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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department, from 13th to 19th August 1859.

No. 1. Read the following letter from E. BALFOUR, Esq., Commissioner for Investigating the Debts of His Highness the late Nawab of the Carnatic; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th August 1859, No. 399.

1. In accordance with your command of this day, I have the honor to furnish copies of translations of the seals of His Highness the late Nawab of the Carnatic; and the following are descriptions of the purpose for which it is applied.

a. Seal No. 1, was affixed to all letters called Enayat Nameh, addressed by the Nawab to the Governors of India, to his Officers at out-stations.

b. Seal No. 2, is the Baiz which was employed as the countersignature on the foot of the Persian stipend receipts of the Carnatic stipendiaries, which were prepared by the Serishtadar of the Khandan and the English department, and sent to be audited by the Government Agent at Chepauk, and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends and by him passed for payment.

c. Seal No. 3, was employed as the seal at the top of the stipend receipts of the Carnatic stipendiaries above-alluded to, also on the Enlistment Rolls of Servants entertained in the department Bukshegherry or Army and of the Ahsham or Police.

d. No. 4, is a seal employed for the stipend receipts of Carnatic stipendiaries of humble origin.

e. No. 5, was never made use of by the late Nawab, by whom it was first constructed.

f. „ 6, do. do. do.

g. „ 7, do. do. do.

h. „ 8, do. do. do.

i. „ 9, do. do. do.

j. No. 10, is remembered to have been used only on one occasion, *viz.*, when, on the 9th February 1848, His Highness the Nawab of the Carnatic, addressed a letter of congratulation to Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

k. No. 11, was never made use of by the late Nawab, by whom it was first constructed.

l. No. 12, was employed to seal the Commissions of the Officers of the Carnatic Sirkar.

m. No. 13, is the seal of the Istefa Cutcherry which was stamped on the Bonds of this department.

n. No. 14, was the seal of the Private Secretaries of the Nawab.

o. No. 15, is the seal of the Fatihah department which controlled the expenditure on religious festivals: and the seal was employed in sealing up the presents of food sent to people on these occasions.

p. No. 16, is a seal engraved as the signet ring of the person whose name it bears, Khadir Ally Khan Bahadoor, who is a servant of the British Government, without whose knowledge it was given to him. It was sent to him, but he returned it with the object of making the Madras Government aware of this title; but he never asked the permission of Government to receive it.

q. No. 17, is a signet seal, bearing the name Mahomed Boorhan. He was a Rissaldar of Ameer Ool Oomrah, the second son of Nawab Mahomed Ally.

r. No. 18, is not a seal but a charm with Arabic numerals. Its origin is not known.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON 15th August 1859, No. 492.

Resolved that the Seals of His Highness the late Nawab of the Canatic, forwarded with the above letter from the Government Agent at Chepauk, be kept under lock and key in the custody of the Chief Secretary to Government, until it may be proper to lodge them in the Madras Central Museum.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Govt Agent Chepauk. Recd 17th