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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording papers connected with a question asked by the Hon'ble Khulam Muhammad Sahib Bahadur at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 9th March 99 regarding the compulsory commutation of Carnatic Stipends of small amounts.

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GOVERNMENT OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

With the permission of His Excellency the President, the Hon'ble GHULAM MUHAMMAD SAHIB BAHADUR will ask the following questions at the ensuing meeting of the Council to be held on the 9th day of March 1899:—

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XLV. (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the circumstances which have led to the system of commutation of Carnatic stipends of small value which is now in force?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to reconsider its order as regards commutation after calling for a special report from the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, as to the effect which that system has produced on the Carnatic family?

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Political Department

Question No. XLVI proposed to be asked by the Hon'ble Ghulam Muhammad Sahib Bahadur at the Meeting of the Legislative Council on the 9th instant

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The present rule as regards the compulsory commutation of Jaghir stipends is the outcome of a proposal by Lt Colonel C D Baynes, Govt Agent @ Chepauk, who dealt fully with the subject of compulsory commutations in paras 12–16 of his letter No 82 dy 19/2/85 printed in paper A of F filed with GO No 357 Pol dy 22-5-85. From the remarks of the Govt Agent, as well as from the quotations in his letter from former officers whose long experience enabled them to speak with some authority on the subject, it will be seen that Govt had only the best interests of the pensioners themselves in view when, by GO No 359 Pol dy 22-5-85, it was ordered that A "(6). No stipend of less value than

"Rs 15 per mensem in the case
"of a Male pensioner & Rs 10 in
"the case of a female pensioner
"will, in future, be continued."

In 1895, however, Govt. directed that the rules regarding the compulsory commutation be cancelled so far as they related to female Carnatic Stipendiaries. From the Notes attached to G.O. No 422 Pol d/29-6-95 it will be seen that Govt was influenced in this decision by the fact that interested male relatives got the Commutation money of the female stipendiaries & squandered it leaving the women helpless & unprovided with the necessaries of life.

It is submitted, therefore, that, on the ground that the proposal to compulsorily commute small pensions originated with a Paymaster of very long experience & is in accordance with the best interests of the stipendiaries themselves, the question may

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& declined thenceforth to permit a female stipendiary to commute her pension without the express sanction of Govt.

be answered by stating that on these grounds Govt is not prepared to take the subject into reconsideration.

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The following draft replies are submitted for approval:-

(a) The compulsory commutation of Carnatic stipends of small amounts was introduced in the interests of the stipendiaries themselves.

(b) The Govt. sees no reason for reconsidering the existing rules.

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Memo. No. 652, dy 6-3-99.

The following replies to question *XLVI proposed to be asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 9th inst by the Hon'ble Ghulam Muhammad Sahib Bahadur are forwarded :—

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