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No. 37. Read the following letter from Surgeon Major EDWARD G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk, and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 5th October 1861, No. 1,239.

I have the honor to report to His Excellency the Governor in Council, as commanded in Order No. 384 of 30th ultimo, that the number and amount of Becars and Neazat having arrears who were included in the List sent with letter No. 1,555 of 1860, were as per margin.

No.	Class.	Amount.		
		Rs.	A.	P.
5	Becar	392	10	3
2	Neazat	450	0	0

2. As the question required to be answered by that Order seems to re-open the subject of the grant of arrears to the persons whom Order of Government No. 19 of 1861 excluded therefrom, I hasten to send on the precise items of information which Government require, because if the whole subject be reconsidered, the entire data will take some little time to prepare.

3. Of some points of information however we are already in possession; the Budget provided for arrears the sum of Rupees 40,000—for instance, the total amount paid or payable by Government Order No. 19 of 1861, was Rupees 22,253-13-6, and the amount struck out by that Order, as not payable, was Rupees 14,108-0-8.

4. Since then, however, further sums sanctioned by Government Order No. 380, dated 31st August last, amount to Rupees 9,475-4-3.

5. In consequence of Order No. 19 of 1861, and taking it as our guide, in constructing the final List which was sanctioned by Order of Government No. 380 of 31st August last, calculations were not made for arrears of any of those classes whom Government Order No. 19 of 1861 excluded, whether residents at the Presidency or dwelling at Outstations, and as, if required by Government, it will take some little time to extract from the Records all the necessary information, and Government may be desirous of early obtaining the particular data which Order No. 384 of 30th ultimo commanded, I give the Nos. and amounts of the Madras Becar and Neazat in the 1st paragraph of this letter who were excluded by No. 19 of 1861, and confine myself at present to mentioning that, as expressed in paragraph 5 of my letter No. 1,912 of 1861, there is a difficulty in searching the Records of the Outstations; and if this subject be taken up by Government in its entirety, the search may perhaps require a little time.

6. At present, therefore, and until search has been made, it would not be proper to do more than estimate the probable charge that would fall to be defrayed, if the restrictive Order of No. 19 of 1861 were abrogated; but including the Rupees 14,108-0-8 struck out by No. 19 of 1861, it certainly would come near to Rupees 28,000 which the Government would be liable to, if all the classes then excluded, whether of the Presidency or of the Outstations, were now commanded to be paid.

7. In the mean time, awaiting the Order of Government on these points, a draft letter has been prepared, and instant commencement will be made to compile exact information, should Government issue instructions to that effect.

8. As the subject of arrears undrawn by Bekar, Sadaat and Neazat is to be now under the reconsideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, I beg to submit the decision which was come to on one class of their arrears in Extract Minutes of Consultation of 12th October No. 673 of 1858, paragraph 6, in which occur the following remarks:

"Referring to the remarks of the Agent in paragraph 5, the Government wish it to be clearly "understood that no arrears are on any account to be paid to such classes as the Becar, Saadat, "Neazat or those pensioners under any denomination who were mere hangers-on and never "actually rendered service. The cases of these parties have been treated with ample indulgence, "when from motives of charity they were permitted to retain for life a moiety of the allowances "standing against their names in the Sirkar books. No more can be allowed and so much of "the arrears found by the late Commissioners or by the Agent as were referrable to this head "will at once be struck out of the account."

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No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1861, No. 508.

The Government Agent should have simply stated the number of Becars and Neazat entered in the List referred to, which was all that the Memorandum required from the Agency office, the subject being merely to verify what was ascertained from the List itself, there being a doubt as to the actual number from the remarks in the last column of it not being sufficiently clear. Doctor Balfour however, instead of thus confining himself to the subject before him, and furnishing the information applied for, has digressed into remarks at great length on the subject of the grant of arrears to persons of the above and other classes, a question which the Government never intended to re-open as supposed by Doctor Balfour.

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By the Agent's present letter.....	5 Becar, 2 Neazat.
By the office as ascertained from the List.	1 „ 2 „

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Political. Nº 1259. /672.

Sir,

I have the letter dated 5th Inst. in the Office on the 7th Inst to the Reference Dept on the 8th but it was with much difficulty that the papers could be completed, as in contemplation of an Order from Govt being quoted by Dr Balfour in the 1st para, which was not to be found on the Proceedings or elsewhere, it was impossible to say what Order was alluded to as intending to re-open the question of the grant of arrears, for I had no recollection whatever of any such Order. Applications were made to the Collr & other Depts, but nothing could be traced, and it was only yesterday casually discovered, that the Order quoted was a Govt from their Office, simply enquiring what

what number of Becars & Nagas was included in the Agent's final List of applicants for pension. This was done merely for the purpose of correcting a Note on a Memo. of mine on Bartul con Hurrai's case, which led to this private prohibition. It is difficult to account for Dr Balfour's present letter, for so far as I can see, no reason was given for his assuming that the Govt intended to re-open the question of the grant of arrears to Becars & others.

A.D.C.F.
1st Oct. 1861.

Political Department.

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Fort Cuddalore 5th October 1861. No. 1259/

Order thereon 13th November 1861. No. 508.

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To the Govt Agent at Chepauk. } desp. 14

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