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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 392

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Extract from a despatch from the Honorable the
Joint of Directors, in the Political Department
No. 1, dated 4th January 1854.

6xxxxx All promises ever made to the family
have been far more than fulfilled. But there
is a point at which liberality must stop, and
it would be contrary to our duty, when the public
faith is in no way pledged to continue a gratuitous
assignment of the public revenue in favor of
individuals for an indefinite series of generations.
The living members of the family have a just
claim on us for support. but not so their unborn
descendants.

7. While however, we look forward to
the gradual discontinuance of these and all simi-
lar stipends not secured by Treaty or other bind-
-ing engagement, and are desirous that the persons
interested should be aware that such is our intention,
justice requires that the rising generations of
these families should receive every facility and
encouragement to qualify themselves for, and to
obtain, honorable employment in the public service
or elsewhere. We recommend to your earnest consideration
the means of improving the education, moral and
intellectual,

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intellectual, of this class; and we repeat the intimation we have made on former occasions, that we should approve of your rewarding instances of merit and capacity in these families by appointment to such public situations as the individuals may be qualified to fill.

Extract from a despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, in the Political Department, No. 10, dated 15th July 1855.

15+*** While thus increasing the Pensions of many members of this family, who are more immediately connected with the former rulers of Mysore, we think it right, in conformity with the principles laid down in previous despatches to direct your attention to the expediency of devising a scheme for the eventual discontinuance of the present system, and for the future absorption of the descendants from Tippoo Sultan in more remote degrees among the mass of British subjects in India, and the scheme which we suggest for your consideration is the following—On the death of any of the grand Children of Tippoo Sultan you should ascertain the relations who have been supported on the Pension of such deceased person

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person, and grant to them suitable pensions with a notice that each pension must cease with the life of the grantee.

Extract from a letter to the Honorable the Court of Directors, No. 10, dated 8th April 1856.

6. We propose, with the permission of your Honorable Court, to apply the principle of the Rules embodied in the Resolution now submitted for your sanction, with the necessary adaptations in each case, to all other political stipendiaries in India, having no hereditary right to their stipends who have nevertheless been so treated in practice as to encourage them in the hope of leaving their pensions or some portion of their pensions as heirlooms for an indefinite time to come. This will give a much wider application to the injunctions of your Honorable Court. Than they were perhaps intended to bear, but the principle is equally just to all, who, like the Mysore Family, have no hereditary or guaranteed right, and the expediency of providing accordingly for the gradual extinction of all ordinary Political Pensions can hardly be questioned.

Extract, paras. 2 & 12, from a despatch from the Honorable

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Honble the Court of Directors, in the Political
Department No. 1, dated 2^d January 1857.

2. We have in previous despatches on this subject explained the principles by which we wish you to be guided in assigning pensions to the members of the Family and you have rightly understood our desire to extinguish gradually the system by which the descendants of the Sultan of Mysore have been maintained as a separate race, & specially endowed by the British Government, and to see the entire family eventually amalgamated with the general mass of the population of India. But this end, however desirable, is not to be precipitately attained. It is incumbent upon us in all our arrangements with this Family, and with those placed in a similar position to bear steadily in mind that it would not be in accordance with that just and liberal policy which should actuate our proceedings towards the families of the deposed Princes of India, to allow considerations, either of financial expediency or of social economy, to induce us to make such sudden changes in an existing

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existing system, as cannot fail to be attended with suffering and possible degradation to those who have hitherto been entirely dependent on our Government for support.

2. In the 5th para. of your letter you propose, with our permission "to apply the principle of the rules embodied in the resolutions now submitted for our sanction, with the necessary adaptations, in each case, to all other political stipendiaries in India, having no hereditary right to their stipends, who have nevertheless been so treated in practice as to encourage them in the hope of leaving their pensions or some portion of their pensions as heirlooms for an indefinite time." The resolutions which you have submitted to us with especial reference to the Mysore Family, are, in our opinion, sufficiently liberal to be applied with the necessary qualifications suggested by peculiar circumstances in each case (and after previous reference to us in every instance) to the members of other families now dependent upon our Government for support. We have on former occasions expressed the wish which we entertain to see these pensioners gradually converted into self-supporting members

members of society, and we have called your
special attention to the expediency of attaining
this desirable end by finding public employ-
-ment for any duly qualified Member of the
Mysore Family. We do not observe however that
this has been done, and we conclude therefore
that either the opportunity has been wanting
or that the family themselves do not yet
understand that it is more honorable to be
an useful public functionary than a mere
pensioner of the state. - +

(Enc. Extracts)

W. P. Redmond
Secretary to the Government of India

W. P.

(Copy)

For William
Foreign Department
The 17th April 1857.

Resolution.

The Right Honble the Governor General in Council is pleased to resolve that the grant of stipends to the members of the Mysore family shall be guided by the following rules.

1st That in pursuance of the instructions conveyed in the Honble Court's despatch N. 16 of 1855 dated the 14th July, the sum of Rupees 1000 per mensem shall be added to the allowance (Rs. 2096) now received by Prince Ghulam Mahomed, the only surviving Son of Tippoo Sultan - the said increase to have effect from the 1st August 1855.

2^d That the allowances received before the 26th October 1855 by the Grandsons of Tippoo Sultan, varying from Rs. 543.8.0 to Rupees 132 be equalized, and a uniform stipend of Rupees 600 per mensem be assigned to each such grandson for his life, lapsing at his death.

3^d That the allowances now received by the grand daughters of Tippoo Sultan varying from Rupees 26 to Rupees 66 per mensem be equalized, and

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and a uniform Stipend of Rupees 261 be assigned to each of the said granddaughters for her life time, lapsing at her death.

4th That on the death of any of the grand sons or granddaughters of Tippoo Sultan, they being the Children of Sons of the said Tippoo Sultan, the Superintendent of Mysore Princes shall report the number and names and relationship of those relations who have been supported on the Stipend of such deceased person: and that it shall be competent to the Government of India, on a Consideration of all the Circumstances then existing to assign to each or any of them such pension or pensions as it may think proper.

And Whereas by Clauses 7 and 8 of this Resolution the existing Stipends of great grandsons and great granddaughters of Tippoo Sultan being Children of Sons of the said Tippoo Sultan (whose fathers are now deceased) are to be raised to Rupees 200 and 100 respectively, it is resolved that, on the decease of any grandson being the son of a son of the said Tippoo Sultan, the Government shall be at liberty to assign to the sons and daughters (now living and not being sons and daughters born of Khewaper) of such grandson pensions of Rupees 200 and 100 per Mensem respectively, granting to the other relations who may have been supported on the Stipend of the

the deceased, such allowances as it may think proper.

And it is further resolved that on application to that effect being duly made, the Government shall be competent once for all to commute the amount of Pension, which would be receivable by any great granddaughter of Tippoo Sultan according to the foregoing resolution, to one sum payable to her during the life time of her father by way of an advance for marriage and Dowry.

5th That it be distinctly understood, and explained to the members of the Mysore family, that Children born of Khewaper after 26th Oct^r 1855 will not be entitled to any Stipend or other provision whatsoever.

6th That it be further understood and explained that the Stipends of all Begums and Khewaper will lapse, absolutely and finally, on the death of the Stipendiaries generally.

7th That the allowances now received by the great grandsons of Tippoo Sultan being the sons of a son of the said Tippoo Sultan, whose fathers are now deceased, be equalized and a uniform Stipend of Rupees 200 per Mensem be assigned to each of such great-grandsons for his life time.

8th That the allowance now received by

by the great grand daughters of Tippoo Sultan,
being the Children of a Son of the said Tippoo
Sultan, whose fathers are now deceased, be
equalized, and a uniform Stipend of Rupees 100
per Mensem be assigned to each of such great
grand daughters for her life time.

9th That the great grandsons and
great grand daughters of Tippoo Sultan, being the
Children of Sons of the said Tippoo Sultan, whose
fathers are living, and who may be in the
receipt of allowances under the operation of
the orders of Government dated 5th February
1820, shall, in the spirit of those orders, receive
during the life time of their father, a maintenance
in the aggregate equal to one third of the
augmented Stipend which will accrue
to such father in accordance with
the 2^d Clause of this Resolution and
no more. Provided that on the death
of such father the rule prescribed
by Clause 11 of this Rule shall become
applicable to such great grandsons and
great grand daughters.

10th That, on Special Considerations,
the allowances now received by Nawab Ghulam
Ali, the Nephew, and by his sister, the
Niece

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Niece of Tippoo Sultan, and by their mother,
the widow of the late Nawab Nureem Shah,
be readjusted as follows - Digt -

To Nawab Ghulam Ali — Rs. 1000 per mensem

To his Sister — " 200 per mensem

To their Mother — " 200 per mensem

(True Copy)

P. D. Morrison

Secretary to the Government of India

Dec 14 1856 to Dec 28 1857
May 1857 to Dec 1857

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No. 1871

From
The Secretary to the Govt of India
To
The Secretary to the Govt. of
Fort St. George.
D. Fort William, the 17 April 1857.

Foreign Dept

Sir,

Ex. from despatch from Govt. of India
No. 1 of 1857, dated 15th Feb. 1857
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In the 10th of 1857, dated 15th Feb. 1857
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I am directed by the Governor
General in Council to forward to you extracts
from correspondence, as noted on the margin
together with a copy of the Rules laid down
with the approval of the Honorable Court of
Directors, for the gradual discontinuance of
the stipends allowed to the Members of the
Mysore family in Bengal; and to request
that you will submit them to the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council.

2- The Honorable Court concurs in
opinion with the Government of India that
the above Rules are sufficiently liberal to be
applied, with the necessary qualifications
suggested by peculiar circumstances in each
case, to the Members of other families now
dependent upon the British Government for
support, having no hereditary or guaranteed
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right; who have nevertheless been so treated in practice as to encourage them in the hope of leaving their pensions or some portion of their pensions as heirs-looms for an indefinite time to come. — I am accordingly instructed by His Lordship in Council to suggest that on the decease of any Political Stipendiary or any member of a Stipendiary family, the whole case may be taken into consideration, and rules framed in the spirit of those enclosed, for the future regulation of the provision (if any) to be made for the heirs or dependents of the deceased Stipendiary, or of the family to which he belonged. — It will of course be ^{submitted in the first instance for the consideration of the Govt. of India & be} understood that such rules will be subject to the final approval of the Honorable Court of Directors. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

Fort William

The 17th April }
1857 }

G. Edmonds Esq

Secy to the Govt. of India

Political Department

No. 392

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date 19th May 1857

Read letter from the
Secy to the Govd of India.

Dated 17th April 1857 No. 1891

Resolved that the
foregoing letter and its
enclosures be communi-
cated to the Acting Resi-
dent at Tanjore, and the
Govd Agent at Chepauk
with reference to paras
8th and 14th of the letter
from the Govd of India
dated 8th September 1856
No. 4044, a copy of which
was furnished to those
Officers respectively with
L^t. Min. of Coun. of the
25th September No. 311 and
4th October 1856. No. 302.

Ordered,

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Copy to the Government of
Madras 1857 No. 1891
11/19/57

Under No. 19 May
Political 1857 Department

Copy to the Government of
Bombay 1857 No. 1891
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2 enclos.

Enclosure of any letter
and accompanying papers
Members of a stipendiary
family, the whole area
may be to run into one
division and sub-division
in the spirit of these laws
issued for the purpose of
regulations of the provision
of any to be made for
the heirs or dependants
of the deceased stipen-
diary or of the family
to which he belonged
No. 1174/57
No. 128/57

Transmitting Extracts
from the the Court's Register
as together with copy of
the Rules laid down with
the approval of that auth-
ority for the gradual di-
minution of the de-
pendants allowed to the
Members of the Mysore
family in Bangalore and
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2. Ordered, that the papers above recorded be also communicated to the Revenue Department, where the question of applying the Rules therein laid down for the gradual discontinuance of the stipends of the Ryas family, to the members of other families now dependent upon the British Govt for support and paid in that Revenue Dept, will be considered.

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Copy to the Asy Resident at Tanjore
with copy of Mr. Edmonstone's
letter & of its 2 Enclosures.
- do - Govt Agent at Chelapatt - do
Revenue Depart - do

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Abstract of Morris of London

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