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No. 1. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 7th August 1858, No. 1376 of G. A.

SIR,

I had the honor to forward for submission to the Honorable the Governor in Council and for record, the following Lists of Carnatic Sircar Servants entitled to Pensions some for their own and their Ancestors Services, and others for their own sole Services.

Progressive List, No. 28—Parts 5 and 6.
" " No. 60—Intermission of Service of parties in the Presidency.
" " No. 61—do. do., of parties at out stations.
" " No. 65—of seven new Pensioners.
" " No. 66—of 1 individual for Personal and Ancestral Service.

2. Of these six Lists now sent all but the List, No. 65, have been framed and have been acted on under the authority given in para: 5 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 374 of the 9th June 1858, and the object of their transmission now is merely that they may be placed on record. The seven individuals named in Progressive List, No. 65, are the only new persons to whom there has not hitherto been granted by Government, any rate of Pension whatever, and this Progressive List, No. 65, will therefore require the special sanction of Government.

3. In forwarding these Lists for sanction and record, it is with pleasure that I am able to report that there can now be but a very few persons whose claims remain unattended to. I have not yet however, received from the Dewan of the Durbar nor from the Record Officers under my orders, the Lists and Memoranda which in my letter, No. 1197 of date the 9th July 1858, I mentioned, had been called for, and great as has been the success attending our efforts to give a finality to this part of the Carnatic affairs, there will still be a very few persons whose claims will require attention when the Dewans' reply shall have been received. I mention this because I now wish to recommend that Government as early as possible will declare the sanctioned Lists final: where such numbers of and such varied claims, have been considered, whatever may have been the desire to do justly it cannot have been but that there may be individuals, who have got somewhat more as also others, who have got somewhat less than what they are entitled to. It may not be doubted that investigations if prolonged and re-opened, and a repeated looking at each case in the most varied points of view, would admit of adjustment of some of the errors; but the labour required to attain such a correctness would be almost endless, entailing an amount of labour difficult even for the Government or the Agency to get through, would certainly never repay the minute correctness attained, by occupying time which could be better employed, and after all there will just be as little satisfaction and as much petitioning as ever. If there be cases where Pensions are capable of being slightly increased there may be others where they may be diminishable, and these latter must be inquired into if the former be examined, because when the people of this country make a claim, their invariable custom is to endeavour to substantiate the same by instancing other cases, all of which thus required to be investigated. As two examples of this kind, I may be permitted to refer to the orders of Government now under report, as per Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 411, dated 30th June 1858, in the matter of Padshah Begums' Dependents, and order No. 1844, dated 21st July 1858, on the Petition of Carnatic Stipendiary, No. 3021. Meer Sufder Hoossain. The writing of reports such as these occupy, but an insignificant amount of time necessary to complete an enquiry nevertheless the former case has already been reported on by me four different times and the recent order for a fifth report though the present is of a most comprehensive character, *viz.*, to review the whole previous proceedings, may not, indeed, I know, cannot be the last because a member of the family is pressing further claims.

1. *Letter to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, No. 2124 of P. C. S. dated 17th June 1857.*
2. *do. do. No. 298 of P. C. S. dated 14th November 1857.*
3. *do. do. No. 512 of P. C. S. dated 27th February 1858.*
4. *do. do. No. 576 of P. C. S. dated 16th March 1858.*

4. The orders of Government on the second case are even more comprehensive. I have already been occupied many days, in collecting together the mere Materials for a report, for to reply to the four points recorded there, it is imperative to review all the proceedings connected with the grant of Stipends to large classes of the late Nabob's people.

5. I mention these views the more readily because Government know I do not fear the prospect of any work nor of any amount of work and because I am conscious that if Government command a thing to be done, an Executive Office can only obey ; but it being my conviction that it is not for the good of the Public Service nor of these people that there should be a repetition of the 40 years agitation about Stipends which characterised the settlement of 1801,1 offer as my opinion to Government, that the Lists as now decided on by Government should be declared final and so allow these people rather to turn their thoughts to the means of obtaining a livelihood rather than in sending Petitions for the bounty of the state.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 506; dated 11th August 1858.

The Government accord their special sanction to the Progressive List, No. 65, submitted by the Chepauk Agent, of seven individuals to whom Pensions are proposed to be granted on account of Personal and Ancestral Service, amounting to Rupees (17-5-0) Seventeen and Annas five per mensem. This List will be incorporated in Permanent List, No. 8.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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