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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

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No. 39. PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT, dated 26th May 1859, No. 328.

1. The Honorable the Governor in Council proceeds to pass orders on such portions of the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India as call for notice.

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2. In communicating this and the following para. to the Resident of Travancore and Cochin, his attention will again be drawn to the orders of Government on the subject, noted in the margin, and he will be directed to submit without delay the information therein called for.

Judicial	6th January	1858, Nos.	18.
Political	28th April	,, ,,	286.
,,	23rd Septr.	1856, ,,	307.
,,	28th April	1858, ,,	183, para: 17.

3. Copy of these paras. furnished to the Resident with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 8th March 1858, No. 167.

4. Will be separately considered.

5. Ordered that these paras. be communicated to the Resident in reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, 7th August 1858, No. 498, and that his attention be drawn to the remarks contained in paras. 32 and 33.

6. Ordered that these paras. be communicated to the Officer Commanding Vellore, in reference to his letter, dated 11th August 1858, No. 157, and that he be requested to make careful enquiry and report whether the relationship of the Memorialists to Tippoo Sultan is so close as to give them a claim to the liberality of the State; and if so, he will state what Allowance would, in his opinion, be suitable to their position.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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London, 31st March 186

Political

No 4

My Lord,

Para 1. Your letters, No 16 to 23, having been considered by me in Council, I now communicate to you the following observations & orders thereon.

Letter dated 24th August (No 16) 1858.

Report in reply to Court's despatch, 21st July, No 8 of 1858, that in accordance with the orders therein contained the Government of Bombay have intimated by telegraph the suspension of the distribution of the private property of the late Nawab of Surat.—	2. No remark

Letter

His Excellency
The Right Honorable
The Governor in Council
Fort St George.

Letter dated 24th August (No 17) 1858.

(11). Reply to Court's despatch, No 4 of 1858, dated 3rd March, 1858

6. The only parts in this letter requiring notice are those subjoined.

(16.17). Correspondence relative to the Tobacco & Pepper Monopolies in Travancore and Cochin. Further information has been called for; pending the receipt of which the existing leases are to be renewed from year to year only. —

4. The decision on the whole question is postponed, pending further information which has long since been called for; and an expression of opinion from the Government of India. The resolution not to renew the farms, pending the decision of the question, except from year to year, is approved.

5. Explanation awaited

18. I have repeated the call made on the Resident by Court's orders for an explanation regarding his travelling allowance.

Letter dated 24th August (No 18) 1858.

6. No remark

(11). Report proceedings on the affairs of Travancore & Cochin.

7.

(2@6) Financial Statements of the Cochin Circar for 1856/57 shewing net increase of Rs 50,060 over preceding year

7. Explanation should have been called for from General Cullen why these Statements, sent to him by the Dewan, under date the 26th November 1857, were not forwarded to your Government until the 8th February, 1858, and then only with a few remarks of the most meagre description.

8. The Statements are on the whole, satisfactory. An analysis of them is given in the margin.

9. I observe that of the surplus of the preceding and past years, one lac of rupees has been invested in Government securities.

	Rs.
Total Revenue 1855/56	763,793
1856/57	813,853.
Increase	50,060

	Rs.
Total disbursements	740,481
Surplus	73,372

Chief Items of Increase are

	Rs.
Teak Trees.	13,635
Tobacco	11,166.
Land	9,181
Salt	6,731

(7@11) also Letter dated 21st September (No 231) 1858. Charges brought by the Rajah of Cochin against the Dewan, considered disproved.

But

10. On the 15th March, 1858 the Rajah of Cochin addressed a letter to Your Lordship in which he brought charges against the Dewan of corruption, partiality, fraud and discourtesy. Instances of cases in which the Dewan had offended in the three first-named particulars were moreover specified in Petitions from certain inhabitants of Cochin

But the Dewan was enjoined to shew proper courtesy and respect towards the Rajah. — Recommendation of the Madras Government that more freedom of — administration should be conceded to the Rajah.

This complaint had been preceded by various petetions from certain inhabitants of Cochin, complaining in strong terms of the grave mismanagement of the Dewan's administration

11. Lieutenant General Cullen, the Resident, reported that the Dewan's proceedings were in general correct and your resolution of the 2nd June 1858, while — enjoining on the Dewan proper respect towards the Rajah, and an apology for any discourtesy of which he might have been guilty

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guilty, considered the charges against him — "sufficiently met by the "Resident" and that further enquiry was neither called for nor expedient. —

12. This Resolution — was communicated by Lieutenant General Cullen in reply to his letter, to the Rajah, in place of being sent to His Highness direct from your Government. The Rajah complained of this irregularity, and you very properly — instructed the Resident to assure His Highness that this deviation from custom was accidental and no discourtesy — towards him had been intended.

13. In his letter of the 3rd

3rd July 1858, the Rajah —
represented to Government
the strong personal objection
which he entertained to the
Dewan, and various instances
of alleged misconduct on
the part of the latter were
again urged.

14. The report× of Lieutenant
General Cullen on this letter
is far from satisfactory or
convincing. It may be that
that Officer merely reported
the result of his enquiry
into the grave charges
preferred by the Rajah and
others against the Dewan
and not his proceedings.
If not, it certainly appears
that the charges were —
insufficiently investigated
There can be no doubt
that the Dewan was guilty
of acts of discourtesy towards
the

× Coll. 3. Vol 2
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the Rajah and for these
you very properly advised
him to tender a suitable
apology to His Highness.

15. It must however be
obvious, that unless the
Rajah is to be regarded
as a cipher in his own
territories, it cannot be
expedient to continue the
present Dewan in Office
unless after a full and
fair investigation, he
has been acquitted of all
the charges so strongly
pressed against him.

16. You have at the same
time very properly raised
the question, whether "the
present mode of administering
'the Cochin Sircar' is such
as ought to be continued
You observe that "minute
interference" exercised by
the Resident" in the —

Letter N° 23 of 1858.

management

management of the Country
and the consequent —
" abrogation of all power
" or independant action
" on the part of the Rajah,
" must, not unnaturally
" prove highly distasteful
" and galling to that Prince
" and dispose him to regard
" unfavourably those by
" whom the functions of
" Government are really
" exercised. We Cannot, you
added, " but consider that
" the present restrictions
" should be removed, and
" the Rajah be left free to
" manage his country under
" the advice of the Resident,
" it being understood, that if
" he disregard such Counsel,
" and his affairs thereby fall
" into Confusion, the Consequences
" would rest with himself"

17. This letter is signed
by

by only two of the Members
of Your Lordship's Govern-
ment, and it appears —
doubtful whether it has
had the benefit of Your
Lordship's consideration
The important question
referred to the late Court
must be decided with
special adverteence to the
character and capacity
for business of the Rajah
upon which points I
regret to observe General
Cullen's reports are very
unfavorable.

18. I am however
disposed to concur with
your Government in opinion
that the mode in which
the affairs of Cochin (and
my remark applies also
to Travancore) are —
administered requires
great.

great modifications. Nothing
can be more anomalous
than the present scheme of
Government and the reasons
which led to its adoption
probably no longer exist.

19. The present Dewan
was appointed in October
1856, the selection is vested Coll. p: 39 Q 52.
in the Rajah, subject to
the confirmation and —
approval of the Resident.
General Cullen in his
letter of the 26th March Coll. p 26.
1858, thus describes the —
different stages, by which
the public business is
transacted. "On the system
'of conducting Public —
'business, which is the true
"and sole plea of this
"attack upon the Dewan,
"I have only to remark
"that it has been carried
'on
'on by the present Dewan
"precisely as it was by
"his predecessor the late
"Dewan".

20. After referring to a
correspondence which —
occurred on this subject
Coll. p: 26 in 1849/50 he continues:
'In fact the very
"same system of business
'obtains in Travancore.
"The Dewan invariably
'consults in the first —
'instance with the Resident
"and, having ascertained
"his sentiments communicates
"them to the Rajah, and
"they are then carried out
"but the Rajah of Cochin
'wants to reverse all this,
'and to have no communication
'made to the Resident, until
'after His Highness has
'been consulted and has
"decided. Under the late
'Dewan

"Dewan, as he had held the
"office for 17 years, and had
"been brought up in the
"office from infancy, and
"under his predecessors
"also, not only all suggestions
"of the Resident, but all
"those originating with the
"Dewan himself, provided
"they had obtained the ~
"concurrence of the Resident
"were always expected to
"receive at once the ~
"confirmation of the Rajah.
21. Under a system of this
kind, the British Government
must, to all intents and
purposes be held to be
responsible for the good
or bad administration
of the Cochin or Travancore
States. But in the same
despatch General Cullen
observes,

"The Dewan has
"always

"always been held responsible
"for the administration
"of the country, he could
"not with justice be so ~
"unless he has the most ~
"perfect control over all
"its branches, the appointment
"and transfer of its judicial
"and other servants, subject
"of course to the approval
"in certain cases of the
"Resident and subsequent
"communication to, and
"confirmation by, the Rajah.
"It has never, I learn, been
"usual for the Rajah to
"interfere materially, nor
"ever to object to the ~
"recommendations of the
"Resident, but the present
"Rajah enters into the most
"petty details, and questions
"every arrangement however
"trifling proposed by the
"Dewan

"Dewan. The Judicial Courts
"could not maintain their
"independence for a moment
"were they subjected to the
"direct control of the Rajah".
22. It is not surprising that
the Rajah should feel an
administration of this
nature, irksome and —
irritating — and in order
to relieve himself from it
he may very probably have
vexatiously interfered with
the Dewan, and have
unduly countenanced the
preferred
many complaints against
him.
23. No doubt it will be
difficult to recede —
immediately from the
minute supervision and
control we have for many
years past exercised
over the administration

of

of the Travancore & Cochin
States; chiefly through the
intervention of a Minister
nominally selected by the
Rajah, but in reality by the
Resident.
24. New interests must have
grown up under this system
which should not be —
overlooked. Fortunately even
supposing that after full
and deliberate consideration
of the subject, you are of
opinion that it is advisable
to entrust the present Rajah
with a real, instead of a
nominal voice in the —
Administration of his
country under the Resident's
general supervision and
control, he will be bound
by the provisions of the
Treaty concluded on the
6th May, 1809, by the 6th

Article

Article of which the Rajah
of Cochin for himself and
successors holding his —
estate "as a tributary of
"the 'Honorable Company',
"engaged to pay at all
"times the utmost attention
" to such advice as the —
"English Company shall —
"occasionally judge it —
" necessary to offer him with
" a view to the economy of
" his finances, the better —
" collection of his revenues, the
" administration of justice,
" the extension of Commerce,
" the encouragement of trade,
" agriculture and industry,
" or any other objects —
" Connected with the —
" advancement of the interests
" of the said Rajah, the
" happiness of his people,
" and the mutual welfare
" of

" of both States."

25. These stipulations are comprehensive and amply sufficient to cover any demands which the British Government can either in justice or in reason make for the protection of its own interests or of those of individuals. The Treaty from which I have quoted is incompatible with depriving the Rajah of all substantial power and I shall be prepared to assent to such changes as you may deem safe & expedient vesting the administration in the hands of the Rajah provided he is held — competent, subject to the general controlling — authority of the Resident and with proper safeguards

to

to prevent those changes affecting the rights and privileges of individuals. For instance all existing Contracts and engagements entered into, under the sanction of the Resident must not be interfered with — and a promise to that effect should be taken from the Rajah, before he is vested with increased authority.

26. Before I proceed to notice the reports you have furnished of the Receipts and Charges of Travancore, I must remark that it seems to me to be as necessary to review the present state of our relations with that State and on the same principles as in the case of the Cochin State.

27 The remarks I have made in the preceding paragraphs apply equally to both States, as the same system of administration seems to have obtained in both.

28. In both much depends on the personal character of the Head of each State and on the supposition that this admits of — withdrawal from the — present intimate interference which is now exercised in both, he possess the same powers of protecting the interests which have grown out of that — interference. Article IX of the Treaty, dated the 12th January 1795, being in terms identical with those of Article VI of our Treaty with Cochin already

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(12017.) Financial Statement for 1856/57 of the Travancore Circar together with Estimates for the succeeding year.

already quoted.

29. The returns for 1856/57 are of a decidedly satisfactory character. There is an increase in almost every branch of Revenue, the only important exception being the Pepper Monopoly, which has yielded a smaller outturn by Rs. 31,961, than in the previous year. It is however observable that a very large increase (Rs 83,521) has expected to be realized, from this source in the ensuing year.

Paras 10 to 28 Financial Statement

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30. The total receipts shew a difference of Rs 515,569 in favor of 1856/57 over the previous year.

1855/56 — 3,396,869
1856/57 — 3,912,438
Increase 515,569

Total to the Credit of the Circar. Rs. 1,408,226.

31. The Estimates for 1857/58 are

are of a favourable nature exhibiting an expected net increase of Rs. 293,988. Of this sum however Rs. 190,000 or about two-thirds will be swallowed up by the expenses attendant on the "Mamangeppom" ceremony. This ceremony which occurs once in six years, is generally the source of considerable outlay, and on the last occasion, no less a sum than Rs. 219,000 or Rs. 29,000 more than at present estimated for, was spent on it. Any reduction in the amount thus periodically squandered must be a ground of congratulation, but I quite concur with Your Lordship's Government that

that even the reduced † expenditure is needlessly high.

32. It becomes again necessary to remark on the very late date (July 1858) at which these Estimates are — † submitted, and which renders them rather records of actual, than anticipations of probable, results.

33. And I must remark with disapprobation on the total absence of comment or explanation on the part of the President, Lieutenant General Cullen. Some † expression of opinion from that officer was the more requisite as the Dewan by whom the Estimates were framed, had, but recently, been appointed; and your Government would naturally

× See Court's Political Despatch, dated 30th April (N°3) 1856. p. 29

naturally wish to be informed what degree of reliance could be placed on the accuracy of his † computations

18. Submit † further letter from the Ceylon Government, on the claims of Mootooverloo Chettiar Merchant of Jaffna against the Travancore Circar. His allegations are to be reported on by the Dewan, and the result will hereafter be communicated. —

34. Reply postponed pending receipt of the promised report.

19. The Government called for certain correspondence regarding an opinion expressed by the † Commercial Agent to the Dewan at Travancore relative to the clearance of ships with cargo, which called for no orders.

35. No remark.

20. 21. Complaints from the Officer Commanding at Quilon relative to the inefficiency and alleged bad quality of the provisions supplied to the Troops.

36. It appears from the explanation of the Dewan that the inconveniences † experienced by the troops might have been obviated by

by proper communication
with the local authorities

Letter dated 13th September (No 19) 1858.

(103). Petition of Zoofakar ally Khan and Akhbar ally Khan (sons of a near relative to Tippoo Sultan) praying for a reply to their Memorial of March 1852 (sent thro' the Government of India) soliciting pecuniary assistance. That Memorial was acknowledged by the Court, but no orders passed on it.

37. These Petitioners seem by an unfortunate Concurrence of adverse circumstances to have been kept in needless suspense.—

38. In their Despatch referring to this Memorial the late Court of Directors passed, as stated by the Petitioners, no orders on their petition; (merely — desiring the Government to report in all cases, the reasons for any opinion they might have expressed on petitions transmitted by them.)

× India Political — Despatch dated 15th December (No 37) 1852 p. 8. —

39.

39. This circumstance having in 1856 reached the knowledge of the Petitioners, they again solicit a consideration of their case. I must remark that their Petition has been forwarded without an expression of the opinion of your Government, and, apparently without any investigation of the truth of the alleged relationship which can alone give them any claim to the liberality of the State. —

40. Unwilling to postpone by calling on your Government to supply these omissions the decision on these — Petitions already so long deferred, I remit the case to you for consideration authorizing you, should their relationship to Tippo Sultan

be so close as to bring them within the operation of the Rules on which pensions have been assigned to the connections of that Prince, to grant them such a compassionate allowance, for their lives only, as may seem to you suitable to their position

41. You will report to me your proceedings under the permission now granted.

Letter dated 13th September (No 20) 1858.

42. Will be answered with other letters relative to the Carnatic affairs } Memorial of Shereen ool Nissa Begum for pecuniary provision

Letter dated 13th September (No 21) 1858.

43. Answered separately — Tanjore Affairs

Letter dated 23th September (No 22) 1858

44. Answered separately — Carnatic affairs

Letter

Letter dated 23th September (No 23) 1858.

Complaints of the Rajah of Cochin against his Dewan. } 45. With paras 7 to 11 of Letter, No 18 of 1858.

I have the honor to be

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient

humble Servant

Stanley

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31st March 1859

Desp.
Govt to Fort St George
No 4

Political Departt.

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Order. Dispatch.

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To the Asst to Govt of Fort St George

Offr Comg Vellore

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Dy 26 May 59.