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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 8th June 1858.

No. 21. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 8th May 1858, No. 869 of G. A.

SIR,

I subjoin, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copy of a letter received from the Honorable Company's Solicitor, this morning, and enclose a memorandum of the character, which Mr. Boyson seems to require for transmission if necessary.

2. In my letter para : 7 to the end and in Appendix 2 to my letter of the 12th of March 1855, as also in my letter of 24th December, No. 155 of 1856, printed copy, pages 16 and 17, I submitted certain observations then required, regarding the Isteeffah Cutcherry and the memorandum now enclosed furnishes additional matter.

MY DEAR BALFOUR,

Will you kindly give me an explanatory memo : of the origin, constitution, authority, and duties of the Isteeffah Cutcherry of the late Nabob for the information and guidance of the Legislative Member for Madras in connection with the final settlement of the proposed Carnatic Bill. If you can let me have it before the Steamer leaves for Calcutta, I shall be much obliged.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) J. R. BOYSON.

May 7th, 1858.

MEMORANDUM.

On the 1st of January 1848, by an order of the late Nabob, issued under his Byze the Isteeffah Cutcherry was established for the purpose of carrying out the liquidation of his debts, he having in his letter to the Government Agent at Chepauk of date the 8th of January 1848, para : 3, mentioned that a " Committee is now already appointed for the adjustment of all claims of every nature " and the order and rules, as follows, show that the debts to be liquidated were such as had accrued from the date of the Nabob's accession, viz. 25th August 1842.

This nomination by His Highness of a Committee to liquidate his debts was recognized by the Honorable Court in their Despatch, No. 2 of 1849, para : 3, when in alluding to the same the Honorable Court remark " he has notified to you the appointment of a Committee for the adjustment of his debts."

It is known that after this however the Isteeffah Cutcherry became engaged in transactions other than liquidating by means of the one lakh of Rupees per annum, the debts incurred from accession to 1848 ; but commenced issuing Bonds or Promissory Notes for fresh debts or debts freshly recognised ; the first occasion of the issue of these bonds being on the Nabob undertaking the debts of Gholam Moortooza Khan Bahadoor Moomtazool Moolk to the extent of seven lakhs of Rupees. Other bonds were issued for other purposes, copies of the Bonds issued are given as follows.

The constitution of the Committee known as the Isteeffah Cutcherry was exclusively of servants of His Highness. The Members first named in the Order of 1st January 1848, were as follows.

Madar Ool Oomrah Bahadoor, President.

Madar Ool Moolk Bahadoor, 1st Member.

Buckshee Ool Moolk Bahadoor, 2nd do.

Dabeer Ool Moolk Bahadoor, 3rd do.

Moonshee Ool Moolk Bahadoor, 4th do.

Their executive Officers were,

Moostafee Ood Dowlah, Moonshee.

Terazish Khan, Deputy do.

On the departure to Mecca, of the President, his brother, the Kazee Ool Moolk Bahadoor, acted for him.

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On the demise of Buckshee Ool Moolk, Salar Ool Moolk was nominated in his place.
On the removal of Dabeer Ool Moolk the Nabob made the following appointments, viz.

Kazee Ool Moolk.....Nazim.
Salar Ool Moolk.....Member.
Mudar Ool Oomrah..... do.
Mudar Ool Moolk..... do.
Buckshee Ool Moolk..... do.

On the Establishment of the Isteevah Cutcherry the Committee directed each Department of the Sircar to furnish a list of the balance of Debt due by the Sircar in that Department and this was duly attended to.

It was in April 1848, however, that payments to Creditors first commenced to be made, the first payments being Dividends or Instalments on the principal at the rates of 9, 10, 11 per cent per annum, and this went on for three years, but the Instalments paid on those Bonds which were issued on account of Gholam Moortoozah Khan were only at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

The Committee did not meet regularly but the President would name a day for meeting, the usual time being fixed from noon to 4 P. M.

The President was the initiating Officer. He received, initiated and referred to the Munshi the applications of Creditors, the Munshi investigated the same and reported to the Committee. The Committee on this examined the case and if a debt were proved would issue order for payment by the Sircar Treasury out of the funds allotted for the liquidation of the Sircar debts, the order being either for the whole or for payment by Instalments. The order for payment was signed by the President and the whole of the Members, but the Bonds of the Isteevah Cutcherry only bore the seal of that Cutcherry and the signature of Mustafi Ood Dowlah who was the Moonshi of the Isteevah Cutcherry from its commencement to its close.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,

Government Agent.

No. 22.

ORDER THEREON, No. 362; dated 5th June 1858.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No. 870 of 1858.

My Dear Pycroft,

In every thing which we get from the Supreme Court and the Legal Profession, we are hurried to an immense degree, greater than the subject asked about merits. This memorandum seems to contain all that Mr. Bayson requires, but it has been very hurriedly prepared, and may not be wholly accurate.

*Govt. Secy to Officer
8th May 1858.*

Signed E. J. Balfour.

(A true Copy)

T. Pycroft

Government Agent.

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From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR,
Government Agent at Chepauk.
To 869.

Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

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R. H. Hume