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

No. 22. 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 5th February 1863, No. 29.

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

II. During the lifetime of the late Nabob of the Carnatic, a Court called the Mahakamah existed in which cases affecting His Highness' family and followers were tried by Judges appointed by His Highness.

III. On His Highness' death the said Court was abolished. The class of cases which used to be settled by it, now come before the ordinary Courts.

IV. Many of those however who have been hitherto amenable to the Mahakamah, continue to apply to this office for the settlement of their disputes, which places this office in a false position; for the Chepauk Agent is not a Magistrate. It also throws upon this office duties beyond its power to discharge; for the number of people in question is so great that it would be quite impossible for the Agent to settle their complaints even if he had the power to do so. The practice is also altogether objectionable, as tending to keep the class of persons in question separate from the bulk of the people, and to perpetuate political illusions.

V. For these reasons the Agent, if he were at liberty to do so, would decline to entertain such complaints—that is, all complaints other than those arising from the position of complainants as Government Stipendiaries; but, with reference to G. O. No. 1,482, (Judicial Department) 20th October 1858, he is not at liberty to do so. I therefore beg to submit the subject for the consideration of Government.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1863, No. 77.

The Governor in Council is of opinion that the Government Agent should endeavour to settle any family disputes arising among the Carnatic Stipendiaries, which may be referred to him for decision; at the same time informing the parties that if they decline to abide by the decision, their proper course is to apply to the established Courts.

The Agent's inquiries should be restricted to family disputes, such as claims for maintenance, &c.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

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Order thereon 12th March 1863. No 477

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The Agent's opinion should be instructed to framing disputes such as may be necessary for maintenance

To the Govt. Agent at Chepauk.
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