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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 12th October 1858.

No. 29. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 4th October 1858, No. 1641 of G. A.

SIR,

On Saturday the 25th Ultimo, the Honorable Company's Solicitor called at the Agency and favored me with a Memo: calling for lists of Sirkar property. I immediately sent it on to the Dewan of the Durbar, but though then promised by the Dewan, on the 29th Ultimo, not having, up to the 1st Instant, received the same, I wrote asking to have the Persion lists, offering to have their Translations effected. Forty six lists, accordingly, were delivered to me today, but I have returned the whole, as only nine of them were authenticated, and I could not therefore feel satisfied in becoming the medium of their transmission, having for the past 14 months, in my letters, Nos. 110 and 254 of 1857, 677 and 1631 of 1858, Extracts of which are given below, taken care to impress on the Dewan of the Durbar the necessity of preserving and of cataloguing every article of property.

2. I have communicated the above in detail to the Honorable Company's Solicitor, but the point on which I now address the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, is to submit, as my opinion, that it is not necessary and very far from advisable that there should be any third party, as this Office is being made, intervening between the person in whose charge property is, and the Receiver, who has to take charge, and unless Government desire or think it necessary that the Agency should thus interfere as the medium of communication, it seems to me greatly preferable that the communication should be direct.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to MUDAR OOL OOMRAH BAHADOOR, Dewan of the Durbar, dated 26th August 1857, No. 110.

SIR,

You will warn every person in charge of any property of the late Nabob, not to sell or lend or dispose of any part of it whatever, and I would suggest that yourself most carefully attend to these points; every body in charge should be warned not to allow the smallest portion to be out of his possession for one moment.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to MUDAR OOL OOMRAH BAHADOOR, Dewan of the Durbar, dated 2nd September 1857, No. 254.

SIR,

Para: 2. I likewise request you to favor me with the names of the servants, who having hitherto been, will continue on the same rate of pay as before to retain charge of the property stating in Columns (1) his name, (2) office, (3) service, and (4) salary, and in the remarks the description of the property of which he is in charge. I also, suggest that each servant so in charge, prepare and send to you at the earliest possible date, a minute detailed inventory of every article of property now in his care, giving in Columns its (1) name, (2) condition, and (3) estimated value.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to MUDAR OOL OOMRA BAHADOOR, Dewan of the Durbar, dated 31st March 1858, No. 677 of G. A.

SIR,

Para: 2. I have repeatedly verbally, and once in writing, suggested to you, in a friendly way, that of all the property in your own charge and in the custody of other Cirkar Servants not a particle of it should be lent to any person whatever; and I would add now that were I in charge, except preserving the property from injury, keeping it in order and doing all I could to preserve it, for the benefit of those concerned, I would do nothing else, neither using it myself, nor allowing any other person to do so.

From Surgeon E. G. BALEOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to MUDAR OOL OOMRAH BAHADOOR, Dewan of the Durbar, dated 1st October 1858, No. 1631 of G. A.

SIR,

Translations of the lists of property, which on Saturday last the 25th Ultimo, you submitted

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to the Honorable Company's Solicitor, were promised for Wednesday last the 29th Ultimo, but they have not as yet reached me.

2. If you find any difficulty in translating them, I beg of you to send these Persian lists to me and I will cause translations to be made.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, No. 664; dated 9th October 1858.

The Lists of Sirkar property applied for by the Honorable Company's Solicitor were required by him both for his own use, and to enable him to supply certain information desired by Government. His application for them to the Government Agent was therefore regular and proper. They should be procured for him as soon as possible.

With respect to the point submitted by the Agent in para: 2, the Government consider that he is correct in principle that the Receiver should apply direct to the party holding property of which he wishes to take charge. But this cannot be laid down as an invariable rule. The Receiver has been placed in communication with the Government Agent that he may obtain from him all the assistance and information that he may need in the discharge of his duty and these will no doubt be rendered him. As respects information required by the Receiver of the Dewan it will probably be procured more conveniently and effectively through the Government Agent than by direct communication.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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From Surgeon E. G. Balfour,
Government Agent at Chepauk.

Chief Secretary to Government
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