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Political **DEPARTMENT.**

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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 15th September 1857.

No. 40. Read the following letters.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th June and 22nd August 1857, Nos. 169 and 242 of G. A.

SIR,

I beg to acknowledge para: 2 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 442 of the 9th Instant. In my letter, No. 153 of the 6th Instant, I did not notice the concluding para: of the Dewan of the Durbar's letter of the 5th Instant for three reasons.

2. The first reason was that Government, in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 19th January, No. 67, para: 7, in sanctioning the Stipends of the immediate family ordered the change to have a retrospective effect from the 1st of January.

3. In paras: 12 and 20 of Extract Minutes of Consultation of 19th March, No. 230 of 1857, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, again, ordered the Pensions granted to have a retrospective effect from the 1st of March.

4. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having thus twice given retrospective effect to orders, conveyed the impression that there was some reason for so doing, which I, though not cognizant of, thought sufficient.

5. A second and most important reason was that the retrospective action of that order threw the Agency at once into heavy arrears of work, which it was scarcely my part to allude to, if in opposition to the orders of Government, but which would have been obviated by making the order of prospective application.

6. The third reason was that, though I would much have wished the order to have been prospective, once it was issued I did not think it proper to recommend its alteration, as well because it is really not of much moment, their having worked on a Pension or on a salary for the five or six weeks, that elapsed before their Stipend Receipts could be issued, as because, on the only occasion that a person spoke to me, he seemed to consider it an unimportant point; and because, I regard it as of very great moment, amongst these people, that the orders of Government should not be altered from subsequent representations on any but important grounds, which, however much I might have wished the order to have been otherwise, I considered this point to be. But the Right Honorable the Governor in Council may think otherwise, and the Dewan of the Durbar under whose orders they were employed, can easily pay them the small differences between their Pensions received and their salaries for the few weeks they served, and there is no doubt that the issue of these small portions would evince to the people the desire to give them their utmost rights. If Government deem the matter worth attending to, I recommend it being done.

7. While on this point, I would submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that in my letter, No. 106 of the 27th April last, when forwarding List of the Servants, who were to be retained for the care of the Records, I mentioned as I deemed a matter of course, that the Pensions granted by Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 19th March, would be included in their salaries. I think, that under all circumstances, I might have recommended the pay to be issued independent of their Pensions. The difference is only Rupees 162-10-0 per mensem; the issue would be deemed by them an act of grace on the part of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and I offer this one too for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

(Signed) E. G. BALFOUR,

Government Agent.

(A true copy.)

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,

Government Agent.

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11. SIR,

I beg of you to submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 624 of the 11th Instant, did not give any instructions on the subject of retrospective orders alluded to in paras: 1 and 2 of my communication of the 24th Ultimo, No. 211.

2. I have the honor to subjoin copy of a communication from the Dewan of the Durbar of this date, and to request you to obtain the sanction of Government to the 17th Instant, being the day up to which the people discharged from humble employ shall receive pay.

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

From MUDAR OOL OOMRAH, Dewan of the Durbar; to E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk, dated 22nd August 1857.

SIR,

In returning the Eleven Lists that accompanied your letter of the 15th Instant, I beg to state, that as desired they will be carried into effect, but as the parties mentioned in them, have served to the 16th Instant, and have received their salaries from the Sircar for the month of July last, those that are to be Pensioned should be Pensioned from the 1st, and those to be discharged, should be discharged from the 17th Instant.

(Signed) مدارالامرا
MUDAR OOL OOMRAH,

(A true copy.)

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 765; dated 12th September 1857.

The Government fully concur in the propriety of the measure recommended by the Chepauk Agent at the end of para: 6 of his letter of the 15th June last, and accordingly sanction the payments therein proposed to be made to the Servants of the Carnatic Sircar, being the difference between the Pensions assigned to them and their salaries for the short period they had served since the date from which the grant of the Pensions took effect.

2. The Government also authorise, on the Agent's recommendation submitted in para: 7 of the same letter, the disbursement of the sum of Rupees (162-10-0) One hundred and sixty-two, and Annas ten per mensem, to the Servants therein alluded to, so long as their services may be retained for the care and custody of the Sircar Records.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No. 765
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Mudar state 12th September 1857.

Read the following
letter from the good Agent
at Chepauk:

Dated 15 June & 22 August
1857. Nos 169 & 242.

The Govd fully con-
cure in the propriety of
the measure recommend-
ed by the Chepauk Agent
at the end of para 6
surpassing of his letter of
the 15 June last, and
accordingly sanction
the payments therein
proposed to be made
to the servants of the
Carnatic Sircar, being
the difference between
the pensions assigned
to them and their
salaries

Salaries for the ^{short} period
they had served since
the date from which the
grant of the pensions took
effect.

2. The Govt also au-
thorize, on the Agent's Co.
Commendation submitted
in pursuance of the same let-
ter, the disbursement of
the sum of Papeas (103-10)
One hundred and sixty-
two, and Annas ten
per month to the Ser-
vants therein alluded to,
so long as their services
may be retained for the
care and custody of
the Silver records.

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To the Govt Agent at Depank
in Health General
in Civil Auditor. } Dispd 17th