

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No:

272

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1859.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
from 30th April to 3rd May 1859.

No. 11. Read the following letter from Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th April 1859, No. 684.

* The Bill is not forwarded as the Printers charges are exorbitant and the Bills have been returned for modification.

I have the honor to forward with Vouchers a Contingent Bill* for advertising the Notice.

In sending on my letter, No. 1842, dated 18th November last, paragraph 5 was noted as per margin: I then returned to the proprietors all their Bills, with a note of which a copy is given in appendix B and ceased all advertisements.

2. The Honorable the Governor in Council is aware that in the course of my duties, as Government Agent at Chepauk and subsequently as Commissioner, I have had to issue Cash Receipts for the wage arrears of the Ex-Servants of the late Nabob.

3. By the correspondence of which the dates are given in an appendix A it will be observed that it was by advertisements in all the Mahomedan Newspapers, that Ex-Servants, their heirs, and representatives, were summoned to appear to prove their claims and receive their Cash Receipts.

4. This plan of advertising was on each occasion submitted to Government and sanctioned, and with so many thousand claimants there was no other safe course to follow in order to compel their coming forward within a reasonable time or at all.

5. There has nevertheless occurred from this course the sole circumstance occasioning any annoyance in all my duties. This has resulted from the unfair, unauthorized, and unequal charges made by some of the Mahomedan Proprietors for their advertisements. Some have written large and spun out the lines to increase the extent of their charges. In the ordinary lines of their paper 6, 7, 8 and 10 words are written but in the same paper and on the opposing column in our advertisements only 1, 2, 3 and 4 words appear in a line. The charges of the Proprietors are also unequal in the two offices, varying for the same advertisements as per margin; two of the

Government Agent's advertisements.	Amount.	Commissioners advertisements.	Amount.
Muzhar ool Akbar. ...	120 12 0	Muzhar ool Akbar... ..	377 0 0
Auzeem ool Akbar... ..	123 12 0	Auzeem ool Akbar.	381 0 0
Khoolasut ool Akbar... ..	129 8 0	Khoolasut ool Akbar.	414 0 0
Taleem ool Akbar... ..	135 0 0	Taleem ool Akbar.	549 12 0
Moofeed ool Akbar.	132 0 0	Moofeed ool Akbar.	442 4 0
Soobah Saduck.	159 8 0	Soobah Saduck.**	785 8 0
Makhzam ool Akbar... ..	249 12 0	Makhzam ool Akbar.**... ..	1022 4 0
Amer ool Akbar.	bills not returned.	Amer ool Akbar... ..	bills not returned.
	1050 4 0		3971 12 0

Newspapers ** are bi-weekly and advertized in each issue and have charged more: but the rates of their charges even are unequal, I have repeatedly verbally sent asking the Proprietors to come to the Office to have their claims arranged but none of them have called and one person whose Bills were returned for correction does not send back his Bills at all. Two of them as per margin are Government Servants I cannot recommend Government to pay charges so unfair but I send the Bills to Government with copies of their papers containing the advertisements suggesting that the Government Solicitor be asked to settle them for Government on the most advantageous terms.

6. The printing Bills of Messrs. Pharoah and Co., and the Scottish Press are moderate and I recommend them to be passed.

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Moonshee Gholam Hoossain, College Moonshee Proprietor of Azeem ool Akbar.

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No. 12.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1859, No. 272.

1. The Government must decline to pay the obviously exorbitant charges of the Proprietors of the Hindustani Newspapers for inserting the Advertisements alluded to; but they resolve to refer the Agent's letter and its enclosures to the Government Solicitor for his advice and assistance in effecting a settlement of the above Bills.

2. The charges of the Athenæum and Scottish Presses for printing certain Lists, &c., being moderate, the Government sanction the payment of the Bills of Messrs. Pharoah and Co., and Mr. Graves, amounting respectively to Rupees (330) Three hundred and thirty, and Rupees (176-10-0) One hundred and seventy six and Annas ten.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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Khoolasut ool Akbar	129 8 "	Khoolasut ool Akbar	414 "	in each issue
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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Edwan B. A. J. van
Government Agent

To,

J. P. Croft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort St. George

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Memorandum of Charges for. Printing the List of the servants of the late Nabob
of the Carnatic to whom arrears of wages were due.

No. of. Amount
Bancobers Charged. Total

Bills No 1. 160 " "
" " 2. 125 " "
" " 3. 45 " " 330 " "

Bills No 4. 170 2 0
" " 5. 6 2 0 176 10 0

Grand Total Rupees. 506.10.0

Comptrollers Office

15th April 1859.

W. J. van
Comptroller

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To the Govt Agent at Chepauk with 5 Bills in Draft: 1/2
 " Govt Solicitor with Bills &c
 " Accts General.
 " Civil Auditor.
 " Sub Treasurer

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Declining to pay the
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of the Hindustani News
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referring the chequers
agent's letter and its
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