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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
9th May 1863.*

No. 26. 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 1st May 1863, No. 110.

I have the honor to forward herewith, for the orders of Government, a letter* addressed to me by His Highness Prince Azeem Jah Bahadoor, dated 1st May 1863, signifying his wish to draw three lakhs of the amount accumulated to his credit in the Government Treasury.

* Requested to be returned.

2. The total amount now due to His Highness on account of undrawn arrears of stipend is, a little more than four and a half lakhs.

3. I also forward herewith, as being connected with the above application, copy of a letter addressed to me by His Highness, dated 20th April 1863, and copy of my reply thereto, dated 30th idem.

(COPY.)

His Highness Azeem Jah Bahadoor presents his compliments to Major R. S. Wilson, Government Agent Chepauk, and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends, and with reference to the letters of the Government Agent, No. 62, dated 7th March 1863, and No. 94, dated the 15th April 1863, His Highness begs to inform Major R. S. Wilson the Government Agent that he will at once proceed to call a meeting of His Highness' creditors and appoint a Committee, one of the members of which will be a legal gentleman as advised by the Agent for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements with his creditors. This course will be similar to the course pursued at His Highness' voluntary request by the late Nabob on the inquiry into His Highness' debts in 1854 pursuant to the Nabob's order issued on the 25th September 1844, His Highness purposes that the Committee for the purpose of inquiring into his liabilities and arranging with his creditors shall be composed of the following gentlemen, viz., Terazish Khan Bahadoor (who was the head of the former Commission) Azeez-ool-Moolk Bahadoor, Hydur Jung Bahadoor, Sumsam-ud-Dowlah Bahadoor, and Mr. H. J. Brockman, Solicitor. In order to enable His Highness and his Committee to make the necessary inquiry and arrangement, it will be absolutely necessary that all the records on the inquiry as to His Highness' liabilities which was made by the Commission in 1854 should be placed before the present Committee. These records are now in the custody of the Government Agent. His Highness has therefore to request that the Government Agent do after obtaining the Government sanction deliver these records to Highness.

SHADY MAHAL,
20th April 1863.

(Signed) عظیم جاہ

(COPY.)

No. 109 of 1863.

Major R. S. Wilson, Government Agent at Chepauk, presents his compliments to His Highness Prince Azeem Jah Bahadoor, and has the honor to acknowledge receipt of His Highness' letter of the 20th instant.

2. In reply, Major Wilson regrets to be obliged to say that the course proposed by His Highness for the settlement of His Highness' debts does not appear well calculated to secure the end in view.

3. It appears to Major Wilson that the first thing to be done in the matter is to satisfy His Highness' creditors and Government, that there is a *bona-fide* intention to settle the claims in question. If this be done, it may be expected that the creditors will refrain from troubling Government and His Highness with petitions on the subject, and Government will feel itself justified in not taking action on such as may be presented.

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4. It appears to Major Wilson, as already stated in his letter to His Highness, No. 62 of the 7th March 1863, that the only course by which His Highness' creditors and Government can be satisfied as above, is the course pursued under similar circumstances by His Highness' brother Rusheed-oo-Dowlah Bahadoor. The first step taken by that nobleman was, to place in the hands of a respectable Firm a legal instrument empowering the Firm to receive his stipend and employ a certain portion of it in liquidating his debts. Having received the above instrument the Firm proceeded to call a meeting of the Bahadoor's creditors, and to arrange with them the details of the settlement, and on a statement from this office of the above circumstances, Government was pleased to continue to the Bahadoor the protection enjoyed by him from the Courts. But had not the Bahadoor first deposited the legal instrument abovementioned neither would the Firm spoken of have undertaken the management of his affairs, nor would this office have recommended to Government the continuance of his exemption.

5. By His Highness' letter under reply, it appears to be His Highness' intention first to ascertain the amount of His Highness' liabilities and then to take further steps. Major Wilson begs to suggest that to ascertain the said amount must necessarily be a work of some time—that it is in fact impossible to say when it may be concluded—and to recommend therefore to His Highness the advisability of taking steps to provide funds, in the interim, for the liquidation of the various liabilities, as their amount becomes known. Should His Highness be pleased to adopt this suggestion, or in lieu of it, to propose any other course more agreeable to His Highness and equally satisfactory to the other parties concerned, Major Wilson will submit it for the consideration of Government, and request permission to furnish His Highness with such information as His Highness' affairs may require, from the records deposited in this office.

(Signed) R. S. WILSON,
Government Agent Chepauk.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) R. S. WILSON,
Government Agent Chepauk.

His Highness Azeem Jah Bahadoor presents his compliments to Major R. S. Wilson, Government Agent Chepauk, and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends, and has the honor to inform him that, he has nominated Azeez-ool-Moolk Bahadoor, a household Officer of His Highness, to draw, on his receipt, the sum of Rupees (3,00,000) three lacs out of the monies which have accumulated on His Highness' account in the Government Treasury, and to request that the sanction of Government may be obtained to the disbursement of that amount. At the same time, His Highness desires it to be understood that, in receiving the said sum, he does not, thereby, forfeit for himself or his family the right to prosecute any claims now existing or which may hereafter be found to exist in his or their favor.

SHADY MAHAL,
1st May 1863.

(Signed) in Persian.

No. 27.

ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1863, No. 142.

His Excellency the Governor in Council will be prepared to sanction the payment of the arrears of stipend left undrawn by His Highness Prince Azeem Jah, on His Highness stating that he is prepared to draw the entire sum now to his credit in the Government Treasury. The Accountant General will report what is the exact amount.

2. The Government Agent will furnish His Highness with any information he may require from the records of the Agent's Office, with a view to the settlement of his debts; reserving, of course, any papers which the Agent may consider it inexpedient to communicate to His Highness.

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3. The Agent should not interfere in regard to the details of the arrangements which His Highness contemplates making for the settlement of his debts. It will speedily become apparent whether the arrangements in question are fair and satisfactory, or otherwise, to the creditors; and if the latter should prove to be the case, it will be for the Government to consider the propriety of depriving His Highness of his exemption from civil process.

4. The settlement of His Highness' affairs is a matter in which the Government are in no way responsible. And in regard to which beyond the extent indicated in the preceding paragraph they will in no way interfere.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

Political Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Govt.
Agent at Chikpalk.

Received 1st May 1863 No 110

Order thereon 9th May 1863 No 142

His Excellency the
Governor in Council will
be prepared to sanction
the payment of the
arrears of stipend left
undrawn by His Highness
Prinze Azem Jah, on His
Highness stating that he
is prepared to draw the
entire sum now to his
credit in the Government
Treasury. The Acct. General
will report what is the
exact amount.

2. The Government
 do not wish to furnish
 Mr. Webster with any
 information he may require
 from the records of the
 Agents there, with a
 view to the settlement
 of his debt; receiving,
 of course, any papers
 which the Agent may
 consider it expedient
 to communicate to the
 Treasury.

3. The Agent should
 not interfere in regard to
 the details of the arrangement
 made with the Virginia
 Contractors, in a way for
 the settlement of his debt.
 It will possibly become
 apparent whether the
 arrangement in question
 are

The Agent at the State
 of Virginia
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we have not satisfactory
 or otherwise, to the credit
 and of the latter should
 prove to be the case, which
 be for the Government to
 consider the propriety of
 depriving the Virginia of
 his appointment from civil
 process.

1. ~~Mr. Webster~~ The
 settlement of the Virginia
 Affairs is a matter in
 which the Government
 are in no way responsible.
 It is up to the
 Agent to report to the
 Treasury whether the
 settlement is in
 the interests of the
 Government or not.

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Paymaster of the
Arkansas Sub
Treasury

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT,

Dated 9 May 1863.

Withdrawal of the
Treasury accumulation
account of Isaac Myers
John Roberts.