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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 25th February 1859.

No. 1. From Surgeon EDWARD BALFOUR, Commissioner Investigating the Debts to His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 3rd February 1859, No. 170.

SIR,

When asked by Government in what time I could conclude the enquiries to be left unfinished by the late Commissioners, I had the honor, in para: two of my letter, Government Agent No. 1220 of the 14th July last; to name six months from the date of my receipt of the orders of Government.

2. These orders, communicated to me in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 497 of the 6th of August last, (received on the 6th Idem,) I have been acting on, during this time, and have the honor to report that I have nearly completed the entire duty then allotted to me. All that remains unfinished is Audit by the Civil Auditor of the work already done and the completion of the Supplementary or concluding List, which, in para: 18 of my letter, No. 8 of 24th of August last, I intimated would be so prepared as to avoid occupying Government with the disputed points and by that one communication wind up the whole of this duty which I have been told to perform.

3. Indeed it ought to have been got through before this; but, as mentioned in para: 4 of Commissioner's letter, No. 87 of 27th October, and para: 2 of No. 130 of 30th December last, sending back my manuscripts lost one month and the unexpected examination of Account required of me to aid the legal advisers of Government, as alluded to in my letter, No. 1928 of 3rd December last, have not allowed that constant attention towards the close of the duty which I was able to apply at its commencement, and I have therefore the honor to request authority to retain the Establishment only; from the 7th Instant for the brief time longer which is still required to admit of my fully carrying out the instructions of Government by completing the work.

4. I have now, however, the honor to submit that the knowledge which I have acquired of the requirements for the examination of the Persian Accounts of the Sircar, to aid the duties of the legal advisers of Government, admits of my stating as my calm conviction, that, under an entirely different organization, the pay of the Establishment could be effectively applied for the interests of the State by employing in lieu of the present number of Clerks, able Accountants to assist in the work of investigating claims.

No. 2. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 3rd February 1859, No. 248.

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In paras: 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, of my letter, No. 1928 of 3rd December last, I had the honor to bring to the notice of Government the existence of a large class of humble people, principally daily labourers, and petty suppliers, to whom arrears were still due varying in amount from the petty sums of 3½ Annas to one, the highest, of Rupees 6,917-6-0, and the average of the whole of which was only Rupees 106 each:—as also, the existence of Debts of a similar character about 528 in number, in the Istifah Cutcherry, the average of whose petty claims was about Rupees 175 each, the claims descending so low as one anna and all of the Istifah Cutcherry people remain unpaid since prior to 1848, a period of 11 years.

2. As these people were not Servants, the late Commissioners or myself could not, by the orders, settle their arrears and I submitted my views on the point when writing on the 3rd December last.

3. I have the honor to subjoin copy of a communication received from the Dewan of the Durbar, relating to a portion of this class of labouring people, called forth in consequence of the sale of the animals they were in charge of, and I beg to recommend the claims of the whole class to the benevolent and early consideration of Government.

From MUDAR OOL OOMRAH, Dewan of the Durbar; to E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk, dated 3rd February 1859.

Owing to the Sircar Elephants having been sold, the forage suppliers solicit their arrears due to them for forage supplied, as they are entitled to the arrears in question like the other Ser-

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vants of the Sircar and worked day and night in procuring forage, I beg you will kindly take their case into consideration. The amount of their arrears will be known by the Records of the Commissariat Department in your charge.

No. 3. From Surgeon E. BALFOUR, 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 4th February 1859, No. 172.

SIR,

In para: 4 of my letter, No. 170 of yesterday's date, I had the honor to suggest the application of the Commissioner's Establishment, suitably re-organised, to aid in the duties required by the Legal Advisers of Government in their labours.

As the Right Honorable the Governor in Council may however desire a precise explanation of my views, I have the honor to mention that the duties which fall to be performed, on receipt from the Government Solicitor of claims against the Estate of the late Nabob, are of two kinds; the one being to bring to bear all knowledge relating to the case and to the parties involved in it; while the other kind is entirely that of Auditing or Accounting the Persian Accounts in the Sircar Records.

In the course at present pursued, and which must be continued, on receipt of a claim, it is immediately rendered into the Persian Language and thus placed in the hands of those Record Officers to whose special departments the items of the case relate.

The Record Officers then make all search through their journals to ascertain if corresponding entries exist in their Dufers; and when all available information has been gathered together, the items found thereof are re-rendered into English, and the claim then Audited, or rather the Accounting of items of the claim proceeded with. When this is completed a report on the whole case is made to the Legal Advisers of Government.

The Right Honorable the Governor

* B. C. Durnford, Head Clerk, Monthly Rs.	140-0-0	in Council will duly estimate the relative
J. L. Tessier, Deputy do.	60-0-0	values of each of the duties detailed
P. Veerasawmy, do. do.	60-0-0	above; I myself attach much importance to due and careful accounting,
Rajah Eshwar Doss, Auditor,	50-0-0	and if the arrangements for the duty
Streenavassa Row, do.	50-0-0	were entirely left to me I would at once
Mukhan Lall, do.	50-0-0	re-organise the Establishment of the
G. Ramakistnayah, Clerk,	20-0-0	Commissioner by asking Mr. Peachey
M. Teroovengadam, do.	20-0-0	to give me his aid in the Office in the
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Gholam Hossain, Pcon	6-0-0	all whose salaries with those of the three
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Under existing circumstances, I feel that I need not dwell on the necessity for Government protecting its interest by every legitimate means: the due, leisurely, careful Auditing and Accounting of each item of the claims, sent to me for report, is one very appropriate means, and, considering the magnitude of the claims, is one the advantages from which would far out balance any temporary outlay.

Mr. Peachey, Accountant, Monthly Rs.	300-0-0	
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No. 4. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipend; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 4th February 1859, No. 257.

SIR,

I have the honor to subjoin copy of a communication addressed to the Civil Auditor.

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From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends; to F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Civil Auditor, Fort Saint George, dated 4th February 1859, No. 256.

SIR,

I have the honor to intimate that the Services of the Clerks sanctioned under the orders of the Clerk as per margin,* will be discontinued from this date.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, No. 110; dated 16th February 1859.

In the first of the above letters the Commissioner reports, that he has nearly completed the entire duty allotted to him in Extract Minutes of Consultation, 5th August last, No. 497, for the settlement of the arrears of Wages and Allowances due to the Servants of the late Nawab, and to the Members of his family. All that remains unfinished is "Audit by the Civil Auditor of the work already done, and the completion of the Supplementary or concluding List, which, in para: 18 of his letter, No. 8 of 24th of August last, he intimated would be so prepared as to avoid occupying Government with the disputed points, and by that one communication wind up the whole of this duty which he has been told to perform."

2. In para: 3 of his letter, Doctor Balfour represents that the work would have been got through at an earlier date, but for the duties which have latterly devolved on him of aiding the Law Officers of Government in the enquiries which they have to prosecute under Act XXX of 1858, and from some of his Manuscript Lists having been sent back to him. The former cause must of course have interfered with his labors as Commissioner. As to the last, Doctor Balfour has already been told that the Lists were returned to him because, the Government Press being so fully occupied, it was hoped that they could be more expeditiously printed under his supervision elsewhere. It may now be noted that the Lists were detained in the Government Office only three days, having been received on the 29th September and sent back on the 1st October.

3. In another letter, No. 248 of the same date as the preceding, 3rd February, the Agent represents that, in his report of 3rd December 1858, paras: 17 to 21, he had brought to the notice of Government "the existence of a large class of humble people, principally daily labourers and petty Suppliers, to whom arrears were still due, varying in amount from the petty sums of 3½ Annas to one, the highest, of Rupees 6,917-6-0, and the average of the whole of which was only Rupees 106 each, as also the existence of debts of a similar character about 528 in number, in the Istifah Cutcherry, the average of which petty claims was about Rupees 175 each, the claims descending so low as one anna." The arrears of these parties, he explains, had not been settled by the late Commissioners because they were not *Servants*, but he subjoins a copy of a communication received from the Dewan of the Durbar, relating to a portion of this class of labouring people, or those who have supplied forage to the Sircar Elephants lately sold, and he recommends the claims of the whole class to the benevolent and early consideration of Government.

4. On reference to Dr. Balfour's report of 3rd December last, the Government find that the number of these cases in 18 Departments of the Sircar is 643, viz., 263 for Rupees 52,110-1-1½ on account of goods and provisions supplied, and 380 for Rupees 16,557-10-6 on account of hire of persons casually employed. Total Rupees 68,667-11-7½. It seems further that there are 528 cases of a similar character, but entered in the Istifah Cutcherry, which amount in the aggregate to Rupees 92,432-4-0. Thus, altogether these petty claims number 1171, and the total amount claimed is Rupees 1,61,099-15-7½, or on the average about Rupees 137 each.

5. It appears to the Government that these cases, which cannot well form matter of adjudication by the Supreme Court under Act XXX of 1858, may properly be enquired into and settled by the Commissioner, no less than the arrears of wages to the actual Servants have been. Dr. Balfour will therefore proceed with the settlement of these claims. Whilst so employed, he will continue to draw his allowance as Commissioner, and will retain so much of the Commissioner's establishment as he may require for the performance of this duty.

6. In para: 22 of the report already adverted to, the Agent alludes to wages and debt claims prior to 1847, connected with the Meer Sawmani-i-Durbar Department, but transferred

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by the late Nawab to the Isteeffa Cutcherry. There are about 300 wage claims of regular Servants as well as about 1000 other claims of kinds. The Government would wish to know what these 300 wage claims are likely to amount to, and how far back they extend; and as respects the 1000 other claims, of what nature they are generally, and why they have not been proceeded with under Act XXX of 1858.

7. In his letter of 3rd February, No. 170, para: 4, Dr. Balfour submits that the knowledge which he has acquired "of the requirements for the examination of the Persian Accounts of the Sircar, to aid the duties of the legal Advisers of Government, admits of his stating as his calm conviction, that, under an entirely different organization, the pay of the Establishment could be effectively applied for the interests of the State by employing in lieu of the present number of Clerks, able Accountants to assist in the work of investigating claims." In a subsequent letter, 4th February, No. 172, he explains that in lieu of the present Establishment of 11 persons, with aggregate Allowances of Rupees 482-8-0 monthly, he would ask Mr. Peachey to give him his aid in the Office in the capacity of an Accountant, allotting him a salary of Rupees 300 per mensem, to be obtained by displacing Clerks from the existing establishment. This would then be reduced to 6 persons, viz., Mr. Peachey himself, three Clerks and two Persian Auditors on the same total cost 482½ per mensem as before.

8. The Government must observe that Mr. Peachey cannot be spared for the proposed duty, as his Services are required in the Commission for the investigation of Establishments, to which he is Secretary. For the rest, it must be noted that the establishment referred to by Dr. Balfour is that which was originally entertained to aid him and the other Commissioners, when it was supposed that the whole of the Nawab's debts would be decided by them. Some portion, as above authorized, will have, for a while, still to be employed, for the enquiry into the petty claims which has now been ordered. With respect to the aid to be rendered to the Law Officers of Government in actions brought under the late Act, the Government are led to believe that the assistance which those Officers require, as regards the Carnatic Duffer, is mainly that of being furnished with accurately translated Extracts from the Records and Accounts in connection with the claims the particulars of which they from time to time forward to the Agent. The temporary addition to his Establishment on that account should therefore, it would seem to Government, rather consist of good Persian Translators and perhaps a few Clerks or Copyists. On this point however it would be well that the Agent should refer to the Law Officers themselves, and, after communication with them, submit to Government the revised establishment which may seem necessary for the purpose in question.

9. An extra Establishment, which has latterly amounted to Rupees 215 per mensem, has under sanction of various dates been maintained by the Agent, in addition to his own fixed Establishment of Rupees 460-10-0, having been granted by Government to aid in the preparation of the Lists of Stipendiaries. Those Lists have now been completed and printed, and the Agent has recently intimated to the Civil Auditor that he has dispensed with the services of the Clerks entertained under the sanctions granted 18th January and 15th May last. The salaries of these discharged Men seem to have been 75 Rupees monthly, and the temporary Establishment now referred to will thus be reduced to Rupees 140 per mensem. Some addition will however be required, permanently, to the Agent's regular Establishment, Rupees 460-10-0 per mensem, in consequence of the Extra work thrown upon it by the large number and amount of the Carnatic

Extract Minutes Consultation, 19th August 1858, No. 530.

Proceedings of the Commission, dated 30th July, submitted with letter of 6th August 1858.

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Exd. J. A. Wilson.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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*Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 16th February 1859*

Read the following, papers:

<i>From Commissioner for investigating the arrears due to the servants of the late Nawab of the Carnatic</i>	<i>See entry 3rd February 1859 p. 170</i>
<i>From Government Agent at Chepauk</i>	<i>" 3rd " " 1859</i>
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Ex. M. C. 24th October 1858 No 707
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* Proceedings of the Commission dated 30 July, submitted with letter of 6 August 1858.

Stipends of 1853 - but the Government have deferred determining what that addition shall be until the various changes and arrangements recommended by the Commissioners for investigating the Public establishments in their report on the Chepauk Agency should have been carried out - When a fair trial had been given to them, Mr. Balfour was to report what establishment should be finally entertained for the duties of the Agency, their number, designations and rates of salary - The Agent will now state what he has done towards giving effect to the recommendations of the Commissioners & with what result.

To the Govt Agent at Chepauk

" Commission for investigating arrears due to the C. Agency Sanitary

" Civil Auditor - Dispd. 2nd March

Signed 17th E. M. C.

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