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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department, 11*th April* 1863.

No. 14. Read the following letter from Major R. S. WILSON, Government Agent at Chepauk, and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th March 1863, No. 60.

I have the honor to forward herewith the documents noted in the margin,* which have been delivered to me by His Highness Prince Azeem Jah Bahadoor, for transmission.

* One Letter, addressed by His Highness Prince Azeem Jah Bahadoor, to His Excellency Sir W. Denison, K. C. B., Governor of Madras, dated 3rd March 1863, and giving cover to a printed letter (in triplicate) addressed by His Highness to the Right Honorable Sir Charles Wood, Secretary of State for India.

To His Excellency Sir WILLIAM DENISON, K. C. B.,
Governor of Madras.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honor to acknowledge your Excellency's letter, dated May 22nd, 1862, enclosing the Despatch of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in answer to my Memorial asking for a reconsideration of my claim to be acknowledged as Nawab of the Carnatic, I have to thank your Excellency for the kindness and courtsey with which you have conveyed intelligence to me which must necessarily be of so painful and disappointing a nature; your Excellency will be pleased to observe by the accompanying letter (in triplicate) to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State that I am unable to acquiesce in the decision of the Government respecting my rights. In that letter besides entering a firm but respectful protest against the decision of the Government, I directed the attention of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State to several new and important facts which have not yet been brought to the notice of the Government.

With reference to the concluding observation of paragraph 2 of your Excellency's letter, I have to add that I have never yet received any official communication of the grounds of the refusal of the Government to recognize my title to the Nawabship of the Carnatic.

I have to request that your Excellency will be pleased to forward the enclosed letter to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

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SHADY MAHAL
3*rd March* 1863.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 11th April 1863, No. 114.

His Excellency the Governor in Council must decline to forward the letter which His Highness Prince Azeem Jah has addressed to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, re-asserting his claim to the Musnud of the Carnatic. The claim advanced by His Highness has been considered by Her Majesty's Government; and the Prince has been informed that a very full, patient and searching revision of all the papers in the case, and of the arguments adduced by him, has convinced the Secretary of State that there are no grounds to justify him in disturbing the decision arrived at six years ago, and advising Her Majesty to re-establish the titular Nawabship of the Carnatic. In the Despatch in which this decision was communicated to the Madras Government, it was expressly stated that the decision was final; and the Governor in Council is, consequently, precluded from forwarding any further representation on the subject to the Home Government.

2. The Prince's letter will be returned to His Highness through the Agent, who will decline to receive any further communication on the subject.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

Memorandum
For Orders.

Letter from the Govt.
Agent at Chéjaunk
6th March 1863.

With the foregoing
letter the Government
Agent has submitted
a letter from His Highness
Prince Azeem Jah,
enclosing a printed letter
addressed by the Prince
& the Secretary of State,
protesting against the
decision conveyed in
Sir Chas Wood's despatch
of the 8th April 1862.

2. In the despatch in
question, it was stated
(para. 6) that the decision
therein conveyed, adverse
to the claims of Prince
Azeem

I think we could not better
forward the papers. If
on the Govt. state says
his decision is "Final"
should accept those &
he will notify this &
leave petitions to
not to forward any further
petitions or remonstrances
this however except this
letter. I think Records
be right to insert it from
a single expression in
a despatch

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for ordinary rule regarding the

Azeem Jah, was final; and an intimation to that effect was made to His Highness in the letter addressed to him by His Excellency the Governor under date the 22nd May last.

3. In the letter now addressed by His Highness to the Secretary of State, he professes to bring forward new and important facts as a reason for re-opening the question of his claims; but it will be seen that there are no facts brought forward which were not fully considered in the Minutes of Lord Harris and the Marquis of Dalhousie, the only question being whether the treaty of 1853 was a purely personal treaty or not. His Highness has discussed this question very fully in his present letter, and it is carefully argued in the opinion of Counsel (Mr. J. B. Norton), which forms the last Appendix to the letter; but the facts adduced are all the same as those which Lord Harris, and the then Governor General and the Court of Directors had before them when they resolved on the extinction of the Nawabship.

4. It seems questionable therefore whether, with reference to the intimation made by the Secretary of State as to the finality of the decision given by him last year, the Govt should

Transmission of Memorials

How is that when a Memorial has been sent to the Secy of State a second is not to be forwarded from the same party on the same subject unless it contains some fresh matter.

It would seem only to consort with the established custom in such cases to decline to send on this Memorial, and it seems to me that Govt is every reason for so refusing. It has been shown in Major Wilson's able letter of the 7th inst that all this agitation was on account of the Nawab himself, but of the two unprincipled men about him. To deliver him from them entirely and bring about a settlement of his affairs would be a mercy to the poor old man himself & his family but this will not be expected so long as he goes by receiving & transmitting his Memorials continue to feed him with false hopes, and prevent some of his

should not decline to forward His Highness's present letter to the Home Government.

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Political Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

H. E. the Governor in Council directs that the letter addressed by His Highness Prince Azim Jah to the President of State should be forwarded by the next mail. He at the same time desires that it may be intimated to the Prince that the Government entertain no doubt that His Highness, when he shall have had an opportunity of further reflection, will be in a position to direct the decision of Her Majesty's Government in his favour. A copy of the despatch by the 2nd April 1862 will

under the circumstances disclosed in the late debate in the House of Commons - Lord Russell would be desirable to forward His Highness letter - It should therefore be returned to Prince Azim Jah with a statement to this effect that the subject having been finally determined before communication could be opened with Her Majesty's Government

Cancelled

rejecting his claim & the
removal of the Carnatic
as otherwise than just.
he orders thereupon passed
by Govt. under date the
[illegible] with respect to
the Government Agent's letter
of the [illegible] with reference
to the settlement of his
Highness' debts must not
be allowed to remain in
abeyance pending the
reply of the Majesty's
Government to His Highness'
present letter.

Letter to the
Secretary of
State for
Foreign Affairs
Despatch

Dated

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Govt
to Govt Agent
at Chepauk

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To The Government Agent at Chepauk with a Letter in triplicate dispr 15.

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Dated 11th April 63

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