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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 218.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 27th March 1858.

Read the following letter from the Government Agent at Chepauk.

With reference to para: 5 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 97 of the 6th Ultimo, reports having on the invitation of Her Highness, Nabob Khyre Oon Nissa Begum, called at her Palace the Wallajah Bagh on the 15th Instant, and submits Her Highness' sentiments regarding the discharge of the balance of Her Mother-in-law's debts, that of Her own arrears for 1855, and those due to Her Servants, and the claims of Her Ex-Steward, &c., &c., with the Government Agent's remarks.

(Dated 19th March 1858, No. 601.)

On the assurance conveyed in para: 7, of the foregoing letter, the Government authorise the Agent, as therein recommended, to issue a receipt for the sum of Rupees 90,933, declared by the Commissioners for investigating the debts of the late Nawaub to be due to Her Highness Khyre Oon Nissa Begum, on account of the arrears of Her allowance for 1855, the sums due from these arrears to the Ex-Steward Itabar Jung and Shajee Ool Moolk Bahadoor, amounting, it is stated, to about (5,000) Five thousand Rupees, being deducted and kept for the present in deposit.

2. The Agent will take especial care to see that on the arrears being disbursed to Her Highness as now ordered, the balance Rupees 10,982-3-6 still due, of Her Mother-in-law's debts is liquidated from the amount, and that Her Servants are also duly paid their arrears.

3. Under the very strong feelings expressed by Her Highness against the measure, as communicated in para: 4 of the Agent's letter, the Government will not insist on the Ex-Steward of Household being pensioned out of Her allowance, and desire that Itabar Jung be so informed.

(A True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Government Agent at Chepauk.

Para: 1 of Accountant General.

Civil Auditor.

Sub-Treasurer.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No. 601 of G. A.
GOVERNMENT AGENT'S OFFICE,
19th March 1858

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR,
Government Agent at Chepauk,

To

J. Pycroft Esquire

Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

Owing to the intimate relations-
ship and intercourse existing between the various
Members of the Carnatic family, it has rarely
been necessary for the Government Agents at
Chepauk to pay visits to any of the female
Relatives. The only occasions remembered
were while Colonel Taylor was Government
Agent at Chepauk when he called upon, and
spoke personally with, Enayet Oon Nissa-
Begum and that occasion of my calling, by
Command of Government, to express the sym-
pathy of the Governor in Council with the
bereavement of Her Highness Shahab Nissa
oon Nissa Begum. The practice, however,
has

has been for men of all ranks remaining
without the walls of the House and conversation
has been carried on with the inmates within,
by the passing to and fro of a female
servant, it would be only an extraordinary
occasion that would allow of a Lady avowedly
speaking to, or in the hearing of, a man,
and it may be doubted if any conversation
would ever be kept up unless through an
intermediate person. Aware of this state
of things it required a little correspondence
before Her Highness The Shah Niswan
Begum invited me to call at Her
Palace the Hallajah Bagh on Monday
last, the 15th Instant where she said
she would then converse with me personally
from behind a Curtain. I explain this
with reference to the observation in the
middle of para. 5 of Contract Minutes
of

of Consultation 497 of the 6th Ultimo and
in order to add that neither during His late
Highness' time nor since then has Her
Highness avowedly received the visits of any
male member of the family whom I might
have asked to conduct the conversation
between us. Her condition since her marriage,
though to some extent the result of her
own temper, has indeed been a solitary
one. At the recent visit the conversation
was carried on within the walls of the House,
but the messages were conveyed as usual
by a humble female servant, altho' my voice
and all I said was doubtless distinctly
overheard by Her Highness and Her
Highness' remarks were occasionally over-
heard by me.

2 At the conclusion, Her Highness
renewed her often repeated wish that I
would

would visit her often and intimated that the conversations would be carried on in a similar manner.

3 I have the honor to report that this is all that can be expected from a Goshu lady of Her Highness' rank.

4 Her Highness repeatedly begged me to express to The Right Honorable and The Governor in Council the loneliness of Her condition and to solicit, as far as possible, the countenance of Government, particularly at the present time because of the irregularities which her Co-steward had improperly permitted had occasioned rumors and reports regarding her House: holds of an evil character which had brought her Establishment into disrepute. Her Highness repeatedly inveighed against the arrogance of conduct, and assumption of

of power, which had led her at length to discharge her Co-steward. Her Highness repeatedly begged that The Right Honorable The Governor in Council might not order from her allowance any pension for her Co-steward, grounding her reasons for this request on the statements she then, as before, had advanced that his misconduct had led her into indebtedness and that she would feel it hard to be compelled to a pension from her own allowance an unworthy servant. Her Highness' feelings were very strong on this point and in her earnestness and excitement, her remarks were all overheard, as she repeatedly urged it: and it was evident that if commanded to pension this servant, out of her own allowance, it would be a very painful order for her to obey.

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5 The subject of Her Highness' seal and its custody became an early and earnest subject of conversation and it was evident that Her Highness had not taken the precaution of keeping it constantly by her which is so essentially requisite with regard to an instrument which is the sole means of authenticating her acts. I explained the necessity for its constant presence with herself and hope Her Highness would be more careful for the future, to retain it in her own exclusive possession.

6 On the subject of the debt of her Mother-in-law, Her Highness mentioned that the liquidation having been hitherto entrusted to, or undertaken by, the officers of the Linc. and not left to Her Household, Her Highness had only become aware

of its existence by the perusal of recent communications. But now made aware of it, she was ready to liquidate the whole remaining balance. I am of opinion that Her Highness may be left to perform this duty.

7 On the subject of her own Ansars and those of her servants, Her Highness repeatedly assured me that, the instant her 1855 Ansars were received by her as Officer, the Ansars due to her servants would be liquidated as far as the amount received would go and there was shown to me at the time by Her Highness's new Stewards the receipts prepared for the servants' signatures. She Begum has ever, then and by letter since, has requested that the amount of the Ansars due to her Coc-Stewards which she calculates

calculates at about 800 Rupees and those
of Shajee-oal-hoalk Bahadoon
calculated at Rupees 4,000 and upwards
might be deducted from the amount de-
clared by the Commissioners and not
issued to her from the Treasury because
she claims monies to be due by both these
individuals, and until the accounts be
settled she would wish to defer making
further payments to them. With reference
to this arrears question I have the honor
to recommend that I be allowed to issue
a receipt for the amount declared by
the Commissioners less the sum of
Rupees 5,000 above indicated as I consider
that every confidence may be placed in
its proper distribution conscious as Her
Highness is that she could be made

answerable

answerable for any misapplication by
stoppage of her monthly allowance as also
of the arrears due to her for the years
prior to 1855.

8 Her Highness repeatedly during
the visit. begged me to ask His High
Honorable The Governor in Council to
continue for her life time, undiminished,
the Rupees 12,000 in her name in the
Circar Records but as I then mentioned
to Her Highness that the order of Govern-
ment had already been issued on this
point and that a change would not
possibly be made in the existing order
I do not think it necessary to more-
than allude here to Her Highness's wish.

9 On the subject of the Highness's
Richardson's proceedings Her Highness
expressed

Polk's Catalogue

No. 218

Extract from the Minutes of the Committee
dated 27th March 1858

Read the following
letter from the Govt Agent
at Chepauk

Letter of 19th March 1858

On the 19th March 1858
received in pursuance of the
proceedings of the
Committee the report and
thereon a resolution to
issue a receipt for the
sum of Rs. 1000000
by the Commission
for investigating the
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the High Court
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the sum of Rs. 1000000
to the Commission
for the sum of Rs. 1000000

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March 31 1858

POLITICAL 1858 DEPARTMENT

From Surgeon E. G. Balfour,

Government Agent at Chepauk.

To

1858

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Dated 19th March 1858

Received

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No. 601 of 1858

Copy on the 15th March
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1858, & those due to
the Commission, & the
the Government Agent
March 31 1858

Printed at the Government Press,

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dour amounting it is
stated to about (5,000)
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for the present in de-
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of the Agent's letter, the
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on the Ex. Demand of
her Household being
paid.

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lowance, and desire
that Her Highness be so
informed.

J.P.

4. The Govt Agent at Lucknow, D. 4/29
has to Her Highness
C. M. M. M. } D. 4/30
and to the Agent.

W. H. Lefevre, St. Joseph

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