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No. 39. 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 10th June 1857, No. 184.

SIR,

1. Adverting to my letter, dated the 11th Ultimo, No. 176, on the subject of a Gratuity payable, under the Rules, to Doctor Brooking, Durbar Surgeon of His late Highness the Rajah of Tanjore, I have the honor to state that on looking over the papers connected with the debts of the late Rajah, I observe that Dr. Brooking is considered by the Sirkele to be indebted to the Raj in a sum of Rs. 32,000. The correctness of the Account is disputed by Dr. Brooking, who believes that the only amount for which application can justly be made to him, is about 5,000 Rupees and against this he contends that there is a set off which will go far to clear the balance and perhaps leave a difference due to himself.

2. In the present position of the affairs of Tanjore, enquiry into the numerous debts of the Rajah would seem to be out of the question, and in this view, I have abstained from entering on it. But it is possible that the Government may be of opinion that any Gratuity to which Dr. Brooking may be declared entitled, should not be disbursed to him until the Sirkele's claim has been adjusted.

3. In such case, however, it will perhaps be proper, to continue to Dr. Brooking the salary of Durbar Surgeon and retain him on the pay list until the adjustment of the claim; for many of the minor Servants of the Raj who have recently been pensioned or dismissed with gratuities, are likely on an examination of the "Vasacut" or advances' lists to be found indebted to the Rajah's Treasury in sums of different amounts, although of course they will be trifling when compared with the sum stated to be due by Dr. Brooking.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,
Commissioner.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, No. 462; dated 16th June 1857.

Under the circumstances represented in this letter the Commissioner is instructed to defer disbursing to Dr. Brooking the Gratuity sanctioned by Government until further Orders, meanwhile the Salary of Durbar Surgeon may be continued to Dr. Brooking, but Government wish he Sirkele's claim against him to be at once enquired into and reported upon.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Dear Mr,

Unless called upon by Govt. I had rather offer no remarks on his letter - and as no remarks I made must be damaging to Mr. Brooking & Lake I may not be asked.

I put Philips in possession of all the circumstances

of Mr. Brooking debt of 30000 Rs to the Rajah, still I thought, and so did he at the time, was a point to be considered in fixing a gratuity — but he has not referred to it in his letter, and as I have no responsibility in the matter I had rather not volunteer information —

Also, my knowledge of the Hospital is too good to allow me to back any one of Mr. B's assertions, or of Phillips' inference —

Decide the matter on Phillips' letter, & let the onus be on him.

W.H.F.

Ed: Maltby Esq

Political Depart.

No. 462

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 16th June 1857

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of Tanjore

(Here enter 10th June 1857 No 184)

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To the Comr of Tanjore - Dispd 19th

R. O. L. to Eng. 22d April 1858
No. 5 — Paras 12 & 13.

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Directing the Commissioner of Tanjore to defer disbursing to Dr Brooking the amount of gratuity sanctioned until further orders, & to continue the salary of Dwarker Surpon to that officer — meanwhile requiring a report on the claim alleged by the Serkele to be due to the late Rajah by Dr Blooking.

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