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No. 3. Read the following letter from Major P. T. SNOW, Assistant Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 17th November, No. 1656 of 1859.

I have the honor to submit for the consideration and approval of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a proposed plan for the payment of the Carnatic Stipendiaries, in lieu of the existing cumbrous machinery, by which such payments are effected. His Excellency in Council will be aware, that according to the system in force, each Stipendiary is paid by the issue to him, from this office, of a Stipend receipt, a specimen of which is annexed. This receipt (3,000 of which are printed monthly at the Government Press, at a cost of 34 Rupees) has to pass through the hands of 5 persons before it is ready for issue, *viz.*, an English writer, a Persian writer, an examiner, the recipient, and the Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends; it is then taken to the Sub-Treasurer for payment. Apart from the immense waste of time and labour expended as above, there are other reasons which render some new system of payment advisable. At present Stipendiaries are allowed to employ Vakeels, never appearing themselves unless summoned, and it is an established fact, that they are in the habit of borrowing money, giving their seals as security, from which circumstance it may be inferred that of the receipts issued, although each is attested by the seal of the individual, many hundreds never pass through the owners' hands. To obviate all these defects, and at the same time diminish expenditure of money and labour, I have the honor to submit a system which I trust will meet with approval.

2. Instead of the present receipts, I propose to issue one of form A to each individual on the 1st of January each year; I also propose on or after the 1st of every month to forward printed abstracts, each containing the names of a certain number of Stipendiaries to the Civil Auditor under my signature—who will forward them on after audit to the Sub-Treasurer, this will be substituting 3,000 receipts for 36,000 and 30 signatures for 3,000. The establishment of the Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends might also be considerably diminished, and I would suggest that one of the writers of that department should be transferred to the office of the Sub-Treasurer to Government; to be associated with the person who disburses the Stipends for the purpose of identifying the Stipendiaries; for this purpose I would name Jugadumbah Doss who from his personal knowledge of the Stipendiaries is well qualified for the office; he is not at present in Government employ, but is the person alluded to in my recommendatory letter to Government, No. 1591, dated 29th Ultimo.

3. I would further advocate the abolition of the Vakeel system, except as regards persons of rank, whom I would continue to exempt from attendance, and gosha females; and in their case I would advise the employment of relatives, servants or females, whenever feasible.

4. In conclusion, it will be observed that in the system here proposed, there is no diminution of responsibility as regards the payment of Stipends, while on the other hand the personal attendance of the Stipendiaries is calculated to defeat attempts at fraud, and to put a stop to the practice of mortgaging their seals to the Sahoocars.

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No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1859, No. 678.

The Government resolve to refer the foregoing letter to the Civil Auditor and Sub-Treasurer for their remarks on the proposed plan for the payment of Carnatic Stipends. They will be so good as to apply direct to the Assistant Agent for any information which they may require as to the details of this scheme.

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

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Bdn Thursn 21 November 1878.

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To the Civil Auditor
" Sub Treasurer
" Asst Govt Agent
Dft Ordered

J.P.

Received 30th Nov. 1859

Political Department. 1859

Major P. P. Simm

From Surgeon E. G. Balfour,

Officiating Government Agent at Chepauk.

To

F. Prescott Esqre

Chief Secretary to Government,

Fort St. Georg

Dated 17th November 1859

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Submitting proposed plan for the payment of Carnatic Pensions.

William Rees

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