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No. 567.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 23rd July 1857.

Read the following letter from Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk.

With reference to the orders of Government in Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 19th and 24th March, Nos. 230 and 244 of 1857, enclosing the lists of the servants of the Carnatic Sircar, rearranged in the manner prescribed therein.

(Here enter 19th May 1857, No. 128.)

*Extract Minutes of Consultation, 19th March, No. 230.
Extract Minutes of Consultation, 24th March, No. 244.*

Adverting to the orders marginally noted, the Agent submits, rearranged as prescribed therein, the lists of the servants of the Carnatic Sircar. In the present returns, lists of servants at out-stations are also included.

2. In the orders passed on his former letters, the Agent's attention was directed to the rule sanctioned by the Government of India in the case of the retainers of the late Tanjore Rāj, whereby the Commissioner was authorized to make allowance

*No. 6291.
From Secretary to Government of India, Foreign department, dated 31st December 1856.*

for hereditary service in cases where the individual might recently have succeeded to office. Great difficulty, Dr. Balfour states, is found in tracing such entries in the accounts at Chepauk, and he recommends that it should be notified that if any errors should hereafter be found, or any omissions brought to light, the same will be corrected. In this the Government concur.

3. Agreeably to paragraphs 9 and 10, Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 24th March, he has assigned gratuities to all, however humble their employment, whose period of service amounts to three years. The plan proposed by Government that service under three years among such classes as horsekeepers and scavengers should be eligible to one month's salary by way of donation, and that longer periods should be disposed of as indicated by the Government of India, paragraph 18 of their letter, No. 4644 of the 8th September 1856, has been adhered to.

4. With reference to the orders of Government (*paragraph 2, supra*) authorizing him to admit ancestral service into his "*Pensions*" calculations, the Agent states that he has adopted the principle to the following extent only, viz., that the individual

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himself shall at least have served fifteen years, that the "ancestral service" shall be that of a father or grandfather, and that the conjoint service of ancestor and incumbent shall be twenty-five years.

5. There is no objection to the last two stipulations; indeed, as to the last, 25 years is the period of service deemed necessary by the Supreme Government for pension. But the Government cannot approve of the first rule. By acting upon its provisions, the object of the Supreme Government's orders would be completely frustrated. By the terms "recently succeeded to office" a very wide margin is intended for the benefit of those whose families have served in the durbar perhaps for generations, although they themselves may have enjoyed but a very short tenure of office. To translate the word "recently" into "fifteen years" is an arbitrary method of construction, and one likely to bear with much hardship on the present representatives of

many old retainers. The Agent will therefore revise the "gratuity" list, transferring names from it to the "pension" list, with reference to the foregoing remarks.

6. List No. 9 contains the names of some aged men, whom Dr. Balfour has made exceptions to the "fifteen years" service rule above adverted to. They are six in number, and the aggregate amount of their pensions would be Rs. 19-3-0. This is approved but not as an exceptional case. The benefit of "pension" as pointed out above is to be equally extended to old and young in all cases where length of *ancestral* service may compensate for the shorter period during which the present office-holders may have served.

Paras. 7 and 8.

7. List No. 10 contains the names of 37 individuals entered in the Sircar accounts as "servants," but who from their extreme youth can, as the Agent properly points out, be considered as "pensioners" only. To these it is proposed to continue the whole amount of their stipend till the close of their seventeenth year, when all allowances will cease. This plan the Government concur in. The average stipend, it is observed, comes to Rs. 5-4-0.

Paras. 9 and 10.

8. List No. 11. This list contains the names of a number of persons, the "more respectable" of the lowly classes of retainers, in respect to whom (*vide* paragraph 12, Extract from Minutes of Consultation, 24th March last, No. 244) the Agent was directed to take into account "any ancestral service" that might appear to their credit in the *Sircar* books. This, he states, he has done, but to no greater extent in any case than allowing a *one-third* pension. But if the conjoint service exceeds 35 years, the amount should be increased to a *one-half* pension, that period of service, under the decision of the Government of India, being entitled to such recompense. List No. 11, therefore, will also be revised by the Agent.

Paras. 11, 12 and 13.

9. List No. 11½, which should rather have been styled No. 11 A, is supplementary to list No. 8, of officers, civil and military, whom, with reference to their own length of service, the Agent sent up in his letter of the 23rd January, No. 18. The list has been amplified by additional returns from the provinces and by the operation of the "ancestral service" rule. This list is approved.

Paras. 14 to 18.

10. List No. 12 is in three parts. Part I contains names of those above 60 years of age; part II those between 40 and 60; and part III those under 40. These individuals are *Necazut*, *Saada*, or *Beycar*, pensioners, that is to say, persons who at various times were admitted to a stipend by the late Nawābs under vows made by their benefactors, from the fact of their descent from the Prophet or other religious and charitable views. This list has been prepared afresh, agreeably to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, 19th March last, No. 230, where the Agent was required to state the *actual receipts* of these parties as well as the nominal amount. It now appears that in lieu of Rs. 4,283-0-6 the pensioners have received Rs. 1,709-11-10 only, or about one-third of the sum stated. This appears from the receipts on record in the Dewan's catcherry. The Government have already, in their orders above indicated, approved of the terms under which the Agent would dispose of these pensioners, viz., that those under 40 have their allowances continued for 3 years only; those between 40 and 60 be pensioned at a *one-third* rate, while all above 60 and all women of whatever age be pensioned at *one-half*. It only remains to consider upon what rolls these rates should be based. The Government are altogether of opinion that the *actual receipts* alone should be considered. The Agent will submit returns accordingly, and in doing so his attention is called to a few apparent discrepancies; some persons in part I being described as less than 60 years of age, while two persons in part II are entered as above that age.

Paras. 19 to 24.

11. The Government have no objection to an exception being made in the case of boys under 18. Such youths might continue in receipt of stipend until their entry into that year. List No. 15, Appendix to No. 12, is therefore approved.

Paras. 25 and 26.

12. List No. 13 contains the names of some aged men whom, as a special case, the Agent commends to the compassionate consideration of Government. The Governor in Council is prepared to submit these cases for the sanction of the Government of India.

Paras. 27 and 28.

13. List No. 14. This exhibits the names of certain dependants of the Sircar, of ages varying from infancy to seventeen years.

Paras. 29 to 31.

The Government approve of the stipend of these 60 individuals, amounting to Rs. 286-5-0 per mensem, being continued to the eighteenth year in each case. They have, it is stated, no claims arising from "ancestral service."

14. No. 16 is the list of gratuities. Some names under the orders of 24th March last, paragraph 12, have been transferred from the gratuity list first submitted to the "pension" list, and under the same.

Paras. 32 to 34.

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Extract from Minutes of Consultation additions have been made by the extension of the benefit to certain servants of upwards of three years' service. This class, it was proposed, should receive one month's pay, but the Government directed that the scale laid down by the Supreme Government should be kept in view. The total amount now to be disbursed is Rs. 58,823-1-0. Dr. Balfour's proposal to issue to the several parties a receipt to be cashed at the treasury is approved. Those who are yet in the service will cease to be employed from the date of these orders. As observed, however, in paragraph 5 of these proceedings some more names will have to be transferred from this list to the pension list, in carrying out the orders of the Supreme Government regarding "ancestral service."

15. List No. 17 has the names of 81 individuals of menial occupations lately employed in the palace. These, it is proposed, under the orders of the 24th

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March last, paragraph 10, shall receive one month's pay as a gratuity, with all arrears of pay. This list is approved. The total sum to be disbursed amounts to Rupees 353-8-0.

16. The next lists, Nos. 18 to 22 inclusive, are those of all servants in the mofussil. The gratuities will be disbursed through the Collectors of the districts. Such of

Paras. 38 to 40.

the people as are in charge of Sircar property will remain in charge until further orders, or course at the same rate of pay. Dr. Balfour will communicate with the several authorities, in view to the exercise of the necessary amount of supervision over those servants. If, however, corrections are required to these lists to give each party the benefit of "ancestral service," although his own personal service has been brief, the Agent's attention is to be given to the subject.

17. List No. 23 is a nominal roll of eight people, heretofore supported by the Sircar, and now totally incapacitated by infirmity from procuring their own

Paras. 41 and 42.

sustenance. The amount is not large that is proposed to be assigned to them, being but Rs. 25-10-0 in all. The Government will recommend these grants, and in the interim the Agent will disburse the sums proposed in each case.

18. The Government approve of the proposal to raise the pension to Rs. 2, wherever the sum falls short of that amount.

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19. The appendix contains some details of the Triplicane *Laxmi-Banah*, where the poor of the Mussulmen of that part of the town have doled out to them alms and

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rice, both boiled and raw. The amount of the alms is Rs. 83-8-0 per mensem, the number of recipients about 150. The amount of boiled rice daily distributed is not exhibited in a total, but there are a large number of pensioners on the list. The monthly number of servants of police comes to 1,017.

20. The Governor in Council resolves to take this institution under the protection of the State, as has been done with the *Lungerkhanah* at Vellore, the choultry at Sholinghur and other such asylums. He will apply to the Supreme Government for an endowment equivalent to the amount now expended, the average sum of which Dr. Balfour will ascertain and report. The institution may ultimately become to Triplicane what the Monegar Choultry is to Black Town.

21. In connection with the Agent's letter of the 24th December last, there remain for consideration the questions of the tombs of the late Nawábs, and the charitable and religious grants of lands (pages 113-4.) In regard to the last-mentioned subject, the Government await the further specific information called for in paragraph 33, Extract from Minutes of Consultation, 19th March.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Government Agent at Cherák, with lists Nos. 9, 11, 12, 16 and 18 to 22.
.. Civil Auditor, with lists Nos. 9, 10, 11, 15, 14, 17 and 23.
.. Accountant-General.