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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 478 Press Mis.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department, 1st December 1862.

No. 1. 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 27th October 1862, No. 482.

I have the honor to submit the following statement for the orders of Government.

2. The late Nabob of the Carnatic during his lifetime provided a house, rent free, for his father's Nickah widow, Mookhtyar-oo-Nissa Begum. At the time of the Nabob's death, the house so occupied by the Begum, was the building on the Mount Road, now rented by the Clothing Board and commonly called "Maclean's Garden."* This house having passed to Government with the rest of the Carnatic property was sold by auction on account of Government in January 1858 and purchased by Messrs. Richardson of Madras, who called on the Begum to vacate it. That Lady addressed Government on the subject, pointing out that she had always sat rent-free during the Nabob's lifetime, and requesting that the same indulgence might be shown her by Government. A correspondence took place as noted in the margin,† from which it appears that Government was inclined to consider the Begum's request favorably. The Agent was directed to make inquiries for a suitable residence and suggested two or three, which were however all disapproved of for various reasons. At last Government decided that the Begum should receive an allowance of Rupees 140 per mensem, on account of house rent, and find her own house. She vacated "Maclean's Garden" accordingly on the 14th April 1858 and went to reside elsewhere.

*Which at that time belonged to the Nabob.

† 1 Letter to Chief Secretary to Government, dated 13th February 1858, No. 437.
2. E. M. C., dated 19th February 1858, No. 124.
3. Letter to Chief Secretary to Government, dated 3rd March 1858, No. 527.
4. E. M. C., dated 16th March 1858, No. 188.
5. Letter to Chief Secretary to Government, dated 20th March 1858, No. 604.
6. E. M. C., dated 23rd March 1858, No. 206.
7. Letter to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th March 1858, No. 667.
8. Letter to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 7th April 1858, No. 687.
9. E. M. C., dated 9th April 1858, No. 243.
10. Letter to the Acting Chief Secretary to Govenment, dated 11th April 1858, No. 717.
11. Letter to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 12th April 1858, No. 719.
12. Letter to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 14th April 1858, No. 753.
13. E. M. C., dated 16th April 1858, No. 262.
14. Order of Government, dated 21st April 1858, No. 265

3. Messrs. Richardson have now called on the Begum, through Messrs. Boyson and Miller, Solicitors, to pay them Rupees (900) nine hundred as house rent of Maclean's Garden, at the rate of Rupees 300 per mensem, for the time during which the Begum occupied it, as above, viz., from the 14th January to the 14th April 1858. The Begum has forwarded Messrs. Boyson and Miller's letter to this office, and claims that under the circumstances above set forth the debt must be considered as due by Government, and not by her. As this claim appears to have some foundation, I beg to submit it for the consideration of Government.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1862, No. 478.

Under the circumstances stated in the foregoing letter the Governor in Council authorizes the payment of the sum of Rupees (900) nine hundred, to Messrs. Ashton Richardson & Co., as the rent of Maclean's Garden for the period referred to.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

Sixth Division

1st December 1862 No. 478

Under the circumstances stated in the foregoing letter the Secretary in Council authorizes the payment of the sum of £900 to Messrs Ashton Richardson & Co on account of headmen services for the period ending 31st

To the Govt Agent at Chepauk -
" Civil Paymaster
" Dy Auditor & Account Genl
Ashton Richardson & Co -

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