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**Government of Madras.**

*Political* **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 7. From E. BALFOUR, Esq., Commissioner Investigating the debts of His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 24th August 1858, No. 5.

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1. In my letter, No. 1, para: 2, dated 6th August 1858, I had the honor to intimate that after an interview, I had addressed the Honorable Company's Solicitor with reference to para: 3 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 497 of the 5th Instant; and added that I would communicate further on receipt of that Officer's reply.

2. At that interview, I had mentioned to the Honorable Company's Solicitor the course to be pursued of investigating by the Commissioner; sanctioning by Government; auditing by the Civil Auditor; and issuing by the Sub-Treasurer; and forms of the documents to be issued from the Commission, were sent to Mr. Boyson in my letter on the following day, copy of which, with the reply of the 10th Instant, is here given.

"No. 2. J. R. Boyson, Esq., Honorable Company's Solicitor.

"Sir. At our interview, on the 6th Instant, I recited the course pursued in the Agency, in issuing to the individuals orders for the arrears of wages awarded by the Commissioners investigating the debts of His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic; I have the honor to submit for any observations, copy of each of the printed forms employed.

(Signed) E. Balfour, Commissioner, 7th August 1858."

"From the Honorable Company's Solicitor, to the Commissioner for investigating the debts of the late Nabob of the Carnatic, Madras, 10th August 1858, No. 431,

"Sir, 1. I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 7th Instant, No. 2, with its enclosures.

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Para: 3. I have now the honor to enclose, for information, copy of each of the forms above alluded to, and it will be seen that the modifications required, of suiting the wording to the cases of members of the family, Servants, heirs or Agents duly appointed, &c., &c., have been attended to, the Commissioner not issuing the cash receipts, until the statement (Form A) has been checked and examined in the Office and passed by his signature.

4. The internal duties of the Commissioner's Office, (1) of ascertaining the arrears of the Individuals from the Sircar Records; (2) receiving from Individuals their claims for arrears; (3) comparing these two; (4) verifying the services of the claimants; (5) awarding the amounts due; (6) receiving the detailed statements from the claimants; (7) issuing the cash receipts; being all the duties to be attended to by the Commissioner.

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12. It was the custom of the Sircar, to enrol Infants as servants and to enrol aged or sick and infirm men as servants; their duties being performed by substitutes: it also was permitted by the Sircar for servants to be absent on leave or other duties, substituting temporary people in their stead. (f) In all such cases, it is proposed to issue the arrears to the individuals who actually, for the time, performed the duties. This seems the just course towards the labouring persons and this mode of action will not press hard on the persons whose names were enrolled as servants because the substitutes were almost invariably near relatives.

13. There are cases of speculation; misapplication of monies, and frauds amongst Sircar servants, who were under stoppages on that account: (g) It is proposed, with such persons, that their arrears, so far as they will go, be applied to make good such deficiencies, by leaving them undrawn, i. e. by declaring arrears only due if in excess of the amount to be refunded.

14. Cases occurred of men discharged for misconduct. (h) Where such discharge was not declared by the Nabob, at the time, to be attended with forfeiture of all arrears, it is proposed to issue the arrears to date of discharge.

15. There were a few cases of allowances being issued for the pay of servants allowed to Officers of rank, who were at liberty to employ such persons as they thought proper. The names of Servants so employed are not on record in the Sircar Books; and as it will scarcely be possible to trace them, (i) it is proposed to issue arrears of such allowances to the Officers of rank, in whose names they were granted.

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16. (j) I recommend, also, that the arrears due to all Servants who became casualties during or since the Nabob's time, whether the Casualty may have been by death or dismissal, be settled like those of surviving Ex-Servants.

17. (k) I recommend also that the Commissioner, so soon as he may be prepared to receive claims and verify the services of the Servants of each particular Department, have authority to summon all Ex-Servants of the respective Departments, or their heirs, to submit their claims and appear for verification of their Services within one month from date of issue of such notification; (l) If Government deem it advisable or necessary the Commissioner can apply to Government for authority in each case. This proposal, to restrict the period within which applications will be received or payments made, may prove important in results, by reason of the unwillingness of parties to receive monies from the British Government.

18. In the examination of so many claims, it will happen that the awards of my predecessors and myself, may require to be amended. During the time of the late Commission, the duty of issuing receipts for paying the amounts of the Commissioners' awards devolved on the Government Agent at Chepauk; and, on the Agent detecting in the lists he had received from the Commissioners any points requiring correction, whether as to the name of a Servant, his avocation or the amount of arrears due to him, or where the subsequent inquiries of the Commissioners themselves required, on their own parts, any modifications of their own previous awards, the lists were returned from the Agency in order that the necessary alterations might be made by the Commissioners. In the single character of the transaction, resulting from the nomination of one Commissioner who shall perform all the duties, if any such cases now occur, where the Commissioner's award, after being once communicated to Government and the Audit office and Treasury, is subsequently detected by him as one requiring modification, in order not to occupy the time of Government with numerous petty points, (m) I propose that the Commissioner collect all such in one list, and, before the close of the transactions, communicate them to Government for decision.

19. The details of the Mahakamah Department had been much gone into before the abolition of the late Commission: since then, however, up to the date of despatching this letter, I have completed that which remained of the Mahakamah Department: as also the examination of the Sircar records for the arrears of all the Servants in the twelve (12) following Departments: leaving only (6) six now to be entered on, but most of these are very heavy Departments.

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| Departments.                          | Date of completion.            | No. of Servants in each whose accounts have been constructed. |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Mahakamah.....                     | 7th August 1858.               | 33                                                            |
| B & C. Meersamani-i-Durbar.....       | 10th, 13th and 14th Aug. 1858. | 105                                                           |
| D. Bukshee-i-Badshahie.....           | 12th August 1858.              | 87                                                            |
| E. Darool Insha-i-Farsi.....          | 14th Do. Do.                   | 17                                                            |
| F. Dewanee Mal (Madras Stations)..... | 19th Do. Do.                   | 40                                                            |
| G. Imârut.....                        | 16th Do. Do.                   | 34                                                            |
| H. Fatihah.....                       | 14th Do. Do.                   | 9                                                             |
| I & J. Treasury and Mâhâlât.....      | 14th Do. Do.                   | 28                                                            |
| K. Hafizes of Tombs.....              | 11th & 12th August 1858.       | 183                                                           |
| L. Daroodees.....                     | 13th Do. Do.                   | 80                                                            |
| M. Khandan Serishtadaree.....         |                                |                                                               |
| N. Dust-i-Khas.....                   |                                |                                                               |
| O. Buckshegherry.....                 |                                |                                                               |
| P Q & R. Ahsham.....                  |                                |                                                               |
| S. Mudud Kharch.....                  |                                |                                                               |
| T. Meersawmanee-i-Hoozoor.....        | 20th August 1858.              | 62                                                            |
| U. Sadarut.....                       | 16th Do. Do.                   | 15                                                            |
| V. English Department.....            |                                |                                                               |
| Total Servants                        |                                | 693.                                                          |

21. I beg it may here be remembered that the late Commission, after finding the gross amounts, had their duties restricted to examining into the details of arrears due to all departments

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for part of the year 1855; and to passing awards thereon; It was the Government Agent at Chepauk who was ordered to issue for payment the Receipts to enable parties to obtain the amounts due on the Commissioners' awards.

22. As the whole of the transactions connected with inquiring into the details of each Servant's arrears is now to rest with the Commissioner (n) I propose that issuing Receipts for payment be also continued in his hands but that the Civil Auditor check and pass the Receipts granted by the Commissioner and to do so the following scheme seems to me suitable.

23. The Record officers speak of a month; but I trust, in less than that time to have completed my investigations of the unfinished Departments, as also, of the Accounts of the remaining (say 1200) Servants, and to enable me to effect the early completion of this duty, and because I could not suitably attend to the granting of Receipts for money payments while still conducting investigations connected with all these Receipts, (o) I do not propose to commence issuing Receipts until all investigations connected with all the Departments are completed.

24. (p) Thereafter, the course of granting Receipts and paying the amounts will be as follows:

(1) I propose, on the principle adopted in my letter, No. 4, dated 9th August 1858, to report to Government, the amounts found due to individuals in each of 18 Departments: which letters and lists I recommend Government to print and to send Copies of to the Accountant General, Civil Auditor and Sub Treasurer in proof that the decisions are to be acted on; and as I will then distinctly understand that my decision is final, as respects the amounts actually awarded; (2) I shall then proceed, as parties appear, in whose favour awards have been given, to countersign, in Triplicate, a Receipt for the amounts recorded in my reports as awarded by me as due: the original and duplicate of each Receipt duly countersigned will be delivered to the owner or party or their authorised Agents in whose favour the award has been given: the original to be retained by the Civil Auditor and the duplicate after Audit sent with its owner to the Sub Treasurer.

25. (q) At the conclusion of the investigation, I propose sending for record (a) my Proceedings as Commissioner which will contain (taken from the detailed accounts for the period from 1842 to 1854) an annual statement, in English, of each person's account. (b) But this will be accompanied with such servant's account in Persian, made up in detail to 31st December 1854, and signed by the Officers in Charge of the records by whom it was prepared; also (c) the Triplicate of the Receipt, bearing my Countersignature and, having attached to it, the owners "claim for investigation" and "statement" and thus all will be wound up and the Office closed, and any information hereafter wanted by Government, will be with Government.

26. To help the Commissioner I have nominated three of the Carnatic Stipendiaries of 1855, who at present are Officers in Charge of the Records, viz. No. 1328, Chief Officer, Rajah Eshwer Doss Dyawant Bahadoor, Serishtadar of the Khandon; No. 3092, Stree Nawassa Rao, Mushriff of the Treasury; and No. 3022, Mukhan Lall, Serishtadar of Dewante Mall and the Istafah, to examine every item in the Arrears of those Record Officers, who are framing accounts for themselves or relatives; or whose friendships or enmities may be supposed capable of influencing them to favour or to hurt individuals: or whose accounts are known to contain items requiring a particular examination.

27. I suggest to Government to allow each of these Officers a Salary of Rupees 50 per mensem from the 17th Instant, till the close of the duty they are now engaged in. It is a very small sum for a very important duty which will last only for a month or two.

28. Allusion has been made in para: 25, to the detailed accounts of Individuals as per Sircar Records, from which I have extracted in my own hand writing, the Annual totals of arrears, and payments on account thereof, declaring at close of account of each person the amount found due up to the end of 1854, or to date of transfer, dismissal, &c., and initialing each of same, in my proceedings.

29. The Carnatic Sircar, in making payments to its Servants, for their Salaries, for Departmental purchases and to expenses of its Ceremonials, &c., had a practice very similar to that

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which the Indian Government pursue; as a general rule, the Departments, prepared each its own monthly "Gashwarah," or abstract, as it may be termed, though of a very different form from ours: the Department retaining an Office copy, and lodging the original in the Royal Treasury. The Treasury Records can show the gross amount issued on the Abstract, but information regarding the apportioning or distribution of that gross amount must be sought for in the Departmental Records.

30. In anticipation of this duty being required, as Government Agent at Chepauk, I have been employing the Record Officers serving under my orders, in extracting from the monthly Abstracts and framing into separate accounts, the sums left unpaid on each monthly Abstract and the subsequent payment on account of such arrears; It is these Statements that I have above styled the accounts of individual Servants. No Government keeps a ledger in the Mercantile form, with a debtor and creditor page for every one of its Servants, and extracting from the Gashwarahs is the only means of ascertaining what is due to each person.

31. In the forms adopted in preparing the individual accounts, any item can be at once traced to the original or Office copy of the Abstract; my vigilance and care may be taken for one check; and committee of Audit whom I have named, will, as already explained, examine into sums deferred to the future and to the fifth share of the Revenues, into all Salaries never issued nor ordered to be issued; and into all accounts deemed to require such, but in all cases whatever, where the friendship or the enmity of any Record Officer might be supposed to be capable of influencing him in framing his accounts to the injury of the State or of Individual Servants,

32. To extend the Audit farther than this seems as unnecessary as it is inadvisable.

33. In one department particularly, that of the Department Meersamanee-i-Hoozoor, there are cases of Servants for whom, some time after Nabob's accession, the Records shew orders for issue of arrears due for Services prior to accession; i. e. for Services in the Naib-i-Mookhtar's time. In all such cases, the matter under investigation being the arrears due by the late Nabob to his Servants, (r) it is proposed merely to debit to Naib-i-Mookhtar's arrears, all Items expressly ordered in the Nabob's Defters to be paid on that account; and to debit to Nabob's account, since accession, all payments to servants on account of arrears not expressly ordered to be paid for prior arrears.

34. Modifications as to the numbers and duties and salaries of the servants in the Commissioner's Office are required. I have removed the Office to that occupied by the Government Agent at Chepauk and I request Government will have the goodness to issue orders to the Civil Auditor to pass abstracts for, if sanctioned, the Rupees 50 per mensem to each of the three Auditors from the 17th Instant, as also for the Rupees 332-8-0 hitherto paid for the Office expenses of the late Commissioners. Total Rupees 150 + Rupees 332-8-0 per mensem = Rupees 482-8-0 per mensem.

35. I have here endeavoured to place before Government the general principles as also, the detailed operations which should, I think, guide the Commissioner in completing the duty devolving on him by Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 497, dated 5th Instant.

36. I have only two points which I ask permission to mention. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council will observe from the amount of work already got through, that I have made great progress towards completing the duty devolved on me: and taking this and other points into consideration, I may be permitted to observe that the allotted Salary of Rupees 700 a month seems to me an inadequate remuneration for the character of the temporary duties and for the peculiar knowledge which, as I am told, I bring to their performance. The other point is that for the reason which I have communicated to members of Government, on several occasions during the current year, it will be understood why I am now labouring so hard and so solicitously to bring this duty to an early close: and it will, therefore, I trust, not be considered an unreasonable request for me, if I beg Government to receive favourably such arrangements as have already made, or may in future submit, tending to expedite the conclusion of this duty with due regard to its efficient performance.

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No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 587 ; dated 8th September 1858.

In the foregoing letter the Commissioner for investigating the arrears due to the Servants of the late Nawaub has laid before Government the general principles, which will guide him in concluding the enquiry and completing the duty entrusted to him by their orders of the 5th August, No. 197.

2. In para : 5 the Commissioner recommends, for the reasons therein stated, " that where the applicant does not know the actual sum but states his arrears approximately, the Sircar Records be the guide, and the sum awarded accord with the records." The Governor in Council is of opinion that the records should be the guide in all cases, unless there be strong grounds for doubting their accuracy, with the reservations however incident to the adoption of the propositions to be sanctioned below.

3. In paras : 6 to 16 the Commissioner submits certain propositions, of which the following is a summary:

To admit the claims to arrears of wages due to those Soldiers who, prior to the disbanding of the Troops of the late Nawaub, had died or been discharged or transferred to other employ.

Paras : 6 and 7.

To exclude all cases of parties not actually entertained, or of increase of salary never received, though orders exist for their employment and for the increase.

Paras : 8 and 9.

Para: 10.

To exclude all reductions of pay of the nature described in para : 10.

Para : 11.

To exclude the Allowances unpaid to all retainers of the late Nawaub, such as Pensioners, Beycars, Saadat and Neeazat, excepting members of the immediate family.

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To issue the arrears in the cases of infants and aged and infirm men enrolled as Servants, and of Absentees, to the substitutes who actually performed the duties for the time.

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To apply the arrears due to Servants who were put under stoppages on account of peculation, &c., to making good the deficiency, only such sums as may be in excess being paid to the parties.

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To settle the arrears due to all Servants who have died or been discharged during the Nawaub's life time or since his death, in the same manner as those of the surviving Servants.

The Government approve the foregoing proposals.

4. As recommended in para : 17, the Commissioner is authorised to summon all Servants of the respective Departments or their heirs to submit their claims and appear for the verification of their Services within one month from the date of the issue of a Notification to that effect. The Government do not deem it necessary that the Commissioner should apply to them for authority in each case.

5. The course proposed to be adopted in regard to those awards of the Commissioner which having been communicated to Government and to the Offices of Audit and Payment, may subsequently be found to require modification, is approved.

Paras : 18.

6. The Government approve also of the arrangements proposed by the Commissioner in paras : 21 to 24 for the issue of Receipts for the amount of the awards and for checking and passing them for payment, and resolve to communicate these paras : to the Accountant General, Civil Auditor and Sub Treasurer, for their information and guidance.

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7. The mode in which the Commissioner proposes to send up his Proceedings for record at the conclusion of the enquiry, and also to debit the payments ordered to be made on account of arrears due for services prior to the accession of the late Nawaub, seems to be proper and is accordingly approved.

Para : 25.

Para : 33.

8. Agreeably to the recommendation of the Commissioner, the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the payment to each of the three Officers mentioned in *Rajah Eschwar Doss.* para : 26 of a salary of (50) Fifty Rupees per mensem from the 17th *Stree Nawassa Row.* Ultimo till the completion of the duty in which they are now engaged. *Mukhan Lall.* The Civil Auditor is authorised to pass the Abstracts for this Establishment and the sum of Rupees 332-8-0 per mensem hitherto allowed for the Office of the late Commissioners, the aggregate monthly cost being Rupees 482-8-0. The Commissioner will make such modification in the number and salaries of the Servants as he may consider necessary for the more efficient discharge of the duties of the Office.

9. The Government fully appreciate the care and vigilance of Dr. Balfour, and the great exertions and progress made by him towards completing the duty which has devolved on him; but they regret that they are unable to grant a higher rate of remuneration than that already assigned to him as Commissioner.

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the manner our Government does, but to cause a whole or a portion of a salary, to be "Discontinued to the fifth share of the Revenues" and "Discontinued to the future".

The Commissioners, in their investigations, ascertained that all such stoppages were reductions of pay and the Commissioners treated them accordingly.

d. It is in examining the detailed accounts that such items will best be detected, and their exclusion will reduce the gross amounts awarded by the Commissioners and reported to Government in their letter No. 136 of 12<sup>th</sup> May 1858.

11. The object of Government is making the present payments, having been to reward actual services, by paying the arrears of servants, the allowances unpaid to all retainers, such as Pensioners, Beggars, Sadats, and Nazims, by Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 378 dated 24<sup>th</sup> April 1857, were ordered not to be and they have not been paid for the year 1855, and (c) the same practice will be followed for

for the years prior to 1855, viz from date of accession (25<sup>th</sup> August 1842) to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1854. The only persons, not giving service, to whom payments of arrears have been made, are the immediate family 12. It was the custom of the Nabob to enrol infants as servants and to enrol aged or sick and infirm men as servants, their duties being performed by substitutes, and it also was permitted by the Circar for servants to be absent on leave or other duties, substituting temporary people in their stead. In all such cases, it is proposed to issue the arrears to the individuals who actually, for the time, performed the duties. This seems the just course towards the labouring persons and this mode of action will not press hard on the persons whose names were enrolled as servants because the substitutes were almost invariably near relatives...

13 There are cases of peculation, misapplication of monies, and frauds amongst the Circar servants who were under stoppages on that account. It is proposed, with such persons, that their arrears, so far as they will

will go, be applied to make good such deficiencies, by leaving them undrawn i.e. by declaring arrears only due if in excess of the amount to be refunded.

14 Cases occur of men discharged for misconduct (h) where such discharge was not declared by the Nabob, at the time, to be attended with forfeiture of all arrears, it is proposed to issue the arrears to date of discharge.

15 There were a few cases of allowances being issued for the pay of servants allowed to Officers of rank, who were at liberty to employ such persons as they thought proper. The names of servants so employed are not on record in the Circar Books; and as it will scarcely be possible to trace them, (i) it is proposed to issue arrears of such allowances to the officers of rank, in whose names they were granted.

16 I recommend, also, that the arrears due to all servants who became casualties during or since the Nabob's time, whether the Casualty may have been by death or dismissal, be

be settled like those of surviving ex-servants;  
17 (k) I recommend also that the Commis-  
sioner, so soon as he may be prepared to receive  
claims and verify the services of the servants  
of each particular Department, have authority  
to summon all ex-servants of the respective de-  
partment, or their heirs, to submit their claims  
and appear for verification of their services  
within one month from date of issue of such  
notification; (l) If Government deem it  
advisable or necessary the Commissioner can  
apply to Government for authority in each  
case. This proposal, to restrict the period  
within which applications will be received or  
payments made, may prove important in results,  
by reason of the unwillingness of parties to re-  
ceive monies from the British Government.

18. In the examination of so many  
claims, it will happen that the awards of my  
predecessors and myself, may require to be  
amended. During the time of the late Commis-  
sion, the duty of issuing receipts for paying  
the amounts of the Commissioners awards devol-  
ved on the Government Agent at Choptank;  
and, on the Agent detecting in the lists he  
had

21. They it may here be remem-  
bered that the late Commission,  
after finding the gross amounts,  
had their duties restricted to exam-  
ining, into the details of arrears due  
to all departments for part of the year  
1855; and to passing awards thereon;  
It was the Government Agent at  
Choptank who was ordered to issue  
for payment the Receipts to enable  
parties to obtain the amounts due  
on the Commissioners' awards.

22. As the whole of the transac-  
tions connected with inquiring  
into the details of each servant's  
arrears is now to rest with the  
Commissioner (n) I propose that  
issuing Receipts for payment be  
also continued in his hands but  
that the Civil Auditor check and  
pass the Receipts granted by the  
Commissioner and to do so the fol-  
lowing scheme seems to me sui-  
table.

23. The Record Officers speak  
of a month; but I trust, in less than  
that

that time to have completed my investigations of the unfinished Departments, as also, of the accounts of the remaining (say 1200) servants, and to enable me to effect the early completion of this duty, which because I could not suitably attend to the granting of Receipts for money payments while still conducting investigations connected with all these Receipts, I do not propose to commence issuing receipts until all investigations connected with all the Departments are complete.

24. (K) Thereafter, the course of granting Receipts and paying the amounts will be as follows:

(1) I propose, on the principle adopted in my letter No. 4, dated 9<sup>th</sup> August 1858, to report to Government, the amounts found due to individuals in each of 18 departments, which letters and lists I recommend Government to print and to send Copies of to the Accountant General, Civil Auditor and Sub-treasurer in proof that the decisions are to be acted on;

and

arrears, all items expressly ordered in the ~~State~~ <sup>State</sup> ~~Drifters~~ <sup>Drifters</sup> to be paid on that account, and to debit to Habobi account, since accession, all payments to Drivants on account of arrears not expressly ordered to be paid for prior arrears.

34. Modifications as to the remuneration and duties and salaries of the servants in the Commissioners Office are required. I have removed the Office to that occupied by the Government Agent at Chepauk and I request Government will have the goodness to issue Orders to the Civil Auditor to pay ~~allowances~~ <sup>allowances</sup> for, if sanctioned, the Rs. 50 per mensem to each of the three auditors from the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant, also, for the Rupees 332-8-0 hitherto paid for the Office Expenses of the late Commissioners, Total Rs. 150 + 332-8-0 per mensem = Rs. 482-8 per mensem.

35. I have here endeavoured to place before Government the general principles as above, the detailed

detailed operations which should, I think, guide the Commissioner in completing the duty devolving on him by Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 497, dated 5<sup>th</sup> Instant.

36. I have only two points which I ask permission to mention. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council, will observe from the amount of work already got through, that I have made great progress towards completing the duty devolved on me, and taking this and other points into consideration, I may be permitted to observe that the allotted salary of Rs. 700 a month, seems to me an inadequate remuneration for the character of the temporary duties and for the peculiar knowledge which, as I am told, brings to their performance. The other point is, that, for reasons which I have communicated to members of Government, on several occasions during the current year, it will be

be understood why I am now labouring so hard and so solicitously, to bring this duty to an early close: and it will, therefore, I trust, not be considered an unreasonable request for me, if I beg Government to receive favourably such arrangements as I have already made, or may in future submit, tending to expedite the conclusion of this duty with due regard to its efficient performance.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

C. M. M. Balfour

Commissioner

Commissioner's Office  
24<sup>th</sup> August 1858

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My dear Mother  
The forms are in the Prep  
but expected to day. They are al-  
ready to hand, & I will send them so  
soon as they come to hand.

26 Apr 1878.

*Received £1858 re profits  
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Date 24 Augt / 1858  
Per J. S.*

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23 Aug.

Political Department

N<sup>o</sup> 587

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> September 1858

Read the following  
letter from the Commissioner  
for investigating the arrears  
of wages due to the servants  
of the late Nawab of the  
Carnatic.

(Dated 24 August 1858. N<sup>o</sup> 8)

In the foregoing  
letter the Commissioner  
for investigating the arrears  
due to the servants of the  
late Nawab has laid before  
Government the general  
principles, ~~under the details~~  
~~instructions~~, which <sup>will</sup> ~~should~~  
guide him in concluding the  
enquiry and completing the  
duty entrusted to him by their  
Orders of the 5<sup>th</sup> August. N<sup>o</sup> 497.

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2 In para 5 the Com-  
missioner recommends for  
the reasons therein stated,  
"that where the applicant  
does not know the actual  
sum but states his arrears  
approximately, the Sircar  
records be the guide, and  
the sum awarded accord  
with the records". The  
Governor in Council is of  
opinion that the records  
should be the guide in all

cases, unless there be strong  
grounds for doubting their  
accuracy - with the view -

3 In paras 6 to 16 the  
Commissioner submits  
certain propositions, of  
which the following is a  
summary

To admit the claims  
to arrears of wages due to those  
soldiers

soldiers who, prior to the dis-  
banding of the troops of  
the late Nawab, had died  
or been discharged or trans-  
ferred to other employ-

To exclude all cases of  
parties not actually enter-  
tained, or of increase of  
salary never received, though  
orders exist for their employ-  
ment and for the increase.

To exclude all reductions  
of pay of the nature described  
in para 12

To exclude the allowances  
unpaid to all retainers of the  
late Nawab, such as, Pesh-  
sioners, Beggars, Saadat and  
Neyyat - excepting members  
of the Immediate Family.

To issue the arrears in  
the cases of infants & aged &  
infirm men enrolled as ser-  
vants, and of absentees, to  
the

main however in-  
clude the adoption of  
the propositions to the  
Sanctioned below

the substitutes who actually, performed the duties for the time.

P. 13. To apply the arrears due to servants who were put under stoppages on account of speculation ~~via~~ to making good the deficiency, only such sums as may be in excess being paid to the parties.

P. 14. To admit the arrears to servants discharged for misconduct, where such discharge was not declared at the time to be attended with the forfeiture of arrears of pay.

P. 15. To issue the arrears, in the cases of servants allowed to Officers of rank, to the Officers in whose names the allowances for such servants were granted.

P. 16. To settle the arrears due to all servants who have died or been discharged during the

Nawab's

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Nawab's life time or since his death, in the same manner as those of the surviving servants.

The Government approve generally of the foregoing proposals.

To recommend in para 17, the Commissioner is authorised to summon all servants of the respective Departments or their heirs, to submit their claims, and appear for the verification of their services within one month from the date of the issue of a Notification to that effect. The Government do not deem it necessary, that the Commissioner should apply to them for authority in each case.

P. 18. 5 The course proposed to be adopted in regard to those

those awards of the Commissioner or which having been communicated to Government and to the Offices of Audit and Payment, may subsequently be found to require modification. is approved.

6 The Govt approve also of the arrangements proposed by the Commissioner in paras 31 to 34 for the issue of Receipts for the amount of the awards and for checking and passing them for payment. and resolve to communicate these paras to the Accountant General, Civil Auditor & Sub-Treasurer for their information and guidance.

P. 25 7 The mode in which the Commissioner proposes to send up his Proceedings for record at the conclusion of

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of the enquiry - and also to debit the payments ordered to be made on account of arrears due for services prior to the accession of the late Nawab. seems to be proper and is accordingly approved.

8. Agreeably to the recommendation of the Commissioner, the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the payment to each of the three Officers mentioned in para 26 of a salary of (50) Fifty Rupees per mensem from the 17<sup>th</sup> <sup>of June</sup> ~~August~~ till the completion of the duty in which they are now engaged. The Civil Auditor is authorised to pass the Abstracts for this Establishment and the sum of Rupees 332-8- per mensem hitherto allowed for the Office of the late Commissioner. the aggregate monthly

monthly cost being Rs 482-8-  
The Commissioner will make  
such modifications in the  
number and salaries of the  
Servants as he may consider  
necessary for the more effi-  
cient discharge of the duties  
of the Office.

9- The Government fully  
appreciate the care & vigilance  
of Mr Balfour, and the great  
exertions and progress made  
by him towards completing  
the duty which has devolved  
on him, but they regret that  
they are unable to grant, a  
higher rate of remuneration  
than that already assigned  
to him as Commissioner.

To the ~~Commissioner for investigating the arrears~~  
~~of wages due to the servants of the late Nawab~~ } Dispd. 8.5. M.S.  
Para 6. To Secy General  
a Comd Auditor. } Dispd. 14.  
a Sub Treasurer.

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