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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 23rd March 1858.

No. 28. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 20th March 1858, No. 604 of G. A.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 188, dated 16th Instant, I have the honor to subjoin copy of a communication which I addressed to the Messrs: Richardsons, asking them the price at which they would sell the Oomdah Bagh (known as Moorat's or Maclean's Garden,) in which Mookhtar Oon Nissa Begum has been so long residing, and to enclose the reply received.

2. I made this application believing that it would be the most agreeable to the aged person's feelings, not to be disturbed in her declining years, and very infirm health.

3. I am of opinion that the price of Rupees 60,000 which the Messrs: Richardsons name, is almost double the amount which they would be able to obtain in this Market, now or for years hence; but as I am unable to estimate the intrinsic value of the property, I send the correspondence on, because I am under the impression that Government has had laid before it a valuation of that property, and the Honorable Company's Solicitor even bid to a certain extent for this building, and the Right Honorable the Governor in Council may have fixed on some amount for that property, for some object of the State.

4. If the offer be not acceptable, I will adopt measures to search for another building.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to Messrs: RICHARDSONS, dated 19th March 1858, No. 600 of G. A.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honor to ask if you be the Owners of the Oomdah Bagh, (Maclean's Garden) and if so, if you be disposed to sell it, and the lowest sum which you will take for it.

From Messrs: G. G. K. and S. S. RICHARDSON; to E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent, Fort Saint George, dated 20th March 1858.

SIR,

We have been favored with your communication of the 19th Instant, and in reply beg to state that we are the Owners of Oomdah Bagh or Maclean's Gardens, having purchased the same at the sale of the Master of the Supreme Court on the 14th January last, and the purchase having since been confirmed by the Judges of the said Court.

We are willing to part with it for the sum we paid, viz., Sixty thousand (60,000) Rupees, which amount will be credited in our accounts for advances made on account of the late Nawab.

The sum at which we offer the premises, you will see by the Memo: in the margin, is much below its intrinsic value, but our necessities compel us to make this sacrifice.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, No. 206, dated 23rd March 1858.

The Government are not prepared to purchase the Oomdah Bagh at the price asked by Messrs: Richardson and Co. The Government Agent must submit some other arrangement.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Referred for the early
report of the Accountant General

Fort St. George }
20th March 1858 }

Thos. J. H. M.
Chief Secretary

To the Accountant General Despatch 20th

N^o 386.

The Accountant General has the honor to report
that the sum of Lica Picees (50,000.) Fifty thousand, being
the moiety of the first Instalment due to France for the
year 1858, can be discharged at Cuddalore by the Acting
Collector of South Arcot. -

Fort. Saint George, }
Accountt. Gen^l. Office, }
22nd March 1858, }
Wm. D. M. S.

J. A. Henderson
Accountt. General

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The fort are not prepared to
purchase the Omdah Bang at
the price asked by Mess Richard.
- son & Co - The fort Agent
must arbitrate some other

man present
Fort St George

23rd March 1858.
Sent Agent - Despatch 23rd
original enclosure Returned - 20th March 1858.

J.P.