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No. 15. Read the following letter from CLEMENT DALE, Esq., the Receiver of the Carnatic Property; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 25th April 1859, No. 97.

*Minute Consultation 31st December 1858, No. 846,
Political Department.
Minute Consultation 8th February 1859, No. 174,
Judicial Department.
Minute Consultation 2nd March 1859, No. 141,
Political Department.
Minute Consultation 8th March 1859, No. 155,
Political Department.
Minute Consultation 17th February 1859, No. 111,
Political Department.*

Para: 1. With reference to the Extracts from the several Minutes of Consultation noted in the margin, I do myself the honor of forwarding for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, copies of the following letters and valuations.

1st. Letter from Mr. Lowe of the Mount Road, with a Memo: annexed shewing the weight of the Silver Seals belonging to the Estate of the late Nabob.

2nd. Letter from Messrs. Ashton Richardson and Co., enclosing 3 Memoranda, shewing the valuation of the several copies of the Koran belonging to His late Highness, with copies of such Memoranda—And

3rd. Letter from the same firm, enclosing 2 Memoranda of the value of the Paintings in the Chepauk Palace, and of the sacred things flags, &c., referred to in the Minutes of Consultation of the 17th February with copies of such Memoranda.

2. I have deferred communicating the several valuations, until I was in a position to submit the whole for the consideration and determination of Government, and although I forwarded to Messrs. Ashton Richardson and Co., instructions to value the paintings &c., on the 25th February (the day I received the Extract Minutes Consultation 17th February) it was not till the 12th Instant I was able to get the valuation, in consequence of their feeling diffident in making an Estimate, and I was unable to find any body more competent than that firm, none of the Auctioneers here having had experience in such matters.

3. As regards the first letter, His Excellency in Council will observe, that Mr. Lowe has placed the "intrinsic value" of the Seals at Rupees 192-8-4, at the same time offering some observations regarding a sale on that principle—I do myself the honor of drawing the attention of His Excellency in Council to those observations, because in petitioning the Supreme Court for leave to sell the Seals to Government, I must annex the valuation and Mr. Lowe's letter, and I can hardly suppose, the Court will sanction a sale on those terms, in opposition to such an opinion, whereas if you were authorised to offer me a sum, at all approaching what would be likely to be realised, if the course suggested by Mr. Lowe were carried out, I entertain no doubt the Court would at once sanction the sale. If it should be the wish of Government, that Mr. Lowe should name a sum, I will forthwith request him to do so, and on its meeting the approval of Government, I will include such offer in the petition I am prepared to present to the Supreme Court for leave to sell.

4. With regard to the 2nd letter I do not consider any observation is required the sums named are

Rupees 1,175-0-0
72-0-0
15-0-0

To which has to be added the Cost of valuation amounting to Rupees 31-8-10

Making a Total of Rupees 1,293-8-10

5. Referring to the 2nd para: of the Minutes Consultation 31st December last, I gather that Government were not disposed to purchase the Ladder; and I had made arrangements for removing it from the Chepauk Palace, previously to offering it for sale. Mr. Balfour, in his letter to Government of the 13th December last No. 1989, states as his opinion, that it will not be found that the late Nabob formally made it wakf. From enquiries I have made, I believe Mr. Balfour was correct in that opinion; but I am informed that sacred passages have been engraved on the

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Ladder which gives to it a certain sanctity in the eyes of Mahomedans, and when it was understood I was going to remove it, there was considerable feeling evinced, and I considered it more politic to let it remain in the palace, and sell it there and as I purposed selling the Ladder there, I determined not to remove the throne, but to sell both at the same time at the Palace I have had the necessary arrangements made for their safety, and I will make such dispositions for their being viewed previously to, and at the time of sale, as will not interfere with the feelings of the Mahomedans. This will not impede my taking possession of the Palace which I purpose doing forthwith, and advertising it for sale.

6. With reference to the 3rd and 4th paras: of those Minutes, as also to the Minutes of Consultation of the 8th February, and the 2nd and 8th of March 1859, I do myself the honor of stating for the information of His Excellency in Council, that I considered it undesirable to apply to the Supreme Court at various times for leave to sell property to Government, the more especially as I was then in daily expectation, of receiving the valuation of the pictures &c., I however made arrangements by which Mr. Robinson had the Carbines he required handed over to him.

7. With reference to the 3rd letter, I have already adverted in para: 2 to the difficulty I experienced in obtaining a valuation of the pictures. I am not aware that any further observation is needed by me on that letter &c., the amounts are as follows:

Of the Pictures	Rupees 9,000-0-0
The sacred things flags &c.	830-1-3
The Cost of valuation	245-12-0

Making a Total of Rupees 10,075-13-3

8. So soon as Government inform me of their wishes regarding the valuation of the Seals, and notify their acquiescence in the valuation of the Korans, Pictures, flags &c., I will petition the Court for leave to sell, and proceed to complete the several arrangements here referred to.

9. Referring to the letter I had the honor to address to you as noted in the margin, I have much satisfaction in stating that my hopes have been fully realized and that I have now received charge of the

several Articles in the Chepauk Palace.

10. Things not delivered to me by the Dewan (but which were included in his Lists) have to be accounted for by that Gentleman, I am having a List made out for submission to him.

11. I am now making arrangements for taking possession of the Palace and propose advertising it for sale without delay.

From Mr. A. LOWE; to C. DALE, Esq., Receiver of the Carnatic property, dated Madras, 21st January 1859.

In compliance with your request I have examined and weighed the Silver Seals belonging to the Estate of the late Nabob and annex the weight of each Article.

With reference to the value of them the mere price of the Silver is so very trifling that it will entail a great loss to the Estate if sold for that only and as I believe a much larger sum would be realized by disposing of them to parties who might wish to possess them as curiosities without having any fraudulent motive.

I would suggest that with a view to obtain the intrinsic or market value that they should be offered to the British Museum or the Curator of the Museum of Oriental curiosities at the India House if such is still in existence. Or if put in the hands of a London Auctioneer, accustomed to the sale of such articles a large sum might be obtained for them from some of the Collectors who purchase for the Continental Museums.

P. S.—The mere value of the Articles if taken as Silver is Rupees 155-8-4.

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No.

1 One Silver Seal composed of a centre piece, and six smaller surrounding it, all engraved, weighing.....	21 6 0
2 One Oblong ditto. 11 compartments.....	9 12 0
3 One Round ditto. with star edges.....	8 12 0
4 One Smaller ditto.....	7 0 0
5 One Smaller still ditto. with a Turquoise.....	1 3 0
6 One Oval plain with a name in relief.....	1 5 0
7 One ditto. fluted handle name in relief.....	1 0 0
8 One Round ditto. fluted handle with Turquoise.....	1 2 0
9 One Round ditto. fluted handle.....	1 5 0
10 One Smaller seal fluted handle with Turquoise.....	0 18 0
11 One very small Silver Seal with a fluted handle.....	0 4 0
12 One ditto. ditto.....	0 6 0
13 One Silver Signet ring.....	0 8 0
14 One Cornelian Signet ring set in silver.	
15 One brass seal wooden handle.	
16 One Amulet silver with crystal.	

ISTAFA CUTCHERRY.

17 One plain round seal engraved.....	2 18 0
18 One round seal plain handle.....	1 12 0
	Oz. 58 11 0

(Signed) A. LOWE,

Oz. 58 Dwt. 11 value in silver Rupees.....	155 8 4
14 One Cornelian Signet Ring set in silver.....	10 0 0
15 One Brass seal wooden handle.....	2 0 0
16 One Amulet Silver with crystal.....	25 0 0
	Rupees..... 192 8 4

(Signed) A. LOWE,

From Messrs. ASHTON RICHARDSON, AND Co.; to CLEMENT DALE. Esq., the Receiver of the Carnatic property, dated Madras, 15th February 1859.

Agreeably with your request that we would value for you the several copies of the Koran belonging to his late Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic which were in the Library and other Departments of his Palace with the view of selling them to Government, we now beg to wait on you with three Memo's: shewing you such valuation.

We have already explained to you verbally that sales of such books by Public Auction very seldom occur and that in consequence we did not feel ourselves quite competent to fix a value upon these particular Books, we however requested the parties who have made these valuations

copy of no one copy of the Koran for

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to inform us of the amounts which would be given by Mahomedans if these were put up to sale and from the experience we have had in such matters (although we admit such experience has not been very great,) we beg to inform you that we consider the prices named in the accompanying Memo: to be very fair and as much as would in all probability be obtained at public Auction.

The valuations are not signed we therefore think it right to mention that they are made by Ameer Nowahs Jung Bahadoor, Chief Officer in the Library of His late Highness and Alli Sooltan Moonshee in the Library of His late Highness and from their experience in such matters, we believe these Gentlemen to be quite competent to form a correct Estimate.

Our fee for this valuation is Rupees 31-8-10 being $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on the amount.

GOD.

Translation.

MEMORANDUM.

Belonging to the Darood Khan or the praying Department, and Bukhshigary or Military Department.

* 5th February 1859.

*Written on the first day
of the month of Rujjub
in the year* of Higiree
1275.*

Rupees 15.

Certain Chapters of the holy Koran belonging to the Darood Khara or the praying Department 30 copies valued.....Rupees 10

The holy Koran, printed belonging to the Bukhshigary or the Military Department 1 copy valued „ 5

A true Translation from the Persian language.

(Signed) G. DUSTGERE, *Interpreter.*

MEMORANDUM,
Document Received and
Translated, No. 72 of 1859. } Dated 11th February 1859.

GOD.

Translation.

MEMORANDUM.

Belonging to the Library of His Highness.

* 5th February 1859.

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of the month of Rujjub
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Rupees 72.

Rolls of the holy Korans 2 copies valued Rupees. 35 0 0

Printed—a part of the holy Koran called Umma Yatasaloon 1 copy valued.....Rupees 0 8 0

A part of the holy Koran called Soora-i-Yoosoof all gilt 1 copy valued.....Rupees 10 8 0

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The holy Koran with Hindoostany Translation printed, 2 copies valued.....Rupees 20 0 0

Explanation of certain Chapters of the holy Koran called Alif Lam Mean Sayakool and Tilkur Roosl Manuscript 3 copies valued.....Rupees 6 0 0

A true Translation from the Persian language.

(Signed) G. DUSTGERE, *Interpreter.*

MEMORANDUM,
Document Received and
Translated, No. 73 of 1859. } Dated 11th February 1859.

GOD.

MEMORANDUM.

Translation.

Belonging to the Sadarut or Cawzies Department.

* 5th February 1859.

*Written on the first day
of the month of Rujjub
in the year* of Higiree
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Rupees 1,175

Kalam Oollah or the holy Koran, 29 copies valued Rupees 938

Certain Chapters of the holy Koran 17 copies valued.....Rupees 95

Five Chapters of the holy Koran called Punjsoora &c., 48 copies valued.....Rupees 97

Again Kalam Oollah on the holy Koran 3 copies valued.....Rupees 45

A true Translation from the Persian language.

(Signed) G. DUSTGERE, *Interpreter*

MEMORANDUM,
Document Received and
Translated, No. 74 of 1859. } Dated 11th February 1859.

From Messrs. ASHTON RICHARDSON, AND Co.; to C. DALE Esq., the Receiver of the Carnatic Property.

We beg to wait on you with a list and valuation of the Paintings in the Chepauk Palace as we did not feel ourselves quite confident in fixing a value on them we obtained the assistance of Mr. J. Fonceca the only Artist in Madras, and we beg to say that he agrees with us that although the prices named might not be realized if the Pictures were put up to Public Auction at Madras still we have no doubt they will fetch the prices named or even higher were they sent to England for sale.

A Memorandum of valuation of the Wearing Apparel and Sundries is also enclosed.
Our fee for the valuation is Rupees 245-12-0 being $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on the amount.

LIST OF PICTURES.

A full length portrait of late Nabob Wallajah and Sin Eyre Coote at time of Battle of Wandewash in wooden frame.	1,000 0 0
A full length portrait of late Nabob Mahomed Ghouse taken in 1842 in Wooden frame.	1,000 0 0
1 Full length portrait of Prince Azeem Jah in wooden frame.	1,000 0 0
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A full length portrait of Nabob Azeem Jah in wooden frame.	2,000 0 0
An Oil painting of the Installation of the Nabob in 1842 in wooden frame	2,000 0 0

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A full length portrait of Azeem Ood Dowlah Nabob of Carnatic in 1801 in Company with his eldest Son Azeem Jah who succeeded to the Musnut in 1819 in handsome Gilt frame.	1,000 0 0
A full length portrait of George Augustus Frederick Prince of Wales presented by His Highness the Prince of Wales on 1st January 1797 to Nabob Ool Oomrah in handsome Gilt frame.	1,000 0 0
Rupees. ...	9,000 0 0

(Signed) ASHTON RICHARDSON, & CO.

Approximate value of the sacred things, flags, and wearing apparel, of His late Highness according to the Estimation of Mahomed Aboobakeer, Mahomed Habeebollah Shaik Natheer in the employ of His late Highness as Moonse and Syed Mahomed Hoossain Mahomedan Merchant.

Zumzun water and the sacred things attached to the Persian Department. ...	0 6 0
Plan of Mecca and Medina and the flags &c., attached to the Durbar Meersa- many Department,	100 0 0
Sheets Pillows &c., attached to the Farrash Khana.	7 6 0
Gowns, Trousers &c., the Clothes of his late Highness attached to Talamund Khan.	653 5 0
Sacred things of Mecca and Medina and the Plan of Bagdad attached to the Library of Sadarut.	69 0 0
Rupees. ...	830 1 3

(Signed) ASHTON RICHARDSON, & CO.

No. 16.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1859, No. 274.

The Government believe that Mr. Lowe is altogether in error in supposing that such Institutions as those to which he has referred, the British Museum, the Museum at the India House, or any of the Continental Museums would purchase such Articles as the late Nawaub's Seals at prices beyond the actual value of the materials of which they are made.

2. The Receiver should apply to the Supreme Court for permission to make over the Seals to Government, at their intrinsic value, on the obvious ground that such Seals could not be sold by Public Auction or to any private individuals. It would suffice, the Government presume, if Mr. Lowe's valuation of the Seals were put in, without his letter. The letter is quite irrelevant to the only point on which Mr. Lowe's judgment was required, viz., the value of the Silver and stones composing the Seals, and enters upon matters in which Mr. Lowe cannot be regarded as an authority.

3. On further consideration the Government are not disposed to take any of the Korans. These may therefore be sold by Public Auction in the usual manner.

4. The Government think it right to take the whole of the Historical Pictures included in the List at the prices assigned to them, amounting collectively to Rupees (9,000,) Nine thousand. The articles entered in the next list and valued in the aggregate at Rupees (830-1-3) eight hundred and thirty, Anna one, and Pice three, need not be taken, but will be sold by Auction in the usual manner.

5. The silver ladder and Throne may be sold at the Palace as proposed.

6. The Governor in Council is pleased at learning from the last para. of Mr. Dale's letter that he proposes to advertise the Palace for sale without delay.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie

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To the Receiver of the Property
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3rd May 1859

Issuing orders to the
Receiver of the Carnatic Property
with reference to his letter of the
25th ultimo - respecting the
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the late Nobob of the Carnatic -
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20 April
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