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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

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No. 56.

FROM

T. PYCROFT, Esq.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Dated Fort Saint George, the 19th January 1859.

SIR,

In my letter under date the 16th October 1858, it was reported that when the Commission which had been appointed under the orders of the Government of India *17th September* 1856. for the investigation of the debts of the late Nawaub of the Carnatic was dissolved on the passing of Act XXX of 1858, Dr. Balfour, one of the Members, and Government Agent at Chepauk, was retained as sole Commissioner for the purpose of finishing the settlement of the arrears of Wages and Allowances due to the Servants and Members of the Family, claims very numerous and of varying amounts, and which could not conveniently be brought before the Supreme Court.

Section XIV. 2. Since that letter was written, the time fixed by the Act for the declarations to be made by the private creditors of the late Nawaub, has expired. The number of Declarations filed is 410.

3. Of the aggregate amount of these claims no idea can at present be formed. In 16 cases only have the particulars yet been furnished. The amount claimed in these 16, exclusive of interest, is Rupees 13,56,462-9-9. This includes the amount decreed in the only two claims which have yet been decided in the Supreme Court under the Act, Rupees 4,40,769-15-10.

To Mr. Arathoon.....*Rs.* 1,08,820-13-4
„ *Messrs. Richardson & Co.* „ 3,31,949- 2-6

4. There can be no question however that the total amount of all the claims that have been put in under Act XXX of 1858 will be very large indeed, and they will all require to be very carefully and diligently sifted. Much of the information respecting them will have to be sought in the Accounts and Records of the Chepauk Palace, among the Officers and Servants of the late Prince and those connected with his Durbar. There can be no doubt that many suspicious claims will be put forward, and every species of chicanery resorted to in their support; and the Law Officers of Government in their endeavours to ascertain what demands are well founded and to expose such as are fraudulent, must be largely indebted to the knowledge of Carnatic Affairs and acquaintance with the Mahometan Community of Triplicane acquired by the Agent from his long connection with Chepauk. They cannot prosecute their enquiries with any effect, except with his constant aid and in the fullest communication with him.

5. But it will not be possible for Dr. Balfour to afford this assistance to the Law Officers of Government, to make the necessary research among the Chepauk Records and Accounts, or procure the desired information, unless he be in part at least relieved from his present duties as Agent and Commissioner. Under these circumstances, of which they have only recently become fully cognizant, the Government have, as a temporary arrangement, granted him the aid of an Assistant to be employed by him in the subordinate duties of the Chepauk Agency and Commission, so long as he may be engaged in the enquiries connected with the claims advanced under the Act, and I am desired to request the sanction of the Government of India to the expence proposed to be incurred according to the enclosed Tabular Statement, *viz.*, a Staff Allowance of Rupees 300 a month to the Officer who has been appointed, in addition to his Military Pay and Allowances.

Major Snow, 3rd Regiment N. I.

6. I am desired to add that as the investigation of the claims under Act XXX of 1858 will be proceeded with immediately on the opening of the Term on the 2nd February next, the Madras Government have been constrained to make this appointment at once in anticipation of the sanction of the Supreme Government, which I am now instructed to solicit. The Government of India will readily conceive that no time was to be lost and no exertion spared in a matter in which the sums that the Government have at stake must, under any circumstances, be so vast,

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
19th January 1859.

Chief Secretary.

Ex. J. A. Wilson.

Year	Revenue		Charges		Total		Net	
	Ordinary	Extraordinary	Ordinary	Extraordinary	Revenues	Charges	Surplus	Deficit

Extract from Home Department Govt. of India		Office to which the proposition refers	Nature of Charge								Proposition														Casual or Extraordinary	Grounds of Proposition	Local Governments recommendation	Orders of the Government of India		
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			Present Scale				Proposed Scale				Increase per Month			Decrease per Month			Increase per Month				Decrease per Month									
No.	Date			Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Period	Rs.	A.	P.	Period	Rs.	A.	P.				Remarks.	Remarks.	Orders.
		Government Agent at Chepauk & Paymaster of Carnatic Hyderabad	Note. For the present & proposed Scale of the whole Establishment of the Govt. Agency at Chepauk, Vide tabular application submitted under date 16th October 1858.	"	"	"	Assistant to the Govt. Agent at Chepauk. Staff salary in addition to Military Pay & Allowances of his rank.	300	"	"	-	-	-	-	-	-		300	"	"					Extraordinary	Vide Letter to the Secretary to the Govt. of India dated January 1859 - Ins.	Honorable			

Fort St. George,
The January, 1859

~~Political Department~~

Forwarded for sanction to the Home Department of the Government of India.

Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Fort St. George.

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My dear Mr Pycroft

Herewith my memo of claims particulars wherein have been served upon me. You will observe that the gross amount is Rs. 956,432 exclusive of accruing Interest. Kindly return it to Yours very sincerely

S K Boyson

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The Secy: to the Govt. of
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