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Government of Madras.

Political **DEPARTMENT.**

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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 6th July 1858.

No. 15. From J. R. BOYSON, Esq., Honorable Company's Solicitor ; to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 1st July 1858, No. 362.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report that in obedience to the orders noted in the margin, I placed myself in communication with the Commissioners *Minutes Consultation, dated 28th May 1858, No. 349, Political Department.* for investigating the debts of the late Nabob with a view to obtaining from them such information as would enable me to advise on the points suggested by Government, and proposed, as the best means of my obtaining this information, that I should attend one of their Meetings. I accordingly did so when the Commissioners were good enough to go into the matter very fully with me and to elucidate the then position of their enquiries by the production of their Books and Records.

2. The Commissioners had then arrived at the conclusion that assuming that the persons whose names were from time to time included in the monthly Abstract of the Establishment of the various Departments of the late Nabob's *Hoozoor Meersaumani, Mudud Kertch, and Dewani Mal.* Circar and household (not including the 3 Departments noted in the margin, the accounts of which Departments were still under investigation,) in fact served in those Departments during the periods for which wages were charged in such Abstracts, there were certain arrears, of specific amounts, due for wages to each of those Departments, for distribution amongst the parties entitled or in case of death amongst those representing such deceased parties.

3. The Commissioners hoped that they would be able to ascertain the arrears of wages due to 2 of the 3 Departments above specially named and possibly the arrears of wages due to all those 3 Departments before the passing of the proposed Carnatic Bill.

4. All that will then remain to be done for the purpose of closing finally the Accounts relating to wages will be to ascertain the amount due to each individual Servant, to have the claimant identified if he is alive, or his heirs or personal representatives established if he is dead ; and to have the fact of his having actually served during the periods in respect of which such arrears are claimed. These arrears are stated to have accrued during a period extending over upwards of 12 years, commencing with the date of the late Nabob's accession in August 1842. It will be for Government to determine whether they will sanction the payment of the whole of these arrears upon the services of the claimants being sufficiently verified or whether they will merely sanction the payment of such arrears as have accrued within some specified and reasonable period.

5. It is very probable that owing to death and other causes, a portion of these arrears may never be claimed and that Government will not be called upon for the disbursement of the full amount that the Commissioners have found and may find to be apparently due to the several Departments.

6. Looking at the means by which claimants to these arrears of wages must be identified ; their services verified ; and payments of the amounts due to them ultimately made ; I am satisfied that these duties cannot be placed in better hands than those of Dr. Balfour, and I therefore beg to recommend that they be entrusted to him with instructions to apply to me for advice and aid in all cases of difficulty.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, No. 427 ; dated 6th July 1858.

Resolved that copy of the above letter be forwarded to the Government Agent at Chepauk and that he be requested to state within what period, if the matter were left to him solely, he could complete the enquiries, alluded to in para : 2, for the Departments still unfinished ; as well as the apportionment of the sums due to individuals in all the Departments, identification of Servants or of their representatives, and verification of services referred to in para : 4.

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With reference to the statement at the conclusion of that paper the Government on the part of the Department of the Interior will be furnished with a statement showing the aggregate amount of wages due in each Department for each year since 1842.

Signed: T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Not received by Mr. Wilson
11/21/58
Jan 27/59

1842

Received that copy of the above letter
has been sent to the Fort of St. George
and that he be requested to state
the time and period - if the matter
were left to him solely - he could
comply with the inquiries at once
in P. 2. in the Department with

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11/21/58
Jan 27/59
The Chief Clerk to the
Department of the Interior
has been requested to
send the result of the
inquiries made by the
Commissioner for making the
rolls of the late Habsburg

unfinished - as well as the appor-
-tionment of the sums due to in dis-
-charge of the Dept. identification
of the servants or of their representatives
- and description of ^{services} ~~services~~ referred
to in para 4 -

With respect to the point mooted
at the conclusion of that paper, the
fort on the accounts of the remains.
- my department not having been spe-
- cially would wish to be furnished

with an abstract statement showing
the aggregate amount of wages due
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since 1842.
H.C. Solicitor
11/21/58

merely sanction the payment of such arrears as have accrued within some specified and reasonable period.

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I have the honor to be,

Yr.
Yours most obedient servant.

W. H. P. S. O.

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