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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
18th February 1861.*

No. 54. 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 16th February 1861, No. 179.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Order of Government, No. 93 of 12th instant.

2. The letter of the Receiver of Carnatic Property seems to bear the interpretation that the only document required was a letter from the Dewan and that this alone was sent to him.

* *Requested to be returned.* 3. I enclose the Receiver's letter* to show that the information asked for was very extensive, and I enclose also the Office copy* of our reply to show that the documents which were sent to him were numerous.

4. On receipt of such varied communications, the practice of the Office has been to refer to the several Sirkar Departments likely to afford the required information. My penciled orders on the Receiver's letter will show that immediately on its receipt, its matter was put in train, but it was not till about the 10th ultimo that the documents thought to bear on the subject were reported to have been collected or traced.

5. The letter for sending them on was then drafted and dated the 16th ultimo; but was detained until the 26th idem, by my orders; for I was at that time fully engaged in reporting on the extensive Regency debts in the Tankih Cutcherry, and I wished to examine the documents it enclosed. It was then transmitted through Her Majesty's Government Solicitor, of which Mr. Dale was informed in a separate letter, and in which it was mentioned that they had been for some time lying ready to be sent.

6. The Honorable the Governor in Council will recognise that it would have been easy to have despatched each document as it was found or could be traced; but it is in general very unsatisfactory to present an incomplete case or forward documents by detachments, and the Dewan's letter was but one of many relating to the subject.

7. I submit this brief explanation in order not to occupy the time of Government, but if required, I could write at greater length.

8. I may only add that, on the 24th ultimo, Mr. Dale proposed to search the Records himself, and accordingly called on the 6th instant. I personally waited on him at his Office, to explain the character of the records; I made arrangements to expedite his work when he should come; he seemed pleased with the information which he derived when here, and I have had copied out for him, a Minute of mine of 19 pages, which he read when at the Office and expressed a desire to have a copy of.

No. 55.

ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1861, No. 107.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 12. Feb 1/61 & 93.

Political 1861 Department

From

The Government Agent at Chepauk,
and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends.

To

J. S. Pycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort Saint George

No. 94.

Dated 16th February 1861

Recd 18th " " "

No. 179 of 1861

2 Enclosures - returned 18/2

That was sent. - that
when all had been
collected or traced,
they were transmitted
in a letter dated 16th
and forwarded 26th ult.

Encloses Mr. Dale's
letter and the reply sent
thereto, to explain the
character of the information
he required, and that fur-
nished to him, & to show
that the Receiver's letter
wanted much information
and that it was not one
document, but many that

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