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Colonial Secretary's Office
Colombo 27 July 1863.

Sir,

Having laid before the Governor
and the Executive Council your
letter of the 3rd Instant N^o 304, sug-
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I am directed to transmit to you
the enclosed copy of a letter from
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you, for the information of the
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The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

extinction of the debt, they cannot, for
the reasons stated by the Auditor
General, adopt the proposed com-
mutation scheme.

1863/8/12
I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant
F B Temple

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
12th August 1863.*

No. 18. Read the following letter from F. B. TEMPLER, Esq., Colonial Secretary, Colombo; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Colombo, 29th July 1863, No. 27.

Having laid before the Governor and the Executive Council your letter of the 3rd instant, No. 304, suggesting the expediency of allowing Kandyan Pensioners to convert their monthly stipends into a bonus, I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a letter from the Auditor General and to acquaint you, for the information of the Government of Fort Saint George, that however desirable His Excellency and the Council may consider the extinction of the debt, they cannot for the reasons stated by the Auditor General, adopt the proposed commutation scheme.

From R. T. PENNEFATHER, Esq., Auditor General; to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, dated Colombo, 3rd July 1863, No. 304.

I have the honor to return the letter from the Chief Secretary to the Government, Fort Saint George, suggesting for His Excellency's consideration the expediency of allowing the Kandyan Pensioners to convert their monthly stipend into a bonus, forwarded to me for report with your communication, No. 342 of the 22nd ultimo, and beg to state that the outlay consequent on the commutation of the stipends would be so heavy as to make me hesitate recommending the adoption of the suggestion of the Indian Government. But I think there are other and more serious reasons for considering the change as inadvisable, I believe that in many, if not a majority of cases, the commuted allowance, would be soon squandered and the recipients thrown on the country in a state of absolute destitution. Further, most of the pensions are not personal, but hereditary allowances, and it would be inequitable that future generations should suffer by the enrichment and probable extravagance of the present. On these grounds I cannot advise that the scheme of commutation should be adopted.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1863, No. 234.

To be recorded.

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

Exd. T. McMoorty.

Audit Office
Colombo 3rd July 1863.

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I have
Signed R. T. Pennefather
and sent.
True Copy

Re: Aug 1863 & 1864.

subd of 13 Augt.

Political, 1863 Aug 18

From
The Colonial Secretary
Colonial Office

Dated 29 July
Recd 6 Augt } 1863

No 261

States under the opinion
expressed by their Lordships
that the Exchequer
cannot allow the Hawaiian
Princes to convert their
monthly stipends into
bonuses.
No. 234 of 12 Aug 1863.
Recorded

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