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No. 55. Read the following letter from Surgeon Major E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk, and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th October 1860, No. 1,301.

I have the honor to submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council, that I furnished His Highness Prince Azim Jah Bahadur with the purport of the Orders of Government, No. 547 of 13th ultimo.

2. His Highness, on the 25th ultimo, acknowledged that communication, by forwarding a second application from Azeez-ul-Moolk Bahadur precisely similar in its prayer to that which Government had just declined. His Highness at the same time recommended that the request of Azeez-ul-Moolk Bahadur should be acceded to on the grounds that he is His Highness' principal Officer and, as well as Dhanapala Chettiar, has become involved in pecuniary difficulties for the necessary expenses of His Highness' household, and because that Dhanapala Chettiar and he are solicitous to avoid taking legal proceedings against His Highness.

3. The day following the receipt of the above letter, His Highness wrote asking me to send it quickly on for the decision of Government. But there had not been leisure to attend to the communication and, mentioning this point to His Highness, on the following day, I entered at length on the subject of his request, explaining to His Highness the difficulties which his indefinite letters were creating, pointing to the stringent regularity which was adhered to in the Nabob's time when His Highness' income was being drawn by Dhanapala Chetty, and I enclosed for His Highness' satisfaction a copy of the receipt then furnished.

4. In conclusion, I asked for the Agency and the Public Treasury, authority for passing and issue, at least as clearly distinct as that which existed when Dhanapala Chettiar was regularly drawing from the Sircar, on receipts, the monies accruing to His Highness' credit: and I suggested that a letter from His Highness should name the Officer who, for the future until further orders, was to draw monies for His Highness' use and indicate at the same time, the funds on which such drafts are to be made.

5. His Highness replied to my letter on the 3rd instant, in a communication, the contents of which are neither so definite nor clear, as I think might have been expected from the concluding portion of my letter, but I send these papers* on because His Highness' social position entitles him to have his wishes early submitted to Government even though this Office may not be able to recommend compliance with them.

* From His Highness the Prince, Nos. 3,821 and 3,922 of 1860, requested to be returned.

6. I enclose translation of the receipt which, up to 1857, Dhanapala Chettiar was giving to the Sircar, on account of His Highness' allowance. A copy of this, I submitted to His Highness in my letter of the 28th ultimo, and suggested that authority should be given on which, for the future, His Highness' income might be drawn on a similar receipt. But, as will be observed in paragraph 5 of the Prince's letter of 3rd instant, "His Highness does not perceive any necessity to nominate an Officer of His Highness to draw any advance from the fund alluded to for the use of His Highness for the future."

7. I much regret that His Highness has come to such a decision, because the chief difficulty in the case seems to be caused by His Highness abstaining from naming an Officer to receive his income and persisting in recommending issue of accumulations thereof in order to liquidate such Officer's debts, as the Honorable the Governor in Council recently repeatedly declared that Government will not mix itself up with His Highness' indebtedness.

8. If His Highness would but nominate an Officer for the duty of drawing his income, it would be a matter of comparatively little importance whether that Officer drew it monthly or at irregular intervals. But with the knowledge that Government will not interfere in the matter of his debts, there seems no necessity for His Highness making the indebtedness of these Officers

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His Highness Azeem Jah Bahadoor presents his compliments to Surgeon Major E. G. Balfour, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends, and in acknowledging his letter of 28th ultimo, begs to convey his best thanks for his favorable disposition towards His Highness and to express His Highness' grateful feelings towards all His Highness' well wishers, particularly Mr. Balfour, who His Highness is satisfied is willing to do all that can be done to promote His Highness' comfort and to accede to His Highness' wishes. His Highness is equally under great obligation to the Government for their reluctance to press points of form or official etiquette when considering the application of Dhunapaula Chetty.

2. His Highness has only to express a hope that in the instance of the present application of Azeez-ool-Moolk, his good friend the Honorable the Governor will not insist on the strict observance of those official forms and principles which were so considerably overlooked when complying with His Highness' request in favor of Dhunapaula Chetty's application.

3. As in the 1st Petition of Azeez-ool-Moolk (which was approved of by His Highness and forwarded to the Government Agent in His Highness' letter of 27th August last for the best consideration of Government,) there was a clear indication of the source or fund from which the solicited amount was to be paid, and as in the case of Dhunapaula Chetty the source or funds was clearly pointed out, and in reference to which His Highness in his letter of 25th ultimo, has requested that the same favor as was shewn in the case of Dhunapaula Chetty should be extended to that of Azeez-ool-Moolk, His Highness thought it unnecessary to indicate again the source or funds in His Highness' letter of 27th August and 25th September last. However His Highness now according to the suggestion of Government Agent, begs to state that the money applied for by Azeez-ool-Moolk should be disbursed from the same fund, but of which it was recommended in His Highness' letter of 26th July last, that Dhunapaula Chetty should be paid. His Highness would at the same time request attention to the second paragraph of his said letter.

4. As Dhunapaula Chetty and Azeez-ool-Moolk are the Household Officers of His Highness and are much involved in pecuniary embarrassments on account of the Household expenses of His Highness, His Highness has recommended the request of both the Officers to Government and nominated each of them respectively as they applied to His Highness to draw out of the said funds, money from the Government Treasury, in order to discharge the debts contracted through them separately on account of His Highness. The Government Agent will not therefore understand that His Highness has set aside Dhunapaula Chetty.

5. His Highness does not perceive any necessity to nominate now an Officer of His Highness to draw any advance from the fund alluded to for the use of His Highness for the future.

SHADY MAHEL,
3rd October 1860.

Correct (in Dewan's hand). Accept this (in Raesul Uman's writing).

MEMORANDUM.

That I received from the Treasury of the Bountiful Sircar through Hoossain Lootfullah Khan Bahadoor, Deputy Treasurer with His Highness, the sum of four thousand Rupees of Teroomamoor, one half of which is two thousand Rupees on account of the expenses of His Highness the Prince Azim Jah Bahadoor for the month of February 1854.

Dhunapala Chetty Sree Rama Sahai.
(Rupees 4,000.)

Dated 8th Jamadi Oossani 1270 Hijree.
Corresponding with 9th March 1854.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1860, No. 621.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is prepared, on the assurance of His Highness Prince Azeem Jah Bahadoor, to recognize Azeez-ool-Moolk Bahadoor as an Officer of his household, and to authorize the issue to him of the whole or any part of His Highness' arrears, or the

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disbursement of his current Stipend, on application being made to Government, in regular form, but His Excellency cannot sanction the payment of large sums of money on such communications as that from His Highness submitted with Dr. Balfour's letter. The Government, as already explained, consented to a partial relaxation of the Rule of 1856, in the case of Dunapala Chitty, in the belief that His Highness' necessities were very pressing, and that the request would not be repeated. They do not feel themselves called on to do so a second time.

2. The proper course is, that indicated by the Agent at the conclusion of his present letter. All that is required is, that His Highness should by letter nominate the person, whether Dunapala Chitty, or Azeez-ool-Moolk Bahadoor, or any other individual who may be in his service, as the party who is to draw money in his behalf, signifying at the same time the source from which such drafts are to be met. This may be done in general terms, and in such a way as can give no reasonable ground of objection to His Highness. Thus if he be indisposed to use the expression "Stipend," "Pension" or "Allowance"—he may authorize Azeez-ool-Moolk Bahadoor (or His Highness' nominee, whoever he may be) to draw the whole or any specified part of the "income accruing to him under the Order of Her Majesty's Government," or of "moneys which stand to his credit," or "which have accumulated on his behalf" in the General Treasury, or may employ any equivalent phrase. But unless distinct authority be given by His Highness to his proposed payee in some such mode as has been above suggested, the Government cannot permit any more payments to be made.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Read the following letter
from the Govt. Agent at
Chennai.

(Then enter 6 October 1860, No. 121.)

Order in Council 19 October 1860, No. 121.

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in the discharge of his
current stipend, on
application

