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From,

Government Agents Office
6th January 1854.

Surgeon E. J. Balfour

To,

Government Agent at Chepauk

J. Tyroft Esquire

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

As I believe the general character is known to me of the transaction on which Mr. Johannes is now claiming, in order to save time, I have the honor to afford the information on the subject asked for in Para 3 of Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2 of 1854.

Mr. Johannes had not any transactions with His Highness the late Nabob. For a long time, His Highness had employed or retained his relative, Carnatic Stipendiary, Ghulam Murtuzza Khan, styled Mountazool Noor, to be the Agent in borrowing sums of money, but

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but, on suddenly stopping the same, &
Gholam Murtazga Khan sent in a
Claim as I have understood for
Rupees (₹1,00,000) fourteen lacs, for which
the late Nabob demanded accounts:
As these accounts were never furnished,
however, and as Gholam Murtazga Khan
avowed he had not any accounts, the
late Nabob long refused to recognise,
only left a very small part of
the Claim: And, for two or three years,
Gholam Murtazga Khan, only by
carefully remaining concealed, avoided
being arrested on the Civil & Criminal
warrants that were out against him.
At length, however, he was captured,
and, moved by Gholam Murtazga
Khan's beseechings, and by his statements
that the money had been got for & by
the Nabob, and that he was in trouble
on His Highness's account, the Nabob
ordered the Istefad Cutcherry to issue
seven lacs of bonds to settle the Claims
for

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for which Gholam Murtazga Khan
was then under arrest. This was
accordingly done, and the Istefad Bonds,
which Mr. Johannes holds, are part of
that seven lacs then issued.

3 What the transaction
was between Mr. Johannes & Gholam
Murtazga Khan, or what relation
it had to the late Nabob, even the late
Nabob himself did not know, and I
do not think that the Sircar records
will show.

4 I am, therefore, not able to
concur with the advice given by the
Honorable Company's Solicitor, for
Messrs. Waller to transfer to the Supreme
Court the amount obtained by the
Sale, to be there forthwith paid out
to Mr. Johannes in part liquidation
of his Claim: I am not able to concur
because the reasons which Mr. Norton
gives in the Concluding part of the
first

first para of his opinion, are precisely
such as in my opinion, should influence
the Dewan of the Durbar in enforcing
his claim on the Securiters. Because
Messrs. Caultrey & Waller, so far as the
late Mahab was concerned yielded
to a baseless demand, on the part of
an alleged Creditor.

5 I have the honor to add
that Para 3 of the Extraordinary Minutes of
Consultation under acknowledgment
ment, has been forwarded to the
Dewan of the Durbar.

I have the honor to be,

Goverment Agent's Office
6th January 1857
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

To
J. Lycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

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The Govt will await the report
 of the Dewan which should
 be submitted with out
 delay

Meanwhile the above

letter will be communicated

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