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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 18th August 1857.

No. 11. From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Commissioner of Tanjore; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tanjore, 27th July 1857, No. 200.

SIR,

Adverting to the opinion and Orders of Government communicated in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated the 13th Ultimo, No. 452, paras: 3 and 4; I have the honor to request instructions how I am to proceed in regard to the claims to Gratuity or Pension, as the case may be, of such

Servants of the Tanjore Durbar, as were actually in employ at the time of the late Rajah's demise, but were shortly afterwards dismissed from their service without any remuneration being granted or provision made for them.

2. In the Minutes of Consultation under notice, the Government express the opinion that "all the Officers and Servants of the Durbar whose salaries" were reduced after the death of the Rajah, should have "their Pensions and Gratuities calculated with reference to their actual receipts at the time of His Highness' decease." I am therefore required to submit amended Schedules, which are under preparation.

3. I have, however, for some time past been aware, that numerous cases of hardship occurred when, subsequent to the demise of the Rajah, reductions were made in his very extensive and useless Establishments. It was the wish and intention of the then Resident to dispense with the services of all those persons who had been but recently entertained on the several Establishments of the Raj and I believe the arrangements was meant particularly to affect the additions made to the Subordinates of the various Departments subsequent to the marriage of the seventeen ladies whom the Rajah espoused on one day.

4. Practically, the reductions were not restricted to persons of that class. Among those removed from employ were many who were performing duties of an hereditary kind which had been discharged for generations by their forefathers and who, if they had not been displaced in order to carry out the reductions ordered by the then Resident to be made, would now be included in the Schedules, since ordered for amendment, which I had submitted to the Government in regard to the future provision of the Rajah's Servants.

5. The aggregate number of individuals involved in the reductions then carried out, is said to be about 2000; but a list could not be prepared without much labor and search, and I have therefore abstained from requiring the preparation of one. But whether the total be large or small, I submit that the views of the Supreme Government in regard to the liberal disposal of the dependents of the late Raj, gives a fair claim to consideration to all those Servants who came under the operation of the economical arrangements effected immediately after the death of the Rajah, and I therefore beg permission to institute enquiries as to who were dismissed and what were the Offices and their emoluments which then passed away from them, preparatory to submitting Schedules for Pension or Gratuity in the form of those hitherto settled.

6. I am aware that I might lay before the Government more specific information relative to the individuals affected by any proposition, but the institution of enquiry would raise hopes and expectations which if Government did not approve my suggestion, would be disappointed. I therefore have preferred submitting a statement of facts and a bare proposal for the application of a remedy.

7. Of the parties likely to be borne on the Schedules which I seek authority to prepare, by far the greater portion, as I understand, will be individuals entitled only to Gratuities for the briefest period of service for which a gratuity may be granted; but however few the total of the others who have a just claim to Pension, I feel that I am bound to bring to notice the position and prospective advantages which they have lost.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,
Commissioner.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 632; dated 14th August 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is of opinion that the claims of the Servants of the late Raj, respecting whom instructions are now solicited, should be allowed; and he desires that the Commissioner of Tanjore will proceed to institute the enquiries suggested in the 5th para: of his letter, preparatory to submitting Schedules for Pension or Gratuity to which the parties may be entitled.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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W. J.

For orders.

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W. J.

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For S. George, }
14th August, 1857. }

To the Commissioner }
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