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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

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No. 45. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated London, 17th June 1861, No. 7.

1. I have considered in Council, and now reply to, the letters of your Excellency's Government, Nos. 1 to 4 of the present year, and Secretary's letters, Nos. 57 and 87 of 1860, and No. 94 of 1861.

Letter dated 22nd January (No. 1) 1861.

Abolition by the Rajah of Cochin of the Pepper monopoly, and substitution of a fixed duty of Rupees 15 per 500 lbs. (or candy.)

2. I have learned, with satisfaction, from these papers that the Rajah of Cochin has followed the wise example of his neighbour, the Rajah of Travancore, and has abolished the oppressive Pepper monopoly which prevailed in his State. The intimation made, under your orders, to His Highness that you viewed his enlightened conduct with high approval, is entirely in accordance with the sentiments of Her Majesty's Government.

Letters dated 25th January (Nos. 2 & 3) 1861.

Further proceedings relative to the Estate of the late Nawab of the Carnatic. Proposed extra remuneration to Law Officers for extra labor undertaken by them in connexion with the disposal of claims on the Estate.

3. These papers report the final settlement, with a few unimportant exceptions, of the claims against the Estate of the late Nawab of the Carnatic, which the East India Company, under circumstances fully detailed on the records of your Excellency's Government, undertook to settle.

4. I observe that the total claims amounted to 123 lakhs, while they will have been settled for the sum of 33 lakhs. The calculations by which you show that, after allowing for nearly 9 lakhs expended or to be expended in payment of arrears of wages, and in gratuities to discharged servants, and after liquidation of the 33 lakhs above referred to, Government will still be a large pecuniary gainer by the lapse of the Nawabship of the Carnatic, are satisfactory, but it must be borne in mind that the titular dignity in question was discontinued on grounds not exclusively, or even mainly, financial.

5. In expressing the high satisfaction with which Her Majesty's Government have learned the termination, in the comparatively brief period of two years and a half from the passing of Act XXX of 1858, of the tedious investigation into the debts incurred by or on behalf of the last Nawab, Mahomed Ghouse, I feel myself bound to state my concurrence in your remarks on the vigilance and ability so conspicuously displayed by the Law Officers of your Government. It is obvious that the devotion by them of so much of their time to the interests of Government must have proved detrimental to their own. The duty of investigating claims similar to those against the Estate of Mahomed Ghouse was one never before entrusted to the Law Officers of the Government, and not contemplated when the salaries of their respective offices were fixed. Her Majesty's Government, therefore, concur in your opinion that some additional remuneration may fairly be considered due to them: I accordingly sanction, as a special case, not to be drawn into a precedent, the payment to Mr. Smyth, your Advocate General, of Rupees 30,000, and to Mr. Boyson, your Solicitor, of Rupees 20,000 on account of their extra services in this matter.

6. Reference is made, in the enclosures to your letter No. 2, to the pecuniary affairs of the Prince Azem Jah Bahadoor. You have rightly determined to interfere in no manner with the claims against the Prince. His Highness must, as you justly observe, be left to make his own arrangements with his creditors, and the Government

must confine itself to giving permission to sue to those creditors who, from peculiar circumstances, appear to have a special claim to consideration. I also approve your orders declining to authorize payment of any part of the accumulated arrears of the stipend allotted to His Highness (but hitherto rejected by him,) except to Officers of his own household specially nominated by him to receive it.

Submits the Report of the Political Agent at Poodoocottah on the administration of that State for 1269 Fuslie (1859-60).

* Rupees 1,58,069.

Letter dated 1st February (No. 4,) 1861.

7. This Report is, on the whole, satisfactory: the revenue derived from land and other sources during the year shewing an increase of Rupees 5,115, while the large increase of Rupees 1½ lakhs* in the expenditure has either been devoted to the payment of debt, or is otherwise satisfactorily accounted for. Your call for a statement of outstanding revenue balances is approved.

8. The working of the Civil Courts is not more satisfactory than in previous years. But I trust to have a more favourable report of their operations during 1860-61, at the commencement of which year the new Civil Code of Procedure, embodied in Act VIII of 1859, will have been introduced into the Poodoocottah Courts.

9. The Criminal and Appeal Courts appear to have performed their work with average success, and the only point which calls for notice is the objectionable sentence of life imprisonment passed on two of the prisoners in the (murder) case 62 of 1859. I approve your having, on the recommendation of the Political Agent, so far modified your previous order relative to the future jurisdiction of the Mudritta Sabhay, as to extend it from Rupees 125 to Rupees 250 only, instead of to Rupees 500.

10. The liquidation of the entire registered debt of the Rajah, and of his brother, Trimul Tondiman, is very satisfactory. Still more gratifying is the announcement that arrangements (the nature of which is not indicated) are in progress for liquidating the large private debts so unjustifiably incurred by the Rajah, while the others were being paid off through the careful administration of the Sirkele. It is not stated whether the private debts of Trimul Tondiman are included in the proposed arrangement.

Secretary's letters, Nos. 57 and 87 of 1860, and 94 of 1861.

Transmit lists of foreign pensioners supported by the British Government for 1860/61, and of Europeans and East Indians in Travancore and Cochin in December 1859.

11. These returns, which call for no remark, have been duly received.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 19th July 1861, No. 329.

1. A copy of paragraph 2, of the foregoing Despatch will be furnished to the Resident for communication to His Highness the Rajah of Cochin.

2. Ordered that para. 5 of the Despatch be communicated to the Accountant General and the Government Solicitor. Under the sanction of Her Majesty's Government conveyed in this para., His Excellency the Governor in Council authorizes the Sub-Treasurer to pay to Mr. T. S. Smyth, the Advocate General, the sum of Rupees (30,000) thirty thousand, and to Mr. J. R. Boyson, the Government Solicitor, the sum of Rupees (20,000) twenty thousand.

3. A copy of paragraphs 7 to 10 will be furnished to the Political Agent of Poodoocottah, and his attention will be called to the remarks on the sentence of life imprisonment passed on two of the prisoners in a murder case, and on the private debts of Trimul Tondiman.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Read the following despatch from the R.Hble the Secretary of State for India.

(Dated 14th June 1861 No 4.)

Order thereon - 19th July 1861 No 329.

A copy of para 2 of the foregoing despatch will be furnished to the Resident for communication to H.H. the Rajah of Cochin.

2. Order that para 5 of the Despatch be communicated to the Accountant General and the Govt. Solicitor. Under the sanction of Her Majesty's Government conveyed in this para, His Excellency the Governor in Council authorizes the Sub Treasurer to pay to Mr. T. S. Smyth the

the Advocate General, the sum of Rupees (30,000) Thirty thousand - and to Dr. J. R. Bayston, the Govt. Solicitor, the sum of Rupees (20,000) Twenty thousand.

3. A copy of para 2 as to will be furnished to the Political Agent of Pondoocottah, and his attention will be called to the remarks on the sentence of life imprisonment passed on two of the prisoners in a murder case, and on the private debts of Trimal Jordiman.

Para 1.
To the Resident of Travancore and Cochin — with p. 2 of the dispatch dated 22nd

P. 2 to Acctt General
Sub Treasurer
Advocate General pro tem. Order
P.J. Govt Solicitor — with p. 6 of do dated 29th
Govt Treasury Orders — dated 20th
Civil Auditor

P. 3. to Political Agent of Pondoocottah. — with p. 7 to 10 of do dated 22nd

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Dy 19 July 1861.

Furnishing to the Resident of Travancore & Cochin for communication to H.H. the Rajah of Cochin - para 2 of the Despatch from the Right Hble the Secy. of State for India - also para 5 of the Despatch to the Accountant Genl and to the Government Solicitor Authorizes - under the sanction of H. M. the Govt conveyed in this para - the Sub Treasurer to pay to Mr. T. S. Smythe the Advocate General the sum of Rs. 30,000 and to Mr. R. Boyson the Government Solicitor the sum of Rs. 20000 - also paras 7 & 10 be furnished to the Political Agent of Pondicherry & his attention called to the remarks on the sentence of life imprisonment passed on two of the prisoners in a murder case, and on the private debts of Irumul Tondiman