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No. 17. Read the following letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq. Commissioner of Tanjore ;
to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated
Tanjore, 11th May 1857, No. 176.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated the 25th Ultimo, No. 322 calling for a report on Dr. Brooking's case and the provision to which that Gentleman is entitled, according to the rules prescribed by the Government of India ; and for certain other information relative to the Hospital at Tanjore, of which Dr. Brooking is in Medical charge.

2. As the Government are in possession of correspondence with Sir H. Montgomery, former Collector of Tanjore, in respect of the circumstances under which, after his resignation of the Service, Dr. Brooking became a salaried dependent of the late Rajah, it seems necessary I should

To Government, 6th April 1846.

From Do. 8th October,,

simply draw attention to the fact, that although Dr. Brooking's allowance when originally employed,

was " guaranteed " at the rate of Rupees 500 per mensem, the Rajah, of his own free will, subsequently raised it by a sum of Rupees 200 a month. Thus, at the date of the Rajah's* demise, Dr. Brooking was actually drawing a monthly Salary of Rupees 700.

* 29th October 1855.

3. The addition of 200 Rupees a month does not appear to have been made a subject of official communication between the Rajah, or any of his Officers, and the Resident ; but it has been understood that the Rajah granted it for Dr. Brooking's " private attendance on the Circar " and on account of medicines to be given to such Europe animals as might be favorites of His " Highness."

4. From the information available to me, I cannot but believe that these duties were nominal, rather than real, and such was the opinion of Mr. H. Forbes, the late Commissioner here, who, as Collector of Tanjore for some years before the Rajah's death, had ample opportunity for acquiring on the spot, the knowledge which I do not possess and am unable to obtain from the records of the Residency.

Acting Collector, Mr. Cherry, to Government,
22nd December 1856

5. In the communication of the late Acting Collector, Mr. Cherry, to which I have marginally referred, the Government have a Statement of the reasons by which Mr. Cherry's predecessor was actuated in discontinuing the allowance of Rupees 200. The measure was taken at a time when strict economy was necessary in the management of the Rajah's affairs and as Dr. Brooking had, in truth, performed no extra duty whatever for the extra salary which the Rajah had bestowed on him, I am not aware on what ground it could fairly have been continued to him.

6 When however, as is now the case, the subject of closing Dr. Brooking's connection with the Tanjore Durbar comes under consideration, I am inclined to believe he may justly be permitted to demand that the gratuity to which he is entitled for his ten years' service, shall be calculated,—not on the sum which he has received as his salary for the past nineteen months,—but with reference to that which he was

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drawing when his patron demised : and in this view, I have taken the liberty of entering the higher amount in the enclosed Statement,

which I beg to submit for sanction.

7. I am, however, bound to state that difficulties may arise from treating Dr. Brooking's gratuity in the manner which I have proposed, although the Government would seem to have had this mode of adjustment in view, when they observed

Minutes of Consultation, 6th January 1857,

No. 15. para: 2.

that " it will be for the consideration of the Commissioner whether the pension or gratuity to

" be awarded to Dr. Brooking should not be calculated on the full allowance of which he was in " receipt at the time of the Rajah's death."

8. Dr. Brooking is not the only person on the establishment of the late Rajah, whose emoluments were lowered after His Highness' decease. Some of the principal servants of the Durbar

voluntarily relinquished a part of their usual salary: that of others was diminished by order from the then Resident; but in no instance when making the propositions for gratuity and pensions lately approved by Government have I taken into account their former higher rate of allowance. The amount assigned to them has had reference only to what they were actually in receipt of when I drew up the several Schedules.

9. Perhaps, then, claims may be preferred to indulgence such as intended for Dr. Brooking; or if they are not brought forward it may be believed that the European Attaché of the Palace has been more kindly treated than the late Prince's Native Subordinates. It is, however, clear that in entering the service of the Rajah, Dr. Brooking relinquished numerous advantages connected with promotion in the Medical Department of the Government and a higher pension from his fund. On these grounds therefore, the Government may be inclined to extend to him that liberality which he would not have required if the Rajah's career had terminated later and less unexpectedly.

10. The hospital of which for ten years past Dr. Brooking has had the charge he still retains, is an excellent and most commodious building. It is in the immediate vicinity of the East Gate of the Fort, and is thus conveniently situated for the inhabitants of the Town and its suburbs, accompanying, I beg to forward an original communication from Dr. Brooking with its Enclosures, showing that the monthly number of patients treated by him since January 1855 has been, on the average, 537, of whom 48 have been dieted at Dr. Brooking's expence.

11. The monthly cost of the Hospital, inclusive of subordinate Medical Attendants, Medicines, Food and Clothing, has been defrayed by Dr. Brooking from the 500 Rupees allowed him by the Rajah, which sum was originally intended to cover all charges whatsoever including Dr. Brooking's own professional aid; and I am aware that he has now in pay an East Indian Assistant and a Dresser to whom salaries of 30 and 10 Rupees a month are respectively assigned by him.

12. I believe the Homeopathic method of treatment has prevailed of late years in the Cases admitted; but the Residency Records afford no information on that or any other point calculated to show whether Dr. Brooking's Superintendence has been successful, careful, popular, or the reverse. Assuming, however, in addition to the ordinary unavoidable expenditure, that the number of Patients accepting advice from Dr. Brooking, or his Assistants, have received a mere something as Medicine, the clear profit derived from an allowance of Rupees 500 could not have been very large.

13. The building itself is in a very fair state of repair and seems to be so well built that a trifling annual sum would serve to keep it in excellent order. The compound walls are in bad condition and will cost about 30 Rupees to renew them where parts have been washed away and broken down.

14. As regards the arrangement for adoption when Dr. Brooking's services cease, I submit that the wants of so populous and important a town as Tanjore demand the services of an experienced European Medical Officer. These are the more necessary, I believe, when it is considered that there is a large East Indian Society in the place, that it is the Head Quarters of the Provincial Mission; that until latterly there have been two European Officers in command of the detachment of regular Troops; that the Collector or an Assistant or both are under existing circumstances likely to be very frequently stationed at Tanjore; that the European and East Indian Members of the Executive Engineer Department are often on duty here, and lastly, that the Widows and numerous Members of the late Rajah's family seem to have a special claim to the assistance in sickness of a competent Medical Officer.

15. I am the more induced to suggest this arrangement as I shall hereafter deem it my duty to propose that Tanjore be made the principal Station of the Collectorate and that the Treasury be transferred to it from Tranquebar, which, I consider, should be made the permanent Station of the Sub-Collector of the District, who would then be more efficient for the general duties of his Office, than at Myaveram where he now is.

16. Under the present aspect of Tanjore affairs, however, I abstain from now submitting the measure for approval; but my intended proposition is a mere matter of time. Should the Injunction of the Supreme Court be withdrawn or annulled and the exempted limits be brought under

the jurisdiction of the Combaroom Civil and Session Court, it might at once be laid before the Government, when, if approved, the Civil Surgeon now allowed for Tranquebar, might be appointed to Tanjore and a Native Surgeon, or an Apothecary, be nominated to a new Office to be created for the wants of the former place.

17. Until the above changes can be effected, it might perhaps be sufficient to station an experienced Apothecary at Tanjore, with the usual Hospital staff who could, I apprehend, be located in the Rajah's Hospital without the prospect of contravening the injunction of H. M. Supreme Court. But taking into consideration the real necessities of the Station, I submit that the services of an Assistant Surgeon are necessary.

18. I should explain in conclusion, that had Dr. Brooking's name been included in either of the Establishments, of which Schedules have been submitted to the Government, the requisite propositions on his behalf would have been made by me in the usual course, such was not the case however, as his salary has been drawn with the allowances of the inmates of the Palace, through the Sirkele, on indent, and would therefore have been brought under consideration when the future Stipends of the Rajah's family and relations come to be considered.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,

Commissioner.

STATEMENT OF GRATUITY proposed to be granted to an European Officer in the service of the late Rajah of Tanjore.

No.	Name.	Caste.	Office.	Length of the service.			Whether service hereditary or not.	If hereditary the length of the family service.	Salary.	Recommendation of the Commissioner.	Decision of Government.
				Date of commencement.	Years.	Month.					
	Mr. Samuel Brooking.	European.	Durbar Surgeon.	1846	11	4	0	Not hereditary.	Rupees. 500 As remuneration for his tuition equal to general Medical services & Surgeon's allowances & Sub-granted per cent end-computing of these at the Rajah's hospital, the medicines, &c., used in the time of which were the Rajah's supplied at death, viz., Dr. Book-Rs. 700. ing's own cost. and 200 For private attendance on the Rajah and the Rajah's favorite animals.		

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,

Commissioner.

Tanjore,
11th May, 1857. }

Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 16th June 1857.

From S. BROOKING, Esq., Durbar Surgeon; to H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Commissioner,
Tanjore.
SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 1st Instant, with its accompaniments "Extract of Minutes of Consultation, 25th April 1857," I have the honor to give you the information called for, and in doing so, I have thought it advisable to state the reason of the Establishment of the Rajah's Hospital, and my own position in respect to it.

Within a year after my arrival at Tanjore as Residency Surgeon in 1836, His Highness was pleased to give me an allowance of 100 Rupees per month, and provide me with a building and medicine for the treatment of the poor sick of the Station. In the course of time the numbers increased and a larger Building was found to be required. In 1843, His Highness to shew his satisfaction at the manner those duties were performed, commenced the erection of the present Hospital, and in 1845, at its completion, placed me (*when still in the Service of the Honorable Company*) in charge of it. The accompanying letter No. 1, from His Highness to Sir H. Montgomery, dated April 6th 1845, shews the Estimation in which His Highness was pleased to hold my Services; and the Original Petition to Government No. 2, dated 8th December 1845, which I likewise send, is a gratifying Memento that the Services I had rendered to the Native Community were not unappreciated.

In 1846, the usage of the Service required that I should resign my appointment of Residency Surgeon, and it became a matter of consideration, how far I was bound to the Rajah after his having incurred so heavy an expence, and on his offering me an allowance if I would resign the Service of the Honorable Company and become his Durbar Surgeon, I was induced to consent to do so. The Marquis of Tweedale who was then the Governor of Madras at this time, most kindly made me a proposal through Sir H. Montgomery, that I should be allowed to hold the situation of Durbar Surgeon to His Highness and remain *in the Service* in the same way as the appointment was held in Mysore, but His Highness expressed so much gratification at my being exclusively in his service that I considered myself bound in honor to him.

I have the honor to enclose an Abstract of the admissions into the Hospital, since January 1856, and to send the Original Returns from which these abstracts are taken for your inspection, and I beg to state that this large Number has been treated. The in-patients dieted and clothed and the Establishment kept up in its present efficiency notwithstanding very diminished allowance.

At the risk of being prolix, I have thought it right to give as fully as possible the information required by the Government both for my own sake and that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council might be put in possession of such facts regarding the Hospital, as will enable him to judge of the propriety or otherwise of its being continued after it ceases to be in my charge.

It is with great reluctance that I take up the time of the Government with my own private affairs, but I should not be doing justice to my family, if I did not most respectfully represent that I have, by my retirement, lost the increased rate of Pension of £100, per Annum, to which I should have been entitled had I remained in the Service of the Honorable Company; I wish to lay no undue weight on this loss, and am quite prepared to acknowledge that my resignation was by my own Act and Deed, but considering His Highness's known friendship for and liberal disposition towards me with the fact of his knowledge and appreciation of my rejection of the offer of the Marquis of Tweedale, it may be fairly inferred that at this time, of my retirement, had His Highness been alive, he would have amply remunerated me, and I with great respect submit that my case is a peculiar one and that the provision to which I am entitled according to the rules prescribed by the Government of India for my services does not give an adequate return for those services nor meet the circumstances which attended my resignation of the Honorable Company's Service.

I beg to express my obligation to His Lordship in Council for his kindness in granting me leave of absence; but my health is restored and I shall be happy to continue in charge of the Hospital until Government have made other arrangements regarding it.

(Signed) SAMUEL BROOKING,
Durbar Surgeon.

Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 16th June 1857.

Translation of a letter from H. H. the Rajah, to Sir H. C. MONTGOMERY, BART., conducting
Duties of Resident at Tanjore.

I have received your letter of the 3rd Instant, and was extremely glad to peruse its Enclosed Report from Dr. Brooking to your address, stating the number of People who were treated at the Hospital of Sircar for the month of March, and also the state of progress at that place. As this Hospital has been established for the use and convenience of all sorts and Ranks of People, I derive from it particular blessings of Charity and Reputation, and I feel myself highly obliged to you for the anxiety and attention you at all times manifested towards its improvement, and request you will be pleased to communicate to Dr. Brooking that I am in the same degree indebted to him for the trouble and attention he is paying on that account.

It gives me much satisfaction to find Dr. Brooking mention that the Subordinates appointed at the Hospital are obedient to him; that proper care has been taken in providing Diet to the Patients sufficiently; and that Carnatic Medicines, &c., are supplied without any delay, the expences there are economically defrayed according to the present circumstances. Considering the number of Patients and their treatment for one Month at the very commencement of the Hospital, there is no doubt that the said Charity may be increased day by day. As you are my friend and partaker of my pleasures and happiness in every respect, I have no doubt that you partake with me in the satisfaction I derive from this Charitable Act. The List of Patients which you sent has been given to the Sirkele.

(Signed) SHREE RAM PRETAUP,

(True Translation)

(Signed) H. C. MONTGOMERY,

Conducting Duties of Resident.

To Sir. H. C. MONTGOMERY, BART., Principal Collector of Tanjore.

The Humble Petition of the Undersigned Inhabitants of Tanjore.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

With the highest sense of respect and profound submission we your Honor's most unfortunate Petitioners beg leave to communicate your Honor that the temporal benefactions we derived from the effectual Medical Aid by the incessant attendance to our huts if any one of us fell Sick and it is undeniable to your Honor's august presence, and during we continue without further consideration, we are informed that the Surgeon Samuel Brooking, Esq., is to remove from this Station, and as it yielded us unexpressible regret we preferred a Petition to the Honorable the Government at Madras, stating to confirm him here for our help, and being your Honor is also well convinced of his laborious attendance in case of Patients, we presume humbly to beseech your Honor will graciously be pleased and to move with compassion upon our helpless and confused condition and to intercede in our favor in support of our solicitation to the Honorable the Government in order to confirm him here that we may thereby be enabled to pass our days thankful and grateful to your Honor together with our poor Families and Children and we beg to subjoin herewith a true Copy of the Petition which we applied to the Honorable the Government.

For which act of due inclination and humanity, we as in duty bound.

Shall ever Pray.

(Signed) D. SUBANESAHAMUTTOO PI LAY,

English Instructor of His Highness the Rajah Seerajee Maha Rajah.

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and others.

Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 16th June 1857.

ABSTRACT from the MONTHLY RETURN of Sick, admitted into the Hospital of the late Rajah of Tanjore.

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	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.
Remained...	45	43	63	85	63	65	96	96	66	52	70	48	72	69	69	77
Admitted...	280	344	462	487	496	518	531	559	524	534	405	464	464	440	527	480
Total...	325	387	525	572	559	583	627	655	590	586	475	512	536	509	596	557
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TANJORE,
8th May 1857.

(Signed) S. BROOKING,

Durbar Surgeon.

No. 18.

ORDER THEREON, No. 452; dated 13th June 1857.

1. It appears from the foregoing Report on the case of Mr. S. Brooking, the Durbar Surgeon of Tanjore, that his allowance when originally employed was guaranteed at the rate of Rupees 500 per mensem, which sum was intended to cover all charges on account of the Rajah's Hospital, including Subordinate Medical attendance, Medicines, Food and Clothing, as well as Dr. Brooking's own professional services. It is stated that an addition of Rupees 200 was afterwards made to the above sum by the late Rajah, of his own free will, for private attendance on His Highness and for Medicines to his favorite animals, and thus, at the date of the Rajah's demise, Dr. Brooking was actually in receipt of a monthly Allowance of 700 Rupees. From the Statement submitted by the Commissioner, Dr. Brooking appears to have been in the service of the late Rajah for nearly 12 years.

2. Under these circumstances and concurring in the opinion expressed by the Commissioner in para: 6 of his letter, the Government resolve that the Gratuity to be awarded to Dr. Brooking shall be calculated on the full amount of Salary which he drew at the time of the Rajah's death, and accordingly authorize the disbursement to him of a sum equal to six months' Allowance at the rate of Rupees 700 per mensem, as recommended by the Commissioner in the Statement forwarded by him.

3. In para: 8 of his Report the Commissioner brings to notice that Dr. Brooking is not the only person on the Establishment of the late Rajah whose emoluments have been reduced since the decease of His Highness, that some of the Principal Servants of the Durbar voluntarily relinquished a part of their usual Salary, and that the allowances of others were diminished by orders from the then Resident; but that in all instances the Gratuities and Pensions submitted for the approval of Government have been calculated on the smaller allowances which they were receiving at the time when the several Schedules were drawn up. The Commissioner therefore expects that claims will be preferred by these Servants for the same favorable consideration which has been shown to Dr. Brooking.

4. The Government are of opinion that all the Officers and Servants of the Durbar whose Salaries have been reduced after the death of the Rajah, should be treated with the same liberality as Dr. Brooking, by their Pensions and Gratuities being calculated with reference to their actual receipts at the time of His Highness' decease. This appears to be the proper course and is in

Paras: 9 and 18 of letter from Secy. to the Govt. of India, 8th September 1856, No. 4644.

Gratuity proportionate to their pay shall be awarded to them. The Government accordingly resolve to instruct the Commissioner to submit for their sanction amended Schedules of Pensions and Gratuities to the Servants referred to in the 8th para: of his letter, calculated on the allowances actually received by them in the time of the late Rajah.

Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 16th June 1857.

5. Under the circumstances represented in paras: 14 to 17 of the Commissioner's letter, application will be made to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, through the Adjutant General of the Army, for the services of an Assistant Surgeon or, if none be available, of an experienced Apothecary, to be placed temporarily in Medical charge of the Hospital at Tanjore, until the contemplated arrangements adverted to in paras: 15 and 16 can be carried out.

Political Dept

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The Minutes of Consultation
date 13th June 1857.

Read letter from the
Commissioner of Tanjore.

(Dated 11 May 1857. No 140)

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as well as D. Mackin's
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It is stated

in addition of Rs 200 per month to
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Thus at the date of
Rajah's demise D. Brooking
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by the Commissioner, D.
Brooking appears to have
been in the service of the
late Rajah for nearly 18
years.

2. Under these circumstances and considering
the opinion expressed
by the Commissioner
in para C of his letter,

the Govt resolve that the
gratuity to be awarded
to D. Brooking shall be
calculated on the full
amount of salary which
he drew at the time of
the Rajah's death, and
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the disbursement to him
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Schedule of pensions and
gratuities to the servants
referred to in the 3rd para
of his letter, calculated on
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the late Rajah.

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To Commissioners of Bangalore with an
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Para 14 to Asst. General
and Civil Surgeon }
Para 5 to Adjutant General } Dispd 19th
of the Army.

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Questioning by Dr. H. C. Smith
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