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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 10th August 1858.

No. 8. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 14th July 1858, No. 1220 of G. A.

SIR,

I have the honor to report, that I have communicated to the Commissioners investigating Nabob's debts the 2nd para: of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 427 of the 6th Instant, and the Abstract therein called for is already under preparation.

2. In reply to para: 1 of the same Minute, I have the honor to name six months as the period within which the Government Agent at Chepauk could complete the inquiries regarding the Servant's arrears, apportion the sums, verify services and identify the individuals or their representatives. These six months to be reckoned from the date of receipt of the order commanding the commencement of the duty; the Commissioners' labors being taken as complete, so far as they have gone, and no alterations been made in their work, so far as it has been done.

3. It is necessary to mention this because the Commissioners directed their attention to find the grand totals due in each Department for the entire period of years from (1842) the date of accession to the end of 1851, because, with a view to expedite work, I have, as Government Agent at Chepauk, already prepared about the one half of all the details of those grand totals and any alteration in these grand totals such as would be involved by that suggestion of the Honorable Company's Solicitor and seemingly considered by Government, as meriting attention, namely to pay the ex-servants only for some years of that period, would involve the necessity, in cases, of repeating, for the partial time work which the Commissioners have gone over for the whole period of 12 years.

4. On this point I may be permitted also to observe that the suggestion from the Honorable Company's Solicitor, which he puts forth when he says "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 within some specified and reasonable period" which suggestion Government would seem to consider as meriting consideration as on it they "wish to be furnished with an Abstract Statement shewing the aggregate amount of wages due in each Department, for each year since 1842," is, nevertheless, one which in my opinion many political and social reasons forbid the entertainment of and the idea of carrying out, which I would beg Government to abandon.

5. I need not here allude to the political reasons, as it will at once occur to Government how great has been the deprivation as regards their present and future support, and present and future hopes of honor, to the thousands who have hereditarily been adhering to the Wallajah family, and it is advisable in the change to deal with them all at the present time as liberally as possible in order to smooth down feelings which may exist. I would also add that in accordance with the orders of Government the Commissioners have been investigating the servant's arrears from the date of the accession of the late Nabob until his demise; and to expedite the completion of work I have in anticipation of orders been framing the amounts due to each person for the same period, and all the people are well aware of this and each has been planning what he will do with his arrears when received. I do not recommend Government now to make alterations which would disappoint hopes created by their orders and by the acts of their servants.

6. I may also mention that in the regular mode of keeping the Sircar Accounts, their various Departments each rendered at intervals a Statement of all arrears due; that each Sircar Servant, though ignorant of the amount, was well aware that arrears were due to him, and their custom was on any pressing occasion to ask and to obtain payment of sums on account of the amount due.

7. I bring all these circumstances to the notice of Government in the belief that they will be deemed of sufficient importance to merit consideration in deciding on the suggestion thrown out by the Honorable Company's Solicitor.

8. I would recommend the payment in full of all such claims also in order to settle these 1855 Carnatic affairs now, and thus prevent those pertinacious applications, preparations of which so characterize the Mahomedan races, ever dwelling on the past. Government can, of course,

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resolve to give for any period of years short of the complete period, but I may mention that I have repeatedly received, from all parts of the country, claims for debts due by Wallajah prior to the Treaty of 1791, all of which claims the Carnatic Commissioners were so long employed in disposing of, and if Government now, as suggested by the Honorable Company's Solicitor, grant only a portion of these servant's arrears, I fear that for generations to come their descendents will be constantly applying for the balances.

9. I notice the Honorable Company's Solicitor recommends Mr. Balfour to be employed in the remaining duty, thus alluded to, but Government allude to its performance by the Government Agent at Chepauk.

No. 9.

ORDER THEREON, No. 497; dated 5th August 1858.

* No. 332.

Resolved that the Commission appointed under date the 4th October* 1856 for investigating the debts due by His Highness the late Nawaub of the Carnatic be dissolved from the receipt of these orders.

2. Resolved also that Dr. Balfour be continued for a further period of six months, with his present Pay Rupees 700 per mensem and Establishment, as sole Commissioner for concluding the enquiry in respect to the Departments still unfinished (the labors of the Commissioners being taken as complete as far as they have gone) for the verification of services, identification of servants or their representatives, and disbursement of arrears which will be paid from the date of the late Nawaub's accession.

3. Dr. Balfour will state, after communication with the Honorable Company's Solicitor, the course that he would propose to follow in making these payments.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Heads.

*Order as requested under Dr.
Balfour may be continued for
six months as sole Commissioner,
on his present allowance Rs. 700.
per mensem, to complete the
enquiries connected with the
L-works due to the servants of the
late Nawaub - and for the division
-ment of the arrears found to be
owing - the other members of the
Commission being relieved from*

for his duty - and pay -

It may desire consideration
whether, on the grounds stated by Dr
Bulfinch it is desirable to make
the question, whether the man
shall be paid for any period
short of the laborer's action -
but I do not see why there should
be any difficulty in furnishing
the abstract annual statement
required to be sent to the
will be corrected. JH

Dr B. Sholeaff? He cannot for the
little of these claims which he has

from the date of the late New York
report. It is stated of the Agent
in para 6 that he has all been
regularly & accurately kept during
the twelve last years. There can be no
difficulty in furnishing an abstract
statement - nor do I see any reason
for going into them all over
again in minute detail. It would
be sufficient for the Agent to satisfy
himself that the agent had been
regularly kept? He can see his
month or so have a rest and
of time & labor. JH

W. H. L.

Political Department

Exd. J. A. Wilson
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 5th August 1858.
(Read the following) letter
from the Govt. Agent &
Chapman.

I have under the 1st July 1858 No. 1220 of
G. A. 1

No 352.

W. J.

H. M.

Resolved that the Commission appointed under date the 4th Decr 1856 for investigating the debts due by H. H. the late servant of the Carnatic be dissolved from the receipt of these orders
2. Resolved also that Mr Balfour be continued for a further period of six months with his present pay Rs 700 per mensem and establishment as sole Commissioner for concluding the enquiry in respect to the Departments still unfinished the labors of the Commissioners being taken as complete as far as they have gone for the verification of services, identification of servants

