to request the favor of your announcing to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the Dewan of the Durbar has reported the purchase of 20 grass huts for Rupees 350 but that there are other 500 houses which people have been allowed to build there, on an annual ground rent, and that the Revenue Estimate their value at Rupees 70,000, being

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7 at an average Rupees 140 per house: In my letter of the 24th Ultimo, I recommended the adoption of some liberal measure regarding the bits of properties belonging to the Mohome=dan people now to be thrown out of Employ=ment, but, as the question of the private or Sircar right to the Chepauk Palace is not to be decided by Government but has been sent for Consideration to the Government of India, and the Palace may be declared private property, I recommend the suspension of all further purchases till the decision be received.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant.

Govern't Agent's Office
5th January 1857

Edward Balfour
Government Agent.

To
T. Pycroft Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort St. George

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Political 1857 Department

From, Surgeon E. G. Balfour
Government Agent
at Chepauk

To,
T. Pycroft Esqr.
Chief Secretary to
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Fort St. George

Dated 5th January 1857.
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No. 16

With reference to his letter No. 95 dated 29th October 1856 & E. M. C. 31st Idem No. 409 of 1856, requests to announce to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the Dewan of the Durbar has reported the purchase of 20 Grass Huts within the Square of the Chepauk Palace for Rs. 350.

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but that there are other 500 houses, the value of which the owners estimate at Rs. 70,000, & recommends the suspension of all further purchases till decision be received from the Government of India regarding the question of the private or Sircar right to the Chepauk Palace.

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The fort agree with the Agent that for the present it is only advisable to proceed with the purchase of the houses within the Chepauk Palace Square

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that may suit her purpose, there seems to be no safe mode of proceeding, but to abstain from interference with all.

8. In conclusion I have to request that I may be instructed if I am to consider the Courts' injunction as including the landed endowments of the Pagodas and the Chattrums, and if I am precluded from ordering the usual allowances of grain and money to these public institutions. The lands would certainly appear not to have been the "private Estate of the late Rajah," but they were under his management.

Tanjore. I have the honor to be
3 Jany/57. Sir, Your most Obd Servant.

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Commissioner

In D.V. to Cons. 13th Jany

Political 1857 Dept.

From the Commissioner of Tanjore

No. 93

No. 17

Dated 3rd Jany

Recd. 6-1-57

Acknowledging the receipt of the orders of Govt. communicating the Hon. Compy's Solicitor's advice that he should abstain in toto from all interference with the crops on the

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lands of the late Rajah; & submits the difficulties attendant on the carrying out of that officer's suggestions.

Letter to Engr. 26th February 1857 Paras (a)

Ordered to be referred to the Acting Solicitor in advertence to

Sir H. George his previous opinion on the 8th Jany 1857

Solicitor subject

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Chief Secretary