Col. Le. to Ct. 21st Jany
No. 5 of 1858 Encl. 7
Received by the Secretary of State
for India 8th Dec. 1859

In Court 12 October
Political 1859 No. 4

A

No. 6/3

Extract Minutes of Council

9/12 October 1859

Ent. 14/22 Oct. 1861.

Under circumstances
stated resolve to forward to the
Honble Court of Directors the
Chepauk Agents letter reporting
upon the arrears of wages and
allowances said to be due to
the Carnatic Family and ser-
vants and dependants of all
Classes, for the period of the Regency
of the Shaikh Mootteara Prince
azeem Jah or from 1825 to 1842
with the remarks of Govt.

4965

No. 41. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk: to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 28th September 1858, No. 1620 of G. A.

SIR,

In para: 16 of the Honorable Company's Despatch of 7th July, No. 5 of 1858, received in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 590 of 9th Instant, it is remarked by the Honorable Court that "In order to facilitate the disbandment of the military retainers you took measures for the "immediate payment of their arrears. But you limited the payment to sums which fell due in "the time of the Nawaub himself, though there were also alledged arrears dating from the time "of the Prince Azeem Jah's Regency. It would be unjust to deprive the Troops of their ar- "rears if really due. They will, of course, be included in the arrangements made for the general "settlement of the Nawab's debts." When noticing the above observations of the Honorable Court, Government, in para: 6 of that Extract Minutes of Consultation, direct my attention to the Honorable Court's wishes and command me to report the amount of these Soldiers' arrears.

2. Further on, in para: 18 of the Honorable Court's Despatch, the Court observe that (18) "The total amount of arrears from the Nawaub, to his relations, Servants and Pensioners, was "returned by the Dewan at upwards of 12 lacs: and although the strictest scrutiny of such "claims will be imperatively necessary, Dr. Balfour does not appear to think that any great re- "duction will be effected in the amount."

3. With reference to the last quotation from the Honorable Court's Despatch, it is neces- sary that I hasten to mention that though I did not anticipate that there could be any great re- duction effected in the amount of arrears recorded by the Dewan as due to the late Nabob's re- latives, Servants and Pensioners, the orders of Government subsequent to the first announce- ment of the arrears by the Dewan have greatly diminished the amount that Government have consented to pay. By clause 3rd of para: 4 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 532 of 24th December 1856, only the arrears could be reported on by the Commissioners of persons who had actually performed Services, thus excluding from arrears all Retainers, and all Pensioners, who, under their various designations, had been recipients of the *bounty* of the late Nabob, and whose arrears were included in the list which the Dewan furnished.

4. In accordance therewith, in para: 8 of the late Commissioners' letter, No. 33, dated 15th March 1857, they reported the sum of Rupees 2,74,823-8-6, as the amount of arrears due for the first 9 months of 1855, to all persons in receipt, from the late Nabob, of pay or allowances of whatever kind. The Commissioners, however, restricted in December 1856, to the arrears of those who had performed Services, reported as follows:

Extract of Commissioners' letter, dated 15th March, No. 33 of 1857, to Government.

"9. With regard to the other Departments, however, it is proper to bring to the notice of "the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the individuals for whom these amounts are "claimed to be due have not all of them been actually in the performance of duties; some of "them are in classes and styled as Bekar, Sadaat and Neeazaats, and others seem to be Pension "ers, but nearly all are Retainers, to whom payment was optional by the Nabob, even while he "was alive, and any payments of their arrears by Government can now only be the voluntary "bounty of the State. It is therefore for the consideration of Government, whether the arrears "to these classes of people should now be issued. The total amount due to them is Rupees "19,198-2-6, and, for facility of reference and decision, the statement given in Appendix 3 will "shew the arrears due for the 9 months, January to September inclusive of 1855, for Servants "who had actually been performing duties, to whom therefore payment is due by law, and those "individual classes to whom the term Retainers may be applied, and No. 5, the amount due for "purchases and contingencies." To these remarks Government replied,

(Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 21th April, No. 318 of 1857,)

"6. It is however represented that the individuals for whom these amounts are claimed to "be due, have not all of them been actually in the performance of duties; some of them are in "classes and styled as Bekars, Saadats and Neeazaat, &c., others seem to be Pensioners, but near- "ly all of them can be regarded but as Retainers to whom payments was optional by the Nabob,

"even while he was alive, and any payment of their arrears by Government can now only be "the voluntary bounty of the State. The amount due to these parties is Rupees 49,358-13-0."

"9. The arrears Rupees 49,498 to the Bekar, Neeazaat, Saadat, &c., will lie over for con- "sideration hereafter on the Government being furnished by the Agent with the list of proposed "Pensions to those parties called for in Extract Minutes of Consultation, 19th Ultimo, No. 230, "paras: 17 and 18."

5. While Government resolved to act in this manner, in another part of the same communication, the Right Honorable the Governor-in-Council also observed that "the sums for "each Department are exhibited in Appendix No. 2, and do not differ materially from those contained in the Statement submitted by the Agent on the 6th December last," thus recognising that little reduction in the total amount had been capable of being effected by the late Commissioners by the investigation of the Accounts. But there has nevertheless been, and will in future be, a greatly less sum paid by Government than what the Dewan of the Durbar, in 1856, returned; and the cause of this great reduction on the Dewan's return will be understood by referring to para. 10 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 318 of 24th April 1857, when it will be observed that of the Rupees 27,423-8-6, recognised by Government as due for the 1st nine months of 1855, Government at once struck out the Rupees 49,498-2-6, of arrears of the Pensioners proper and of the Neeaz, Syed, and Bekar Retainers, and thus was one-fifth part of the whole amount due for those months struck from the sum stated by the Dewan, for Government have never, as alluded to in para: 9 of the Extract Minutes of Consultation, reconsidered the payment of the arrears of these non-serving people, and the non-issue to them now of their accumulated 15 years' arrears, will of course cause a very great reduction of the total to be paid, I mention this because, if left unnoticed, when the actual sum paid is looked at, the supposition might be come to, that scrutiny has effected the reduction which has mainly been the result of Government not consenting to pay to other than Servants (the immediate family excepted) who performed duties.

6. On the subject of the arrears of the late Nabob's minority in the remarks of the Honorable Court in para: 16, notice only is taken of the arrears which accrued of the soldiery, in the time of the Regency. But as it may enable Government to expedite the settlement of these Carnatic Affairs, I may submit the information I am in possession of, with respect to all other Departments.

7. Though, in 1801, we assumed the Civil, as we had previously held the Military Jurisdiction of the Carnatic, the Carnatic Sircar kept up to the last, the Officers of all the Departments of its Government, precisely as if administering the affairs of a Kingdom. I find them very perfect. I am of opinion that the Family could at any moment, have resumed their jurisdiction and conducted the affairs of the Kingdom with regularity, order, and method. At the time of the demise of His Highness the late Nabob, Gholam Mahomed Ghouse, there were the following eighteen separate Departments, *viz.*

A. Mahakamah, (Court of Justice.)
B. Meersamani-i-Durbar (Commissariat of Durbar.)
C and D. Badshahi Bukshie.
E. Persian or Darool Insha-i-Farsi (Home and Foreign Affairs.)
F. Dewani Mal (Property.)
G. Imarut, (Engineers.)
H. Fatihah.
I. and J. Treasury.
K. Hafizes of Tombs.
L. Daroodies.
M. Khandan Sheristadaree (Relating to the Stipendiaries.)
N. Dustikhass (or Privy Purse.)
O. Bukshegerry (or Army.)
P, Q, and R. Ahsham, (Police &c.)
S. Mudud Khurch.
T. Meersawmani-i-Hoozoor (Commissariat of the Household.)
U. Sadarut.
V. English.

8. From time to time, modifications were made in the duties of these Departments, precisely and for similar reasons seemingly as those of the Indian Government are subjected to various changes: but as they existed at the time of the demise of the late Nabob, each of these as mentioned above prepared monthly Abstracts of Pay or issued money on receipts in the same manner as is done in the Departments of the British Government. The accounts of wages in the settlement of which I am now engaged are therefore the accounts of the eighteen separate Departments which had a separate existence at the date of the late Nabob's demise.

9. During and at the close of the Regency, though the Departments were the same, the arrangement for paying the wages was much different and the differences will be observed in the following observations.

10. In the time of the Naib-i-Mookhtar the Department S. Mudud Kurch, paid all the respectable Servants of Departments, *viz.*, of

A. Mahakamah.
B. and C. Meersamani-i-Durbar.
E. Persian Darool Insha-i-Farsi.
F. Dewani Mal.
G. Imarut.
I. and J. Treasury.
K. Tombs.
L. Daroodies.
M. Khandan Serishtadaree.
O. Bukshegherry.
P Q. and *R.* Ahsham.
U. Sadarut.
V. English.

11. While this was the position of the respectable Servants, up to the termination of the Regency, the whole other humbler Servants, &c., of the Carnatic Sircar drew their pay, allowances, &c., on the abstracts of three Departments, *viz.*

B and C. Meersawmani-i-Durbar.

O. Buksherry, and

S. Mudud Khurch.

12. In addition to which the Department, *I.* Treasury, issued the allowances each on a separate receipt, to the Neeaz Retainers, and to the Family.

13. The only person who never would give any receipt was Her Highness Nabob the late Saeed Oon Nissa Begum and the Nabob's own mother acted sometimes similarly.

14. The Servants of *A.* Mahakamah, paid partly in Mudud Khurch and partly in Bukshegherry.

B and C. Meer Samani-i-Durbar then included the Department *H.* Fatihah.

B and E. Badshahi Bukshee and Darool, Insha-i-Farsi were then united, their respectable Servants being paid in *S.* Mudud Khurch and the humbler in the Bukshegherry.

F. Dewani Mal. Its respectable Servants were paid in *S.* Mudud Khurch and its humbler people in the *P, Q,* and *R.* Ahsham.

G. Imarut paid in *S.* Mudud Khurch, and *P, Q* and *R.* Ahsham.

H See *B* and *C.*

I and *J.* Treasury paid the Mohullat and the Neeazat on separate receipts.

K. Hafizes of Tombs paid in *S.* Mudud Khurch, and a few order lies in the *P, Q* and *R.* Ahsham.

L. Daroodies, do. do.

M. Khandan Serishtadaree, do. do.

N. Dusti-khas was not regarded as a Durbar Department.

O. Bukshegherry then included *P, Q* and *R,* its respectable Servants drew in *S.* Mudud Khurch.

P, Q and *R.* See *O.*

S. Mudud Khurch drew on its own abstract.

T. Meersamani-i-Hoozoor.

U. Sadarut paid respectable in Mudud Khurch and humbler in Ahsham.

V. English, do. do.

15. With the above information before Government it will be understood that the arrears of wages, &c., during the Regency must, even of the Soldiery, be gathered from the Abstracts of two Departments, *viz.*, their own, the *O.* Bukshegherry, and those of their Officers in the Records of the Mudud Khurch.

16. Of all the Regency arrears, therefore, I find of the Departmnt *B and C.* Meersawmani-i-Durbar. By a *Bund,* dated 18*th Jamadi Oossani,* 1258, (28*th July* 1842,) that the arrears of Talb daran (Servants) up to 30th July 1842, amounted to Rupees 5,721-1-9.

17. In the Department *I.* Treasury, I find 5 *Bunds*, dated 31st July 1842, and shewing arrears up to 30th July 1842, to be due to

Madrassa Teachers	Rupees	1,800
Moot of Arikat, (Sundries,)	,,	2,050
Mahullat, *viz.*		
Azeem Oon Nissa Begum Sahiba,	Rs.	8,000
Dowlut Oon Nissa Begum,	,,	7,400
Padshah Begum,	,,	3,850
Mookhtar Oon Nissa Begum,	,,	4,380
Daughters of do.	,,	800
		24,430
	Rupees	28,280
Deduct Sundries.....		2,050
Balance	Rupees	26,230
Add due Umutool Fatimah,	,,	300
	Rupees	26,530

18. Also, by two *Bunds* each dated 11th *Jemadi Oossani* 1258, (21st July 1842,) framed by the Department *O.* Bukshegherry-i-Fouj, in the hand writing of Carnatic Stipendiary, No. 3318, Nanuk Ram, the arrears, of Talbdaran *i. e.,* Servants who performed service, are given as *A.* Troops.

Salary up to 30th July 1842, at Rupees.....	17,748-6-9
Batta, &c.....	254-9-3
Total Rupees.....	18,003-0-0

B. Talb Daran of Shagird Pesha (menial Servants) who performed service

Salary up to 30th July 1842, Rupees	20,706-13-0
Batta, &c.....	43-0-6
Total Rupees	20,749-13-6
Grand Total Rupees	38,752-13-6.

19. Also of S. Mudud Khurch, in an Abstract, dated 25th July 1842, the Abstract for the allowance of Necaz Mudud Khurch, &c., up to 31st July 1842, about .....Rupees 93,434-10-6.
Abstract do. do. of yearly Allowance*... ,, 40,285-14-6.
These do not distinguish the arrears of servants performing duties from those of idle retainers, and if Government, in accordance with the wishes of the Honorable Court, command the payment to any or each class of servants of their arrears of wages accruing during the time of the Regency, attention will be required to separate that of those who performed duties from the arrears of such as did not give any return.

* *This sum though in the Abstract, is reported to have been disallowed by Nabob, and not pressed by the Regent.*

20. On bringing together the totals as above, Government will find the gross amount to be

B & *C.* Meersamani-i-Durbar.....	Rupees	5,721	1 9
I & *J.* Treasury and Mohullat Immediate Family.....	,,	26,530	0 0
O. Bukshegherry, *A.* Troops.....	Rupees 18,003 0 0		
B. Menials.....	,, 20,749 13 6	38,752	13 6
S. Mudud Khurch monthly wages		93,434	10 6
T. Meersamani-i-Hoozoor*.....		14,000	0 0
	Rupees.	1,78,438	9

* *This sum is not in the Treasury, but estimated in the Departmental Records.*

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

21. The gross total, therefore is Rupees 1,78,438-9-9; and if the arrears of all non-serving retainers be (the Immediate Family excepted) also struck from this, a considerable reduction would doubtless be effected; I have also mentioned above that the great reduction which will be made from the amount returned by the Dewan of the Durbar of the arrears of the late Nabob's time will be in consequence of Government having (the Immediate Family excepted) excluded from right to be paid, the whole of those persons who did not perform any services, but alike in the Regency as in the Nabob's time, there will be further reductions by the exclusion of the smaller amounts, such as of sums (1) deferred by the Regent and the late Nabob to the ½ share of the Revenues, and those (2) deferred to the future; and, doubtless of the creditors of the Regency, many will have disappeared during the 16 years that have elapsed since 1842.

22. If it be the wish of Government that I should also examine into these arrears, I have the honor to mention that I have ended the exceeding heavy part of the labours required for the late Nabob's arrears, and the examination of those of the Regency could be at once entered on, the moment that Government may give the order. But as the two operations could go on together, and as it will take two entire months to complete this single duty of the Regency, while ready to further the wishes of Government, for the reasons which the members of Government are aware of, I would like to complete this new work within the period that I will be engaged with the arrears of the Nabob's time, and I would therefore, if orders are to be given, solicit their early issue, in order that I may begin the investigation.

23. The first great difficulty that will be met with, will be to distinguish the non-doing duty retainers, from the doing duty Servants.

24. The next will be to Certify the heirs of the many ex-servants who must have since demised.

25. A third difficulty will be for the 17 day payments, which the Regent introduced, and the double payments of the month, and fractional sums involved will greatly increase the work.

26. A fourth difficulty will be in the results of the late Nabob's Act, in resolutely refusing during his 13 years' incumbency, to recognise the Regency arrears, and for 16 years therefrom there has not one Officer seen the Accounts, which will be much scattered.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, No. 673; dated 12th October 1858.

In the above letter the Government Agent at Chepauk reports upon the arrears of wages and allowances said to be due to the Carnatic Family and servants and dependants of all classes for the period of the Regency of the Naib-i-Mooktear Prince Azeem Jah, or from 1825 to 1842.

2. These arrears including those due to retainers who never performed any duty amount to Rupees 1,78,438. Those due to the Troops would have to be discovered from the Accounts of that Department, the Bukshegherry and Mudud Khurch, which however includes the arrears due to several other classes of servants.

3. The Agent has offered to examine into these arrears cotemporaneously with those belonging to the Nabob's own time on which he is now engaged. He admits however that the enquiry will be attended with difficulties which he thus sums up.

The first great difficulty that will be met with, will be to distinguish the non-doing-duty retainers, from the doing duty servants.

The next will be to certify the heirs of the many Ex-servants who must have since demised.

A third difficulty will be for the 17 day payments, which the Regent introduced, and the double payments of the month and fractional sums involved will greatly increase the work.

A fourth and by far the greatest difficulty will be in the result of the late Nabob's act, in resolutely refusing, during his 13 years' incumbency, to recognize the Regency arrears, so that for 16 years there has not one Officer seen the Accounts which will be much scattered.

4. It appears to Government from what is thus stated that any efficient enquiry into these arrears, identification of parties claiming or of their representatives and verification of services after such a lapse of time, and when the accounts have been so much neglected, must be a work of much time and difficulty and could tend to no satisfactory and trustworthy results. It is well known that the Nabob uniformly repudiated these arrears on the ground apparently that his

Uncle had largely defrauded him during the regency. Had the Nabob lived they certainly never would have been paid. From the knowledge of this fact it probably was that the Accounts in which the arrears are said to be entered were dispersed and disregarded, and to extract any reliable information from them now, must be most difficult, if not impossible. The Honorable Court have indeed consented to discharge the debts contracted with creditors by His Highness Prince Azeem Jah as Naib-i-Mooktear during the Regency, but these will have to be subjected to the searching scrutiny of a Court of Law before any of them can be admitted. It will not be possible for the Agent to apply the like rigorous investigation to the arrears of wages and allowances.

5. Under these circumstances the Government resolve to forward the Agent's letter with these remarks to the Honorable the Court of Directors with reference to their Despatch, dated 7th July last, No. 5 of 1858, and to suggest for their consideration whether it will be necessary to pursue the enquiry even as regards the arrears alleged to be due to the Troops, seeing the great uncertainty that must attend the investigation and the great liberality that has already been shown in the payment of arrears for the last 16 years, and in the grant of pensions.

6. Referring to the remarks of the Agent in para: 5, the Government wish it to be clearly understood that no arrears are on any account to be paid to such classes as the Beycar, Saadat Neeazat or those pensioners under any denomination who were mere hangers on and never actually rendered service. The cases of these parties have been treated with ample indulgence when from motives of charity they were permitted to retain for life a moiety of the allowances standing against their names in the Sircar Books. No more can be allowed and so much of the arrears found by the late Commissioners or by the Agent as were referable to this head will at once be struck out of the account.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Political Department

No. 6973

Extract from the Minutes of Consultations
Dated 12th October 1858.

Read the following letter
from the Govt. Agent at Chepauk
Fort Saint George 28th Sept. 1858 No. 1820

In the above letter the
Government Agent at Chepauk
reports upon the arrears of wages
and allowances said to be
due to the Carnatic Family
and Servants and dependants
of all classes for the period
of the Regency of the Naibi
Mooktear Prince Azeem Jah
or from 1825 to 1842

2. These arrears in-
cluding those due to Retainers
who never performed any
duty amount to Rs. 1,78,438.
Those due to the Troops would
have to be discovered from
the accounts of that Departt.
the Buttoolaghurry and Inaam
Khurch, which however includes
the

the arrears due to several other classes of Servants.

3. The Agent has offered to examine into these arrears contemporaneously with those belonging to the Nabob's own time on which he is now engaged. He accords however that the enquiry will be attended with difficulties which he thus sums up—

The first great difficulty that will be met with, will be to distinguish the non-doing-duty Relations, from the doing duty Servants—

The next will be to certify the heirs of the many Servants who must have since deceased.

A third difficulty will be for the 17 day payments, which the Regent introduced, and the double payments of the months, and fractional sums involved, will greatly increase the work.

A fourth difficulty will be in the results of the late Nabobs act, in resolutely preserving, during his 13 years incumbrancy

incumbrancy, to recognize the Regency arrears, and for 16 years thereafter. there has not one officer seen the accounts which will be much scattered.

By far the greater difficulty however, is that last of those enumerated by Dr. Balfour viz that arising from the late Nabobs act, in resolutely preserving, during his 13 years incumbrancy, to recognize the Regency arrears, and for 16 years thereafter there has not one officer seen the accounts, which will be much scattered.

4. It appears to Govt from what is thus stated that any efficient enquiry into these arrears identification of parties claiming or of their representatives, and verification of services after such a lapse of time, and when the accounts have been so much neglected must be a work of much time and difficulty, and could lead to no satisfactory and trustworthy

+ and by far the greatest

Investigation results. It is well known that the Nabob was miserably prejudiced these arrears on the ground apparently, that the Mela had largely defrauded him during the Regency. Had the Nabob lived they certainly would have been paid. Upon the knowledge of this fact it probably was that the accounts in which the arrears are said to be found were disregarded, and to extract any reliable information from them now, must be most difficult if not impossible. The Honorable Court have indeed consented to discharge the debts contracted with Creditors by H. H. Prince Azeem Jah as Trustee Guardian during his Regency, but these will have to be subjected to the searching scrutiny of a Court of Law before any of them can be admitted. It will not be possible for the Agent to apply the like rigorous

rigorous investigations to the arrears of Wages and Allowances.

5. Under these circumstances the Govt. resolve to forward the Agents letter with these remarks to the Honorable the Court of Directors with reference to their Despatch of 17th July last 1858

and to suggest for their consideration whether it will be necessary to pursue the enquiry even as regards the arrears alleged to be due to the Troops during the great uncertainty that must attend the investigation and the great liberality that has been already shown in the payment of arrears for the last 16 years, paid in the part of previous.

6. Referring to the remarks of the Agent in para 5 the Govt. wish it to be clearly understood that during the arrears are to be considered strictly no arrears are on any account to be paid to such classes as the Bryears Sadoat Peregan

or —

Jany 5th 1858

Department

My dear Sycroft.

The late Nabob Dewan tion.

Recognise any Other Regency le following
Arrears. If Government ask-
a long ago, ordered by the Court, 1858. N°620)
the Regency Arrears, of Course
it makes no difference whether ment re-
the Dane be Read as Nabobs Agent to
or as Regents settle estem-
I Regret that my indisposition the work
this day, has caused a little delay gaged in, the
in replying to Yours as I could leave Office nd allowances
at 11½ P.m & Gun both Cospedia during the
per return. Yours Truly Prince Azeem
Sate derstood
that payment to be limited
to arrears of salaries of parties
who actually rendered services
and of the allowances of the
Immediate Family & and
that

ers

of those persons under pen
denomination who were
were hangers on and never
actually rendered Service
The cases of these parties have
been treated with ample
indulgence so has from mo-
tives of Charity they were
permitted to retain for life
a moiety of the allowances
standing against their names
in the Arrear Books. No more
can be allowed, and so much
of the arrears found by the
late Commissioners or by the
present Agent as are preferable
to this head will at once be
struck out of the accounts.

To the Gov Agent at Chepauk—Disp'd 13th

Thos Taplin

Political Department

No.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date-

Read the following
letter from the Government
Agent at Chepauk-
(Dated 28th September 1808 No 1620)

The Government re-
solve to direct the Agent to
investigate and settle contem-
poraneously with the work
that he is now engaged in, the
arrears of wages and allowances
that have accrued during the
Regency of the Prince Azeem
Jah - it being understood
that payment is to be limited
to arrears of salaries of parties
who actually rendered services
and of the allowances of the
Immediate Family; and
that

To the Govt Agent at Chepauk - (Dispd 13th)

Thos Sydenham