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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 13th October 1857.

No. 16. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd September 1857, No. 252 of G. A.

SIR,

In my communications of 8th December, No. 135 of 1856, and No. 82 of 28th March 1857, I brought to notice and wrote with the object of having stopped, the allowances paid to certain Servants of the Carnatic Sircar, through the Collectorates of North Arcot and Trichinopoly.

2. If these have not yet been stopped, it will be necessary now to do so, as para: 16 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 567 of 23rd July last, pensioned and discharged all the Servants at Out-Stations, and the Revenues of the properties are, as my former letter showed, in excess very much of what is required to meet all expenses attending their management.

3. The origin of these payments was as follows. In reply to letter, dated 30th March 1802, from His Highness the late Nabob Azeem Ood Dowlah Bahadoor, the sum of Rupees 600 per mensem, was ordered to be paid through the Collector of Trichinopoly to the Darogah of the Sircar property there. Subsequently other sums were ordered, and by order of Government on 7th March 1830, and Chief Secretary's letter of 9th March 1830, the Arcot payments were made Rupees 700 per mensem, those of Sautghur (in North Arcot) Rupees 800 per mensem, and the Trichinopoly payments were increased to Rupees 1,000 per mensem.

4. As in my former communication, I mentioned that the Revenues of the properties were ample for their expenses, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will have understood that all or nearly all the sums paid with so much formality through the Collectors, were merely so to be remitted here, and have been regularly so remitted for very many years back. And I now allude to this at the present, to show that there is no necessity for continuing to issue them there, as, also, to suggest that the Accountant General's Auditing of the Accounts of the Dewan of the Durbar, extend to all the receipts from all sources.

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, No. 867; dated 9th October 1857.

This letter and the correspondence relative thereto have reference to certain Allowances which, during the existence of the Carnatic Durbar, were at the desire of their Highnesses the Nabobs disbursed by the Collectors of North Arcot and Trichinopoly, to the Sirkar Agents in those Districts respectively; corresponding sums being deducted from the one-fifth share of the Revenues of the country assigned to the Nabob Azeem Ood-Dowlah by the Treaty of A. D. 1801, and continued to his successors.

From Agent, dated 28th March 1857, and 3rd January, No. 2 of 1856.

2. By the terms of the Treaty, the administration of the entire Revenues of the Carnatic vested in the Company, but in order to treat the Nabob with due liberality, certain gardens held by His Highness at Arcot and Sautghur, and certain lands, Bazaars, Mosques and Choultries at Trichinopoly, were continued in His Highness' possession. There is also a house and garden at Cuddalore and property at a few other Stations.

3. It appears that, from a very early date, under the arrangement specified in para: 1 above, a sum of Rupees 550 a month was disbursed by the Collector of North Arcot to the Agent at Sautghur, and Rupees 600 a month to the Agent at Trichinopoly. The first mentioned allowance was drawn for the benefit of the Orange Gardens, but the other, as appears from a letter in the Record Office from Azeem-Ood-Dowlah, to Lord Clive, on account of the Fātiha or Oblations and Prayers to be offered at the Tombs of the

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Government to Accountant General.

4. On the 9th March 1830, at the request of the Naib-i-Mooktiar the allowance at Sautghur was increased to Rupees 800, and that at Trichinopoly to Rupees 1,000 per mensem, while a third Allowance of Rupees 700 a month was ordered to be advanced to the Agent at Arcot, and this total of Rupees 2,500 per mensem has continued to be disbursed up to the present time, no change having taken place since the death of the late Nabob.

From Agent 8th December 1856.

5. Not long, however, after the occurrence of that event, the Dewan informed the Agent that the Revenues derived at the above Stations nearly covered the expenses of the several properties, and that, as there was much difficulty in procuring these Revenues from the Local Managers, it would be expedient to stop the payment of the Allowances.

Extract Minutes Consultation, Dated 25th March 1857.

From Agent 28th March 1857.

6. On this the Government enquired what the Agent would advise in regard to the Servants employed, and what information he had to give respecting the Lands, &c., in their charge. In reply the Agent after describing the properties generally (a detailed account of which accompanied his letter, dated 3rd January, No. 2, of 1857,) gave their annual value as under:

	Rupees.
Arcot, 30 Gardens, beside the one called "Now-lâkh".....	8,428
Sautghur.....	5,375
Trichinopoly.....	11,398
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* By the term 'supervision' nothing more is meant than that the Collectors should take care that those immediately in custody be well looked after, in order that nothing like deterioration, whether from carelessness or fraud, may take place. Nothing is to be done by the Servants of Government to affect the possession of the property or alter its state.

The servants, he recommended, might be discharged with Gratuities, &c. A list of these Men was submitted in Dr. Balfour's letter, No. 128, dated 19th May 1857, and in para: Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 23rd July last, the same was sanctioned with some emendations. The Collectors of the several Districts were to provide for the due supervision of the property, and the Officials in charge were to be retained, their Salaries being undisturbed.*

7. In his letter recorded at the head of these Proceedings, Dr. Balfour again adverts to the expediency of stopping the payment of the monthly Allowances, and suggests that the Accountant General's Audit of the Accounts of the Dewan of the Durbar should extend to all the receipts from all sources.

8. The Government are of opinion that the Audit should be extended as suggested, and that as far as regards the Sautghur and Arcot Gardens the Allowances may be discontinued. At Trichinopoly however the case is different, and they desire to be informed whether any change in present arrangements would interfere with the punctual discharge of the Ceremonies at the Tombs at that Station, above referred to. The present allowance (Rupees 1,000) at Trichinopoly is Rupees 400 a month in excess of that originally assigned for Fâtiha. It would be well to know whether the additional sum is allotted to the same purpose. If it is not, the total will be reduced by that amount.

9. The general question of the Tombs, it is observed, is yet undisposed of.

Exd. J. A. Wil on.

Midas
Oct 6. 1857
My dear Mr. Secretary
I have perused the papers. They do not show how far or in what manner the rules contained in para 16 of P. M. 7. 23 July 1857 are to be have been adopted or whether the collection of birth dues and Trichinopoly have or not taken possession (in fact or substantially) of the Gardens & at Arcot Sautghur

Political Dept

No 867

E. M. G. 5/9 October 1857

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from the Govt agent at Chapank } here entered No 252
5/21 Sept 57.

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From agent

5/28-1857

and

3/2 Jan 1858

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8th Decr 56

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The servants he recommended might
be discharged into freedom &c. A
list of these men was submitted in
Mr. Palfour's letter N. 128. of 19th to

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Govt to acct Govt.

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the President at the
City of New York
" Frederick
" August
" Carl

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