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Read the following letters

No. 37. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 13th December 1858, No. 1989 of G. A.

SIR,

Act XXX of 1858 gives over every thing for the benefit of the Creditors, whether solely State Property or Articles of a purely personal description. As the Receiver is now commencing to take charge, I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the Nabob's Signets are, as also, it is possible, Seals or Stamps of former Nabobs may be, amongst other property of which it will be the Receiver's duty to take charge. And as I am of opinion that these Articles should be carefully taken charge of by Government, I have addressed the Receiver the letter of which copy is subjoined, and suggest that permission to purchase all such on behalf of Government be given.

2. Amongst the Nabob's Books are numbers of Korans. The educated part of the Mahomedan Community would not be affected by the sale of such religious works, but I have seen on one occasion myself, and have been told of another occasion at a Public Sale where the uneducated part of the Community seeing the Koran handled by other Religionists, evinced emotion. I have the honor to suggest that permission be given to purchase any necessary books which might be distributed amongst the relatives.

3. I enclose also copies of correspondence from His Highness Prince Azeem Jah Bahadoor, regarding a silvered Ladder, which had been prepared by the late Nabob with the intention of presenting the same to the Kabah at Mecca, and correspondence took place with Government upon this subject.* But the Ladder was never sent. And I am of opinion it will not be found that the late Nabob formally made it Wakf. As the Prince is appealing to me however, I send on his letters, recommending Government not to interfere, as I have no doubt that the Receiver will do all that is necessary and if need be, apply for the Court's permission to sell the Ladder privately.

* *From Government Agent to Chief Secretary, 12th October* 1854, *No.* 56.
*Ext. Mins. Cons. No.* 390, 17*th October* 1858.

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From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk, and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends; to CLEMENT DALE, Esq., Receiver of the Carnatic Property, dated 13th December 1858, No. 1988 of G. A.

SIR,

Among the Records of the Persian Department of the Carnatic Sircar, which came under my care, by order of Government, are those of the Persian Department, also a Department presided over by the Meer Munshi of the Durbar.

2. Along with the written Records there came a small box under the Seal of the Meer Munshi of the Durbar said to contain Signet Seals* of the late Nabob, and at noon today the Meer Munshi will be in attendance to deliver that to you, on your fixing a time for taking it. I have the honor to suggest, however, for your consideration that though all property of all kind public or private by Act XXX has to be taken charge of by you, all Seals, Signets, Stamps or other Insignia of Royalty by means of which the late Nabobs of the Carnatic, five in number, are exclusively pertaining to the duties of the ruling Power and the utmost care should be taken of all such Insignia either by destroying them publicly, which I do not advise, or allowing them to be purchased privately by Government and lodged for security in any Department that Government may deem advisable. In the meantime however, until Orders of Government be received by me, I will suggest that every such article that you may receive from the Dewan of the Durbar be under your own personal care and Seal.

* *As you are aware these old Seals have been stolen.*

From AZEEM JAH BAHADOOR; to EDWARD BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk, dated Shady Mahel, 13th December 1858.

His Highness Azeem Jah Bahadoor presents his compliments to Edward Balfour, Esq., the Government Agent at Chepauk, and begs to enclose herewith two copies of the correspondence of Mr. Dale, Receiver of the Carnatic Property and His Highness, in the subject of the Shedy (Ladder) for the kind perusal of the Government Agent, hoping that the Agent will be pleased to take them, into his kind consideration for the same.

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From AZEEM JAH BAHADOOR; to C. DALE, Esq., Receiver of the Carnatic Property, dated Shady Mahel, 17th November 1858.

His Highness Azeem Jah Bahadoor presents his compliments to C. Dale, Esq., Receiver of the Carnatic Property, and begs to inform him that a Shedy (Ladder) had been prepared by the late Nabob of the Carnatic for Mecca Sherief to charity, which was deferred from being sent to its destination owing to His Highness' death.

His Highness Azeem Jah Bahadoor learns that Mr. Dale is about to dispose of the Shedy as if it were a State Property, but according to Mahomedan Law *that* is neither personal nor State Property *which* is intended or dedicated for charity. The truth of assertion Mr. Dale may be convinced if on reference to Mahomidian Cauzees or Moulavees.

His Highness therefore hopes that Mr. Dale will, if satisfied after enquiring on the subject, be pleased to deliver it to him that His Highness may be able to perform the charity at his own expenses.

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From CLEMENT DALE, Esq., Receiver of the Carnatic Property; to His Highness Prince AZEEM JAH BAHADOOR, dated Madras, 17th November 1858, No. 47.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of a letter from your Highness to my address dated this day.

2. I do myself the honor of assuring your Highness, that your application shall receive my early attention, and that I will make such enquiries as may appear to be necessary; your Highness is however in all probability aware, that I have no power to decide the question now raised by Your Highness, but that it will rest with Her Majesty's Supreme Court at Madras to adjudicate thereon. I will however do myself the honor of communicating with your Highness again previously to my taking any steps in the matter.

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No. 38. From Colonel G. BALFOUR, Esq., Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Secretary to Governemnt, Military Department, Fort St. George, dated 18th December 1858, No. 585.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 808, dated 8th December 1858, I have the honor to request you will submit to Government, that it is hardly advisable that the Ordnance Carriages, Swords and Arms belonging to the late Nabob of the Carnatic should be exposed for Public Sale; and that I would suggest instead, that all such of these Articles as were originally issued by the Ordnance Department to the late Nabob, be taken over at the same value, as that which had been recovered from the Nabob, on their issue from the Public Stores.

2. Arms that were not issued from the Public Stores; such as Fancy Swords and Rifles may, if the Government approve of such a course, be sold at Public Auction, instead of being taken over by the Government at a valuation to be agreed upon between the Receiver and the Ordnance Department; but, after the Military Stores which may have been issued from the Government Arsenals are agreed upon, a separate report on the Fancy Weapons can then be made, and the wishes of Government ascertained, as some Swords and other Arms may perhaps be reserved for special disposal.

*Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 4th January* 1859.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, No. 846; dated 31st December 1858.

The Signets, Seals or Stamps of the late Nawaub of the Carnatic and of his predecessors referred to in the first of the above letters, can evidently have no value, for honest purposes, beyond that of the metal or stones in them, and it is obviously undesirable that they should be allowed to pass into private hands. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council therefore resolves to intimate to the Receiver that it is the wish of Government to take them at their intrinsic value. The Government would also wish to take the Korans at a valuation.

2. The Government will not interfere in the matter of the "Silvered Ladder" referred to in the last para: of the Agent's letter.

3. In his letter of the 18th Instant, the Inspector General of Ordnance suggests, in reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 8th Idem, that all such Ordnance Carriages, Swords and Arms belonging to the late Nawaub as were originally issued to him by the Ordnance Department be taken over at the same value as that which had been recovered from the Nawaub, on their issue from the Public Stores. The Government are inclined on further consideration to agree in the propriety of this course and they resolve to intimate to the Receiver accordingly. It is clear that such Articles could not be permitted to pass into the Town and that if now taken back by Government at the prices charged for them to the Nabob, when new, they will realize their full value or indeed more then their value in their present State.

4. Colonel Balfour will, as he has proposed, submit a separate report on the fancy Swords and Rifles.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
*Chief Secretary.*

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Political Department

No 846

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 31st December 1858.

Read the following letters.

From
The Government Agent
at Chepauk
" Inspector General of
Ord: and Magazines

Fort St. George 13th Dec. 1858 No 1989
" " " 18th " " " 585.

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The Signets, Seals or Stamps of the late Nawab of the Carnatic and of his predecessors referred to in the first of the above letters, can evidently have no value, for honest purposes, beyond that of the metal or stones in them - and it is obviously undesirable that they should be allowed to pass into private hands - The Right Honorable the Governor in Council therefore resolves to intimate to the Receivers that it is the wish of Govt

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2. The Government will not interfere in the matter of the "Silvered Ladder" referred to in the last para of the Agents letter.

3. In his letter of the 18th instant, the Inspector General of Ordnance suggests in preference to Op: Min: Cons: of the 8th idem that all such Ordnance Carriages, Swords and Arms belonging to the late Nawab as were originally issued to him by the Ordnance Departt. be taken over at the same value as that which had been recovered from the Nawab, or their issue from the Public Stores. The Government are inclined on further consideration to agree in the propriety of this course and they resolve to intimate to the Receiver accordingly.

It is clear that such Articles could not be permitted to pass into the Town and that if now taken back by Government at the prices charged for them to the Nabob, when new, they will realize their full value or indeed more than their value in their present state.

4. Colonel Balfour will, as he has proposed, submit a separate report on the Fancy Swords and Rifles.

JP

To the Govt. Agent at Chepauk Dft. 21. Mt.
" Govt. Solicitor
" Inspt. Genl. of Ordnance
" Receiver Carnatic Property.
Omitted copy sent on the 5th inst.
with copies of papers.
Disp. 5th

Political Department

No 846

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date 3

Read the following
Letter from the Govt
Agent at the Bank.

(Dated 13th Decr 1858 No 51989)

The R. H. the Gover-
nor in Council is of
opinion that, ~~as already~~
~~directed in the case of~~
~~the Arrowsmith Stores &c.~~
~~belonging to the late Sea-~~
~~-coast of the Camatic~~ the
Signets, Seals & Books
should be sold publicly;
and he authorizes the
Agent at Chepauk to
purchase the Seals on
account of Government
at such public Sale,
but not the Books. +

2. The Govt will
not interfere in the
matter of the "Silvered
Ladder," referred to in
the

~~Govt Dis. 1858 No 848.~~

+ This Sale of the Latticed
however is conducted
in such a manner as not
to offend the feelings of
the Mahomedan
community -

I think the petitioner ought
to be referred to Govt - the Govt has not

the last para of the Agent's
letter.

JJP

To the Gov.t Agent at Chepauk
Receiver of the Carnatic Property.

JJP

with this warrant with from
Bullion about the books
in pr k seals they can dawn to
when honestly exempt as old
silver - If Europeans do not do so
we first buy them in they may
be bothered - & his exception
to pay as told to any one
respecting

JJP

In Sec. to Govt. 4 January 59
Political 1858 Depart.

Pol. Ltr. to Govt. dated 8th March
No. 4 of 1859 Para 6.

No. 816

Extract Minutes of Govt.

dated 31st December 1858.

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