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Government of Madras.

Political **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 473.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 20th June 1857.

Read the following letter from G. F. EDMONSTONE, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 3rd June 1857.

Foreign Department. SIR,

I have received and laid before the Governor General in Council your despatch, No. 175, dated the 24th February, enclosing a letter from the Company's Acting Solicitor at Madras, reporting that the Supreme Court there decided that Act I of 1844, was a personal statute, which upon the death of the late Nawab of the Carnatic, ceased to have any effect.

2. I am directed in reply to observe that, His Lordship in Council is of opinion, that it would have been unjust to repeal the Act in question retrospectively; but he sees no obligation to keep it alive retrospectively, if it has ceased to have effect.

(Signed) G. F. EDMONSTONE,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Ordered that copies of this letter be furnished to the Government Agent at Chepauk and to the Honorable Company's Solicitor.

(True Extract and Copy.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Government Agent at Chepauk.
" Honorable Company's Solicitor.

As Govt wish me to
be here then to continue
write this letter & the
Govt Agent & the Hon Colly
Solicitor Gen

No. 1673

Ordered that copies
of this letter be furnished to the
Government Agent at Chehalis
and to the Seattle Company's
Solicitor.

Sent to Mr. Geo. Gardner
Mr. Brown, Victoria

Sent to the Govt. Agent
" " A.C. Anderson

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From
The Secretary to the Govt.
of India - Foreign Depart.
No 2442.

Dated 3rd —— 7
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No 503.

With reference to the decision of the Supreme Court at Madras that Act 1 of 1844 was a personal Statute and ceased to have effect on the Rajah's death, states that it would have been unjust to repeal that Act retrospectively & that the Govt. of India see no obligation to keep it alive retrospectively if it has ceased to have effect

With an Order

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