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Government of Madras.

Political **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	437	Press Mis.
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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 13th July 1858.

No. 18. 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 30th June 1858, No. 1143 of G. A.

SIR,

I have the honor to subjoin, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copy of the last letter addressed by me to the Commissioners investigating the Public Offices, and of their reply to me.

* To Chief Secretary, dated 24th December 1856, No. 155, para: 80 to 84, pages 25 to 28 of printed Copy.
To Chief Secretary, dated 13th June 1857, No. 108.
To the Commissioners investigating Public Establishments, dated 11th November 1857, No. 330.
To do. dated 4th March 1858, No. 530.

2. As I have already submitted my views to Government and the Commissioners in letters as per margin,* and this letter will doubtless be referred to the Commissioners for report, I avoid occupying the time of Government by copying in those letters here,

merely adding my conviction that it is entirely for the good of the Public Service that the labours of the Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends should be becomingly paid which it seems my duty to state they are not by a consolidated Staff Salary of Rupees 525 per mensem, and also that the Salaries and numbers of the Officers serving under him should be increased to a suitable amount which equally in my opinion they at present are not.

3. I have already recommended and Government have sanctioned the elevation to the Office

Letter to Chief Secretary, dated 20th May, No. 53 of 1853.
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" " " " " 24th Decr. " 155 of 1856.
Ext. Mins. of Consultation, " 19th March " 230 of 1857, para: 36.

of Assistant Government Agent and a Salary of Rupees 250 per mensem, to Meer Mohib Ally Khan, I now recommend in addition that permanent Servants as per margin† be entertained. I have the honor to mention that the scriptural Work has already greatly and will

† 1 Clerk..... 25
1 Clerk..... 35
1 „ for Records..... 40
1 „ as Examiner..... 70
1 „ for Persian..... 20

now rapidly diminish, as well from the diminution of the scriptural Work left to be performed as from my thoughts being constantly on the alert to seize opportunities of diminishing work of this kind, in order to have the more leisure to watch over the interests of the State.

4. If, on this application, increase of numbers and Salaries be given to the Agency employés and if amongst these there be an increase to the present Rupees 525, for the consolidated Staff Salary of the Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends, I believe the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will recognise that I am only asking what is my due when I express the wish that the increase to that of the Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends should take retrospective effect from the 5th October 1856. In illustration of the increased work of this Office, I may mention as an instance even in the scriptural work to be now attended to, and keeping out of view altogether the manifold increase of the numbers of our Stipendiaries and of the amounts of their Stipends, that since 1st January last, a period of only 6 months,

Letters, Extract Minutes of Consultation, &c., received.....	553
Petitions, &c.....	2565
Letters, &c., sent.....	1142

Total...4260

5. I have the honor to submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that this subject merits early consideration.

Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 13th July 1858.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to the Commissioners for Investigating Public Establishments, dated 4th June 1858, No. 996 of G. A.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honor to intimate that I have been able to devise another change with a view to diminish labour, expedite work and decrease responsibility, connected with the Carnatic Stipendiaries and their Stipend Receipts.

2. Notwithstanding all such diminutions, however, the work continue and will continue very heavy, and it now appears to me for the good of the Public Service, that your report on the Agency should be laid before Government with your opinion whatever it may be.

From the Commission for investigating Public Establishments; to the Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends, dated 11th June 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 996 of G. A., dated 4th June 1858, in which you suggest that the report of the Commissioners "on the Agency should be laid before Government, with your (their) opinion, whatever it may be.

2. In reply I have to suggest that you apply in the first instance to Government for sanction to such changes as you may desire to recommend, after which, doubtless, your application will be referred to this Commission for consideration and report.

No. 19.

ORDER THEREON, No. 437; dated 8th July 1858.

Resolved that the above letter from the Government Agent at Chepauk be referred for consideration and report to the Commissioners for investigating Public Establishments.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson

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To the Secy. }
To the Govt Agent }
To the Commis. for invest. }
To the Pub. Estab. }
To the Govt Agent at Chepauk }

