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No. 46. Read the following letter from Major R. S. WILSON, Government Agent at Chepauk, and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends ; to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 18th March 1862, No. 196.

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter addressed by His Highness Prince Azeem Jah Bahadoor to His Excellency the Governor in Council, enclosing another addressed by the same person to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, which gives cover to a letter of condolence from the Prince to Her Majesty, on the death of the late Prince Consort.

2. I forward these documents at the request of the Prince. I trust that I shall not be considered as over-stepping the limits of my official duty in bringing to the notice of Government that His Highness' letter appears open to the same objection (but in a much higher degree) as was taken by Government to an expression contained in His Highness' letter of the 13th January last in which he styled himself the *Ally* of the British Government. His present communication, addressed direct to Her Majesty, contains much to favor the idea that the letter is addresed by one Sovereign to another, it contains nothing to show that it is the address of a subject to his Sovereign. It also contains expressions which may be explained away so as to signify nothing, or which (if the letter is forwarded) may be hereafter quoted as a direct admission on the part of Government at least, if not on that of Her Majesty herself, that the Prince is, *de jure*, the independent Sovereign of the Carnatic.

3. I beg further permission to bring the following facts to the notice of Government: His Highness has for some time past employed a person called Hyder Jung as an Agent in England to prosecute his alleged claims on Government. This person returned to Madras by the last Steamer from England for the purpose of inducing His Highness to entrust him with further funds, and the method he has employed to influence the Prince is by representing to him that the Home Government is favorable to His Highness' views. His Highness' letter to Her Majesty has been prepared by Hyder Jung's advice—if it is received and forwarded by the Madras Government, his influence with the Prince will be confirmed, and His Highness will be induced to advance more money, by which no one is likely to profit except the Agents employed in its (alleged) distribution.

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1862, No. 115.

Ordered that the letter from His Highness Prince Azeem Jah Bahadoor which accompanied the above communication be returned to His Highness through the Chepauk Agent, who will inform him that the Government do not feel themselves at liberty to forward to Her Majesty an address of condolence from a single private individual. It was open to the Prince to have signed the address recently sent Home for submission to the Queen by the Madras community.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

private individual

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Order thereon 21ˢᵗ March 1862 No. 115.

Ordered that the Letter from H.H. Prince Azeem Jah Bahadoor with accompaniment the above communication be submitted to His Highness through the Chepauk Agent, who will inform him that the Government would not feel themselves at liberty to do so unless requested by His Highness to ask-duct of condolence from a single private individual.

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to han signed Address recently
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