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Government of Madras.

Political **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 668 Press Mis.

Dated 13—11—~~19~~1860

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department, 13*th November* 1860.

No. 34. Read the following letter from Surgeon Major EDWARD G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk, and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th November 1860, No. 1,430.

I have the honor to ask, for my guidance, the decision of the Honorable the Governor in Council on the following case:

2. To those servants of His Highness the late Nabob, whose services were under 25 years, certain rates of gratuity were authorized.

3. In cases of casualties among such servants, the amounts, under the Orders of Government, No. 20, dated 9th January last, have been issued to their heirs.

4. In one case, however, the individual died without natural heirs—and a Will, submitted, has not been proved.

5. A fraud was committed on this Office, in that case, by parties representing themselves to be heirs, for which they were tried and convicted at last April Sessions. The gratuity in that case has been paid but to parties not entitled, and two of the criminals being Carnatic Stipendiaries, their stipends lapsed by G. O. No. 280, of 1st May 1860, and from the arrears of these convicted parties and from their lapsed stipends the amount has been far more than recovered.

6. The claim of the individual who presented the alleged Will, has been rejected; but he is since asking issue of the deceased's arrears (Rupees 42), on the ground that he performed the deceased's funeral ceremonies.

7. With Carnatic stipends, it is the custom to grant the undrawn arrears to the person who performed the funeral rites, and I beg of you to obtain for me the orders of Government as to whether, in failure of heirs, undrawn gratuities might be similarly awarded.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1860, No. 668.

The Government observe that the circumstance of a man performing the funeral ceremonies of a deceased Stipendiary or Gratuitant, will not of itself constitute him his heir, if he is not really such by birth or adoption, or give him a valid title to the undrawn arrears. This, they are of opinion, should be paid to heirs only. When the Government Agent is in doubt whether any claimant should be regarded as an heir, he may consult the Government Solicitor and act on his opinion.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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From

The Government Agent at Chepank,

and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends,

To

J. Pycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Govermt
Fort Saint George

Dated 6th November 1860
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No. 783. No. 1430 of 1860

Under circumstances within represented solicits Orders for the issue of undrawn gratuities of deceased parties in failure of heirs.

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To the Govt. Agent at Chepauk
" Govt. Solicitor

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