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26th March 1857.

From
Surgeon E. G. Dalfover
Government Agent at the place

To
T. Dycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George
date 26th March 1857

Sir,

The Notification from the Government of India of date the 20th January 1857, which appeared at page 296 of the Fort Saint George Gazette N^o 3103 of 20th February 1857, seems to restrict commutations to pensions, of every kind, not larger than Rupees 20 per annum, and seems to include, therefore, the political pensions known here as the Carnatic Stipends.

2 Under the doubts that this Order of the Government of India has created in my mind I have thought it
advisable

advisable to obtain from further recommendations, until I could submit the matter to Government; but in now doing so, I have the honor to mention that, although the Honorable Court recommended an adherence to the scale of commutation adopted in the Punjab, not only have the Honorable Court in the case of Carnatic Stipendiaries not adopted the Punjab limit of Rs 20. as now prescribed by the Government of India, but in their Letter N^o 3 dated 30th April 1856 para 41 the Honorable Court expressed the opinion that it is "highly desirable to encourage a disposition on the part of Stipendiaries, to obtain by the commutation of their pensions the means of engaging in profitable employment" x x x

And they "saw no reason against entertaining the application for bonus when made, whatever may be the amount, provided due means are taken, as they appear to be, of ascertaining the character of

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"of the applicant is respectable, that the purpose is not to squander the money."

3 The Order now issued by the Supreme Government seems to have been so under the impression that it was necessary for the protection of the State but the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is aware that when I first on the 31st May 1849, recommended an individual for a bonus it was the benefit that Government would derive from this course which induced me to do so; And in every case since then, amongst all the Carnatic Stipendiaries and Carnatic Jaghiredar Stipendiaries to whom bonus have been granted, the utmost care has been taken to be satisfied as to the probability of the individuals employing the bonus in a manner as useful to themselves and useful to the country which by its bounty was to enable them to emerge

emerge from the state of idleness and
all its attending degradations, in
which they have so long been sunk.
And the liberality of the Honorable
Court, towards this class of its pensioners,
has undoubtedly been a great boon to
a body of people and to the State for
the mutual relation which exists bears
no similarity to that of the humble
people of the Punjab. the highest of
whose pensions allowed to be commuted
amounts to only a Rupee and a half
per mensem. While here we have even
grandsons of Sir Fighnefs the late
Nabob Wallajah, active energetic men,
anxious to escape from the idleness
around them and to possess the
means of bettering their condition, but
which the Government will be unable
to assist them in if the orders of
the Government of India are taken
to countermand those of the Honorable
Court who see no reason against
entertaining

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entertaining the application for bonus
when made whatever may be the
amount, after ascertaining that the
character of the applicant is respect-
able and that the purpose is not to
squander the money. I subjoin a
Memo shewing the dates of all pre-
vious correspondence on this subject,
for facility of reference, and would only
now add that in my care to avoid
recommending any case where, any
doubts existed as to the character of the
individual and to his ability to em-
ploy his bonus well, I have felt it
necessary to reject a greater number
of applications than those that have
been recommended to Government,
and if fewer of the higher ranks of
nobles than might have been expect-
ed have as yet applied for bonus, -
their refraining from doing so, has
been

been the consequence of the agitation
kept up by the absence in England
of Hyder Jung Bahadur, and by the
idle vauntings of relations here, which
inspire many of them with the hope
that some great change will be ef-
fected in their condition, which it
is advisable to await, and from the
benefit of which the present disposal
of their stipends would exclude them.
I am of opinion that the bonus
system recommended by me in 1849
has been a great boon to the Carnatic
stipendiaries in many ways, and has
had its share in remedying the great
social evil in this city of so many
men, of one class, remaining in it in
compulsory idleness, and I do not
recommend any change in the
Honorable Court's Orders as con-
veyed in para 51 of their letter
dated

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dated 30th April N^o 3 of 1856..

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Croft Agents Office,
26th March, 1857

Your most obedient servant

J. S. Croft
Government Agent

J. S. Croft Esq^r
Chief Secretary to Gov^t
Fort St George

Memo.

Memo:

To Government dated 31st May 1849

To L^d - " - - - - 23rd June "

G. O. N^o 313 - - " - 18th June "

E. M. C. - - - - 29th " " N^o 339

To Government - - - 19th March 1850 paras 647

E. M. C. - - - - 28th May 1850 N^o 240

To Government - - 20th January 1852

To L^d - - - - 27th " "

E. M. C. - - - - 3rd February 1852 N^o 46

To Government - - 12th October 1853

To L^d - - - - 1st November "

E. M. C. - - - - 25th October " N^o 371

" " " - - - - 2nd December " N^o 416

Honorable Comte's Letter - 12th April N^o 1 of 1854 paras: 36 & 37

To Government - - 3rd November 1854

E. M. C. - - - - 14th " " N^o 432

Honorable Comte's Letter - 30th April N^o 3 of 1856 para: 41

To Government - - 27th Feb^y 1857 paras: 3, 4, 5 & 6

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1836. gave 41 copies of
the opinion that it is
Walt in order.

The for Agent at Chepauk is
informed that the late orders
of the Government of India
do not place any restriction
on the communication of Censor.
- to the Secretary - then allow.
- answer being communicated
under the special instructions
of the Hon. the Council of Directors
Copy to Genl. Agent. Disposed of.