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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

## Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 307 Press ~~Mis.~~

Dated 19 Sep 1835

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No. 8. Read the following letter from the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 12th April 1859.

1. We have the honor to request that you will be pleased to bring to the notice of the Honorable the Governor in Council that His Highness Prince Azeem Jah, has refused to pay Assessment on his residence the Shady Mahal, No. 156, Triplicane High Road, amounting to Rupees 600 per annum, or to make a return of his Vehicles and animals as required by Acts XXV and XXVI of 1856.

2. The liability of the landed property of the late Nawaub and the members of his family to Assessment under the said Acts was declared by the Government Law Officer and communicated to the Chepauk Agent, and to this Board, by Extract Minutes of Consultation, Political Department, No. 230, dated 19th March 1857, but our endeavours to obtain payment from Prince Azeem Jah of the Assessment on the above mentioned Premises, or to obtain a return of his Conveyances and Horses from 1857 to the present year, have been unsuccessful, although we have applied for the same both direct and through the Chepauk Agent, who has furnished us with the annexed copy of the Prince's reply to his last letter on the subject.

3. As the Law does not confer on any one the power to exempt other than places of Worship and Barracks, we are under the necessity of submitting for the consideration of His Excellency in Council whether Prince Azeem Jah's exemption from Civil process should not be suspended so far as the claims of the Municipal Department are concerned.

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From His Highness PRINCE AZEEM JAH BAHADOOR; to E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk, dated Shady Mahal 4th April 1859.

His Highness Azeem Jah Bahadoor presents his compliments to Edward Balfour, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk, and with reference to his letter, dated 26th Ultimo, with its enclosure dated 25th Ultimo, His Highness begs to state that there was and is no custom of paying the Assessment for the Shady Mahal and such other Property of His Highness as is exempted from the Assessment, His Highness keeps not many Conveyances, which he thinks are as entitled for exemption as the Shady Mahal and other landed property are. The Board's Extract is herewith returned.

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No. 9. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE THE PRESIDENT, dated 11th May 1859.

As the liability of the landed property of the late Nawab's Family to Municipal Cess has been already declared, I see no reason for interfering with the ordinary process of the Law.

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN,

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No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1859, No. 307.

The Government observe that His Highness Prince Azeem Jah Bahadoor cannot be exempted from payment of Assessment on his Residence at the Shady Mahal, nor from making a return of his Vehicles and animals as required by Acts XXV-XXVI of 1856.

2. It will be explained to His Highness, through the Government Agent at Chepauk, that the enactments in question do not authorize the exemption of any one, nor leave the Municipal Commissioners any option. It is hoped that he will see the propriety of at once complying with the demands of the Commissioners, and he should be distinctly informed that in case of his refusal, the Government will allow the Law to take its course.

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

**Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.**

Political Department

No 369.

From

The Municipal Commissioners

Madras.

Dated 12th April 1859.

For Orders

As the liability of the landed property of the late Nawab's Family to Municipal Cesses has been already declared, I see no reason for interfering with the ordinary process of the Law. E Whish Esqr 11 May 59.

I would have it declared to H. H. Agent that the claim for Cess is perfectly legal.

and warn him that, if he does not meet it, the Law will be allowed to take its Course -

Political Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Dated 19th May 1859 No 307.

Read the following letter from the Municipal Commissioners - Madras.

Stevenson 12th April 1859. No 269.

Read also Minute by the Hon'ble President — 11 May —

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To the Municipal Comrs
" Govt Agt at Shrpan R.
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Rec'd by H. Com: 27 May.
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No 307

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Fort St. Geo. the 19th May 1859.

Observing with reference to the letter from the Municipal Commissioners that Prince Azeem Jah Bahadoor cannot be Exempted from payment of Assessment on his residence at the Shady Mahal, nor from making a return of his Vehicles and animals as required by acts XXV. XXVI of 1856.

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