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No. 8. Read the following letter from G. LEE MORRIS, Esq., Acting Government Agent, Tanjore; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chédubúvá, 16th May 1862, No. 115.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Proceedings of Government, under date the 21st September 1860, No. 569; I have the honor to solicit the instructions of Government regarding the payment of some of the awards made by the late Commissioner to the claimants on the Estates of the late Ráj.

2. Some of these parties, it would appear, whilst they had claims on the Ráj were also supposed to be indebted to it for various sums on account of advances received for the supply of materials and labor, &c., but so little do these liabilities seem to have been supported by evidence or vouchers, that they were not made matters of enquiry in the Commissioner's investigation of the claims on the Ráj and were not therefore set off against the claims awarded.

3. Whilst such was the case, in the Rókkás or notes which, as a guarantee for the personal identity of the parties, the Sirkele had been called upon to furnish to each of the claimants who had obtained awards from the Commissioner, in order that they might be produced by them before the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury by whom payments were made, the Sirkele, on his own authority, deducted what he considered to be due to the Ráj by such parties and specified the balance only. The Rókkas thus given not tallying with the amounts of the awards entered in the lists published in the District Gazette, the Deputy Collector declined to cash them, and eventually, on a reference being made on the subject to the Government Agent, that Officer wholly disapproved of the arbitrary manner in which the deductions had been made.

4. In the mean time, however, the term of 3 months which had been fixed by Orders of Government for the payment of the awards had expired, and all further payments were stopped, thus leaving unpaid 41 individuals whose cases were pending a reference to the Government Agent.

5. I beg therefore to solicit special authority for now discharging the claims of these parties, inasmuch as they did apply for payment before the expiration of the term fixed by Government, and it was by no fault of theirs that they were not paid.

6. I would take leave also to add that, in now discharging the awards of the claimants in question, no deduction should, I think, be made from the amounts of their awards on account of their supposed liabilities. These, as already observed, are not ascertainable from any reliable authority; and did not form the subject of any enquiry before the late Commissioner. Of course if any liability is admitted by the claimant himself, as appears to be the case in one instance, it may be deducted from the amount of the award.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, 3rd June 1862, No. 223.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council grants special sanction for the payment of the awards to the 41 claimants referred to; and directs that the Agent in discharging the amounts of these awards will make no deduction, except in cases where a debt to the Raj is admitted by the claimant himself.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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