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Political **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 1. From J. R. BOYSON, Esq., Government Solicitor, Madras; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 25th January 1859, No. 75.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Extract from Minutes of Consultation, noted in the margin.

Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 24th December 1858, *No.* 840, *Political Department.*

I submitted same for the consideration of the Advocate General, and I have since conferred with him thereon.

I forward for the information of Government a copy of his opinion, dated the 21st Instant.

I am now in communication with the Government Agent at Chepauk, with a view to obtaining such of the further information called for by the Advocate General as it may be in the power of the Government Agent to afford, and as soon as I receive it, I shall re-submit the papers to the Advocate General for his further consideration, and then address Government again on the subject.

COPY OPINION.

As regards the Houses and other property mentioned in Schedule A to Her Highness' letter which have been the subject of a Decree in the Supreme Court, it is obvious that the Government can do nothing whatever.

As regards Schedules B and C and H, I really do not know what is meant by them or where "the things belonging to the Light House" or "the Boat Establishment" now are, or how they can be delivered to Her Highness.

As regards the property enumerated in Schedule D, which seems valuable as perhaps is that mentioned in Schedule H, nothing is mentioned as to in whose possession it now is, or how it is shewn to be Her Highness' separate property, and not that of the late Nabob, and as such subject to the payment of his just debts and such as the Receiver is bound to collect and realize for that purpose.

As regards Schedule E, Her Highness should state on what ground she contends; supposing the fact to be, as she says, that the late Nabob owed these sums to his deceased mother, how this constitutes the Nabob's Shadee widow, a creditor for these sums.

The evidence in support of Schedules F and G should be specified.

As regards Schedule I, Her Highness should explain on what grounds she claims this precise sum Rupees 1,00,600, as the amount of her "Mahar" and when, where, how and in whose presence it was fixed, determined or agreed to.

Till I have this information I can offer no opinion on Her Highness' claim.

(Signed) THOMAS SYDNEY SMYTH,

Advocate General.

21*st February* 1859.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. R. BOYSON,

Government Solicitor.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 83; dated 2nd February 1859.

To be Recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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From Government Secretary

To the Chief Secretary

Dated 26th January

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1 Enclosure

No. 55.

Forwarding copy of the Advocate's opinion regarding the claims preferred by Rukyoon Nissa Begum Sahiba against the Estate of the late Nabob, and drawing that Govt. is in communication with the Government Agent for the further information called for by the Agent General

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