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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 3rd November 1857.

No. 7. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk ; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 23rd October 1857, No. 302 of G. A.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt this day of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 884 of the 14th Instant.

2. I have the honor to report to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that although the Agency has not received, for record, from the parties named in Mr. Saunders' letter, any nomination of him as Vakeel, and although Mr. Saunders showed me a general Power of Attorney from certain parties claiming to be represented in all matters relating to the late Nabob's debts, it is not on either ground that I told Mr. Saunders that I hesitated to issue to him countersigned receipts, although the payment now being made by Government of arrears of wages is a matter of grace and favor to which Mr. Saunders' powers did not extend.

3. The payment being a favor of the Government, and certain admissions having to be made, such ought to be in person where possible and exemptions from this duty permitted only where the rank or sex of the person palpably demand such.

4. The above may be regarded as the legal view of the case, and it is a source of great gratification for me to report that the payment of these arrears has been accepted by the recipients generally, with manifest gratitude, and that without any indication of a dislike, nay, with an eagerness to do so, the highest in rank, the Cazy, the Dewan, every chief Officer, indeed the whole of the servants, Mr. Saunders' friends alone excepted perhaps, have come for their receipts, signed the same in my presence, which have then been countersigned by me, and have mentioned verbally their adherence to the declaration that they receive their monies from the Government as a matter of grace and favor, blank copy of the statement is herewith given.

5. In a political point of view, I have the honor to report that it is in my opinion a duty for these people personally to appear, and at the present time the more they insist upon the right to depute a stranger, the more ought such a claim to be resisted.

6. I do not know who the parties are whom Mr. Saunders claims to represent, but of the two whose names are mentioned, one Motamed Khan, a son of the Moulvie of the Sudr Court, is still a servant of the Sircar, in receipt of Rupees 75 per mensem, as Assistant to the President to the Department of the Dewany Mal. He is a person of no consequence. The other person named as Amed Dowlah is supposed to be Syed Mahomed Hameed Oollah Khan Bahadoor, still a servant of the Sircar, receiving Rupees 52 per mensem, as Deputy Meersaman of the Department of Meersamany; a person of no consequence also.

7. I would only add for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that, though it is most rare for me to consult out of the office, with any one, on matters connected with our duties, I did so in this instance, and I have been guided by the opinion given to me, concurring as it does with my own, when regarding the subject from a political view and that except where the sex, or exalted rank, or bodily infirmity preclude the recipients of the bounty of Government from attending in person, such recipient should do so.

8. It may be well if I mention for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the routine of paying these arrears.

The Commissioners have reported certain names of individuals and certain sums due to such, these individuals obtain from the Agency a blank form of Statement which they fill up to shew how the arrears claimed fell due; these after being audited by myself, are accepted or rejected, if the former, intimation is given to departments in rotation, of the hour of the following day, on which the receipt will be issued, the individuals attend, verify the statement, sign the receipt for the Treasury, which is then countersigned by me, and sign the Acquittance Book, as having received their countersigned receipts, at the same time acknowledging in reply to a question put, that they obtain this from Government as a matter of grace and favor. Only one man up to the present time, Mulhar Rao, an Interpreter, yesterday refused, or intentionally avoided, to make this recognition, and his doing so appeared to me to be nothing more than to show that he

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could be impudent. Mulhar Rao, though a servant of the Sircar, is the proprietor of the Carnatic Telegraph, of which Mr. Saunders was so long the Editor.

9. I need not, I hope, say that it is my study, as it is my duty, to complete this gracious act of the Government, by a gracious manner, and it is unfortunate for Mr. Saunders that this person should have acted as he did, for, from all that took place, there is not any doubt that Mulhar Rao came with intention of doing some such thing as he did.

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

No. 8.

ORDER THEREON, No. 930; dated 30th October 1857.

Government leave it to the discretion of the Agent, when to dispose with the personal attendance of parties applying for arrears of salary for periods of employment under the late Nawab.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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No. 930.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 30th October 1857.

Read again letter from Mr. H. B. SAUNDERS, Constituted Attorney to MOOTOOMUD KHAN AMED DOWLAH and others, dated 8th October 1857.

Read also letter from the Government Agent at Chepauk.

*Acknowledges receipt of Extract Minutes
Consultation, No. 884, of the 14th Instant,
and submits his report on the application of
Mr. Saunders, to be represented as Vakeel
on behalf of certain parties claiming ar-
rears of wages, &c.*

(Here enter 23rd October 1856, No. 302.)

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(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Government Agent at Chepauk.
„ Mr. H. B. Saunders.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Read again letter from Mr. W. R. Saunders, Constable &
Attorney to Mootomah Khan Amos Dowland &
others, dated 8 Oct. 1857.

Read also letter from the Gov's Agent at Chepauk.

Here enter 23 Oct/57. 8.932

At

By

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To S. George, Esq.
30 October 1857.

To the Gov Agent at Chepauk }
Mr. W. R. Saunders.

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