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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 20th July 1858.

No. 17. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 9th July 1858, No. 1197 of G. A.

SIR,

In Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 332, dated 4th October 1856, I was ordered to send in for the purpose of being pensioned and discharged, Lists of all the Servants of His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic. This was duly complied with by my report or letter, No. 155, dated 24th December 1856, and the last of the lists was sent in with my letter of the 31st January 1857, No. 27.

2. Since then, however, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is aware that in consequence chiefly of some changes being made in the intentions of Government, and partly from the accepted applications of those whom the Orders affected, most of the 10 Lists then completed have required revisions and reconstructions, the duties connected with which have lasted up to the present time.

3. It is a pleasing task, however to be now able to report that, in a day or two, the revisions and reconstructions alluded to will be completed: and, so far as our present knowledge extends, will by that time be all perfect and on record. I have however become aware from the Dewan of the Durbar's letters and from information of petitions that some of the Lists which the Dewan sent in, in 1855, (sent to Government with my letter, No. 85, dated 20th December 1855,) and those lately sent by him from the Madrassa, were erroneously constructed by him, and after their reconstruction, which he is now engaged in, it will be necessary to submit one or two Supplementary Lists.

4. I am also aware, from other petitions, that owing to the Dewan's Officers entering erroneous ages, a few other minor changes will subsequently be required.

5. I would also mention that up to this date, only a second case of seeming tampering with the records has become known, and there may be one or two cases to be investigated of pensions wrongly bestowed.

6. I mention these circumstances for the following reasons.

When, in 1801, Lord Clive, to carry out the provisions of the 9th Article of the Treaty, laid down, in his Minute of the 29th September 1801, precise amounts of Stipends for each of the relatives and servants of the Nabobs Mahomed Ally and Oomdut Ool Oomrah, His Lordship considered he had made it so complete that he said "reasons," therefore "exist for believing that the provisions now proposed extends to every branch of the family, and that the Company will be liable to no further expense for its support."

How incomplete it really was, however, my letter, No. 13, dated 19th January 1852, will show, my investigations having then traced out the considerable number of (28) twenty eight additional grants.

The greatest of these new grants occurred during the administrations in 1821 of the Honorable Sir Thomas Munro, in 1830, the Right Honorable Mr. Lushington, and that of Lord Elphinstone so late as the year 1840, after the lapse of forty years from that time when Lord Clive, expressed the opinion that "reason existed for believing that the provision which he had proposed extended "to every branch of the family, and that the Company would be liable to no further expense for its "support."

During all that long period of 40 years, the petitioning and applications were incessant.

So great had been the number of applicants that Lord Bentinck, in 1806, himself framed a list of additional people, whose claims in his opinion Lord Clive had overlooked. But Lord Bentinck left Madras without putting his views in operation and nothing was done with that list until in 1815, the Government Agent at Chepauk and the Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends were ordered to form themselves into a Committee to report on these applicants' claims.

Their report was not found capable of being acted on, and Mr. Hill's views (14th July 1814 and 28th August 1820,) were not favorable to any reopening of the Pension list: notwithstanding which Sir Thomas Munro, in his Minute, dated 6th April 1821, admitted 94 fresh Pensioners: ten

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years after Mr. Lushington, in 1830, an admitted additional number of 44 Stipendiaries and after a further interval of ten years, in 1840, an additional number of 38 new Stipendiaries were admitted.

In my own opinion, all these additional new grants, from 1801 to 1840, were made by the State from the impossibility of resisting the importunities of people whose impoverishment and helplessness rendered them objects of pity and compassion, but my knowledge of the constant investigations going on from Lord Bentinck's time up to 1840, of the receipt of innumerable representations all requiring attentive examination, and of the difficulties encountered after such intervals of time, in ascertaining the true relationships of the applicants, as well perhaps from my own disposition to endeavour to do a thing thoroughly and be done with it, have induced me during the past two years, to strive to forward to Government, the lists in as complete a state as possible. Thus aiming, the labour has been great, now, but I hope it will be rewarded by saving the Government from every thing like the labor and trouble of the forty years' discussions which followed on the settlement of 1801: will also give confidence to the persons now stipended that their Stipends having been granted on thorough inquiry, the misrepresentations of their enemies will not be able to jeopardise their means of subsistence, and, by impressing on those not now stipended, the conviction of the inutility of hoping for pensions, will induce them early to turn their thoughts towards seeking other channels of employment.

7. Under these views I have addressed the three following communications two to the Dewan of the Durbar, and one to the Ex-Sircar Officers serving under me in charge of the Records, from whose present investigations I do hope we may now make the final settlement above alluded to of the Stipends of the 1855 Stipendiaries.

To MUDAR OOL OOMRAH BAHADOOR, Dewan of the Durbar.

SIR,
I am obliged by your ready compliance with the request contained in my letter of the 15th Instant, and have been able by the information of your Officers to ascertain all the casualties.

In order to ensure perfect accuracy, it would seem advisable that you now favor me, in the subjoined form, with a list of all Sircar Servants still serving under your orders, who were such under the late Nabob, and following closely the rotation of names formerly received from you.

As the number of servants, several thousand, was great, the best effort to be entirely accurate, would still not ensure perfect success, and your being fully acquainted with the orders of Government regarding the rates of pensions and gratuities ordered for the servants, I would feel very much obliged by your favoring me with a list of any persons whose claims to pensionary aid, as per rules laid down, may, in your opinion, have hitherto escaped the observation of the Agency.

GOVERNMENT AGENT'S OFFICE,
18th May 1858.

I have, &c.
(Signed) E. G. BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

Letter of Department.	No.	Name of the Servant and of his father.	Occupation of the Servant on the demise of His Highness the Nabob.	Salary of the Servant on the date of the demise of His Highness the Nabob.	Date of termination of service.	Total service up to 4th October 1856.	Rate of Gratuity to which he is entitled.	Amount of Gratuity he is entitled.

To MUDAR OOL OOMRAH BAHADOOR, Dewan of the Durbar.

SIR,
While you are favoring me with lists of servants still serving under your orders, and of those entitled to be pensioned as per existing orders of Government, may I beg the favor of your furnishing me at the same time with a list shewing the names of any persons who have been pensioned by mistake and whose Stipends have been issued not in accordance with such existing orders.

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My object in asking the former lists as also the one now sought for, today, is, as you will doubtless recognise, on the one hand, that there may not be omitted from the stipend list any person entitled to a pension, and, on the other hand, that every precaution may now be taken to protect the Government from any wrong and at the same time to give a confidence to the Stipendiaries that their Stipends as now declared will not be placed in jeopardy by the future wilful misrepresentations of ill designing men, who may rise up when owing to the deaths of some witnesses and the absence of other evidence it may no longer be possible to ascertain the entire truth.

Your great knowledge and long experience would afford valuable information on the subject at present asked about.

GOVERNMENT AGENT'S OFFICE,
28th June 1858.
To the Record Officers.

I have, &c.
(Signed) E. G. BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

It being impossible wholly to prevent mistakes in matters of business, such may have occurred in granting Stipends to the Sircar Servants; I therefore ask the Officers in charge of the Records to inform me candidly whether any Servant or Retainer of the Sircar has got a pension he was not entitled to, in order that the error may be rectified; and also to oblige with the name of any one entitled to a pension and who has not received the same, in order that such may receive his dues, these dues being in accordance with existing orders of Government.

1st July 1858.
(Signed) E. G. BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

8. These Officers are now re-examining their Records, accordingly, and I hope that keeping

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| 1. Immediate Family, Full, as per Ext. Mins. Cons. 4th October 1856, para: 11. | in view all |
| " " " " 23rd " " para: 6. | the terms, |
| " " Letter from Secretary to the Government of India, 31st Decr. 1856, No. 6321. | on which |
| " " Ext. Mins. Cons. 19th Jany. 1857, " 67. | the Pensions |
| 2. Chief Officers, " Honorable Court's Letter, No. 15 of 19th March 1856, para: 10. | of 1855, have |
| Letter from Secretary to the Government of India, 8th Sept. 1856, para: 17. | been bestowed, |
| Ext. Mins. Cons. No. 195, 20th March 1858. | while the |
| 3. Aged men, " Ext. Mins. Cons. " 423, 5th July 1858, para: 8. | records are |
| 4. Youths, " Ext. Mins. Cons. 19th March 1857, No. 230, para: 10. | still before |
| " " 5th July 1858, No. 423, para: 8. | us, and peo- |
| 5. a. Pensioners, " Ext. Mins. Cons. 19th March 1857, No. 230, paras: 16 and 18. | ple are still |
| b. Neeyazat... " 7th Jany. 1858, " 8, para: 1. | alive to |
| c. Saadat... " " " " " " " " " " " " | whom we |
| d. Beycar... " 19th March 1857, " 230, para: 30. | could refer, |
| 6. Hubshees... " " " " " " " " " " " " | any person's |
| 7. Hamamnees... " " " " " " " " " " " " | claim may |
| 8. Servants with personal Service upwards of 25 years, " Secretary to the Government of India, 8th September 1856, para: 18. | be investi- |
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| " Personal and hereditary Service of 25 years " Ext. Mins. Cons. 18th November, 1857, No. 975. | may defi- |
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| | the grants |
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duly made and we may investigate the claim of any one who may yet consider that he has been erroneously excluded from the list of Pensioners.

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, No. 452; dated 16th July 1858.
To be recorded.
(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

