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No. 51. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Political Department; dated 19th May 1857, No. 392.

Read the following letter from G. F. EDMONSTONE, Esq., Secretary to the Govt. of India to the Secretary to the Govt. of Fort St. George, dated Fort William, the 17th April 1857, No. 1871.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to forward to you Extracts from correspondence, as noted in the margin, together with a copy of the rules laid down with the approval of the Honorable Court of Directors, for the gradual discontinuance of the stipends allowed to the Members of the Mysore family in Bengal, and to request that you will submit them to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. The Honorable Court concur in opinion with the Government of India, that the above rules are sufficiently liberal to be applied with the necessary qualifications suggested by peculiar circumstances in each case to the Members of other families now dependent upon the British Government for support, having no hereditary or guaranteed right, who have nevertheless been so treated in practice as to encourage them in the hope of leaving their pensions or some portion of their pensions as heir looms for an indefinite time to come. I am accordingly instructed by his Lordship in Council to suggest that on the decease of any political stipendiary or any Members of a stipendiary family, the whole case may be taken into consideration, and rules framed in the spirit of those enclosed, for the future regulation of the provision (if any) to be made for the heirs or dependents of the deceased stipendiary, or of the family to which he belonged. It will of course be understood that such rules will be submitted in the first instance for the consideration of the Government of India, and be subject to the final approval of the Honorable Court of Directors.

Extract from a despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors in the Political Department No. 1, dated 4th January 1854.

6. *** All promises ever made to the family have been far more than fulfilled. But there is a point at which liberality must stop, and it would be contrary to our duty when the public faith is in no way pledged to continue a gratuitous assignment of the public revenue in favor of individuals for an indefinite series of generations. The living Members of the family have a just claim on us for support, but not so their unborn descendants.

7. While however, we look forward to the gradual discontinuance of these and all similar stipends not secured by treaty or other binding engagement, and are desirous that the persons interested should be aware that such is our intention, justice requires that the rising generations of these families should receive every facility and encouragement to qualify themselves for, and to obtain honorable employment in the public service or elsewhere. We recommend to your earnest consideration the means of improving the education, moral and intellectual, of this class, and we repeat the intimation we have made on former occasions that we should approve of your rewarding instances of merit and capacity in these families by appointment to such public situations as the individuals may be qualified to fill.

Extract from a despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors in the Political Department, No. 16 dated 4th July 1855.

15. *** While thus increasing the Pensions of many Members of this family who are more immediately connected with the former rulers of Mysore, we think it right, in conformity with the principles laid down in previous despatches, to direct your attention to the expediency of devising a scheme for the eventual discontinuance of the present system, and for the future absorption of the descendants from Tippoo Sultan, in more remote degree, among the mass of British subjects in India, and the scheme which we suggest for your consideration is the

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following. On the death of any of the grandchildren of Tippoo Sultan you should ascertain the relations who have been supported on the pension of such deceased person, and grant to them suitable pensions with a notice that each pension must cease with the life of the grantee.

Extract from a letter to the Honorable the Court of Directors, No. 43, dated 8th April 1856.

G. We propose, with the permission of your Honorable Court, to apply the principle of the rules embodied in the resolution now submitted for your sanction; with the necessary adaptations in each case to all other political stipendiaries in India having no hereditary right to their stipends, who have nevertheless been so treated in practice as to encourage them in the hope of leaving their pensions or some portion of their pensions as heir looms for an indefinite time to come. This will give a much wider application to the injunctions of your Honorable Court than they were perhaps intended to bear, but the principle is equally just to all who, like the Mysore family have no hereditary or guaranteed right and the expediency of providing avowedly for the gradual extinction of all ordinary Political Pensions can hardly be questioned.

Extract paras. 2 and 12, from a despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors in the Political Department No. 1, dated 2d January 1857.

2. We have in previous despatches on this subject explained the principles by which we wish you to be guided in assigning pensions to the Members of this family, and you have rightly understood our desire to extinguish gradually the system by which the descendants of the Sultan of Mysore have been maintained as a separate race specially endowed by the British Government, and to see the entire family eventually amalgamated with the general mass of the population of India. But this end, however desirable, is not to be precipitately attained. It is incumbent upon us in all our arrangements with this family, and with others placed in a similar position to bear steadily in mind that it would not be in accordance with that just and liberal policy which should actuate our proceedings towards the families of the deposed Princes of India, to allow considerations either of financial expediency or of social economy to induce us to make such sudden changes in an existing system, as cannot fail to be attended with suffering and possible degradation to those who have hitherto been entirely dependent on our Government for support.

12. In the 6th para. of your letter you propose, with our permission "to apply the principle of the rules embodied in the resolutions now submitted for our sanction, with the necessary adaptations in each case to all other political stipendiaries in India having no hereditary right to their stipends, who have nevertheless been so treated in practice as to encourage them in the hope of leaving their pensions or some portion of their pensions as heir looms for an indefinite time." The Resolutions which you have submitted to us with especial reference to the Mysore Family are, in our opinion, sufficiently liberal to be applied, with the necessary qualifications suggested by peculiar circumstances in each case (and after previous reference to us in every instance) to the members of other families now dependent upon our Government for support. We have on former occasions expressed the wish which we entertained to see these pensioners gradually converted into self supporting members of society, and we have called your especial attention to the expediency of attaining this desirable end by finding public employment for any duly qualified member of the Mysore family, we do not observe however that this has been done, and we conclude therefore that either the opportunity has been wanting, or that the family themselves do not yet understand that it is more honorable to be an useful public functionary than a mere pensioner of the state.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. F. EDMONSTONE,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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FORT WILLIAM,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT,
the 17th April 1857.

Resolution.—The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council is pleased to resolve that the grant of stipends to the Members of the Mysore family shall be guided by the following rules.

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1st. That in pursuance of the instructions conveyed in the Honorable Court's despatch No. 16 of 1855, dated the 4th July, the sum of Rupees 1000 per mensem shall be added to the allowance (Rupees 2,096,) now received by Prince Gholam Mahomed, the only surviving son of Tippoo Sultan, the said increase to have effect from the 1st August 1855.

2d. That the allowances received before the 26th October 1855 by the grandsons of Tippoo Sultan varying from Rupees 543-8 to Rupees 132 be equalized, and a uniform stipend of Rupees 600 per mensem be assigned to each such grandson for his life lapsing at his death.

3d. That the allowances now received by the granddaughters of Tippoo Sultan varying from Rupees 261 to Rupees 66 per mensem, be equalized and a uniform stipend of Rupees 261 be assigned to each of the said granddaughters for her life time, lapsing at her death.

4th. That on the death of any of the grandsons or granddaughters of Tippoo Sultan, they being the children of sons of the said Tippoo Sultan, the Superintendent of Mysore Princes shall report the number and names and relationship of those relations who have been supported on the stipend of such deceased person, and that it shall be competent to the Government of India on a consideration of all the circumstance then existing to assign to each or any of them such pension or pensions as it may think proper.

And whereas by clauses 7 and 8 of this Resolution the existing stipends of great grandsons and great granddaughters of Tippoo Sultan, being children of sons of the said Tippoo Sultan (whose fathers are now deceased,) are to be raised to Rupees 200 and 100 respectively, it is resolved that on the decease of any grandson being the son of a son of the said Tippoo Sultan, the Government shall be at liberty to assign to the sons and daughters (now living and not being sons and daughters born of Khowasses) of such grandson pensions of Rupees 200 and 100 per mensem respectively, granting to the other relations who may have been supported on the stipend of the deceased such allowances as it may think proper.

And it is further resolved that on application to that effect being duly made, the Government shall be competent once for all to commute the amount of pension which would be receivable by any great granddaughter of Tippoo Sultan according to the foregoing resolution to one sum payable to her during the life time of her father by way of an advance for marriage and dower.

5th. That it be distinctly understood and explained to the Members of the Mysore family that children born of Khowasses after 26th October 1855 will not be entitled to any stipend or other provision whatsoever.

6th. That it be further understood and explained that the stipends of all Begums and Khowasses will lapse, absolutely and finally, on the death of the stipendiaries severally.

7th. That the allowances now received by the great grandsons of Tippoo Sultan, being the sons of a son of the said Tippoo Sultan, whose fathers are now deceased, be equalized, and a uniform stipend of Rupees 200 per mensem be assigned to each of such great grandsons for his life time.

8th. That the allowance now received by the great granddaughters of Tippoo Sultan being the children of a son of the said Tippoo Sultan, whose fathers are now deceased be equalized, and a uniform stipend of Rupees 100 per mensem be assigned to each of such great granddaughters for her life time.

9th. That the great grandsons and great granddaughters of Tippoo Sultan being the children of sons of the said Tippoo Sultan, whose fathers are living and who may be in the receipt of allowances under the operation of the orders of Government dated 5th February 1840, shall, in the spirit of those orders, receive during the life time of their father a maintenance in the aggregate equal to one-third of the augmented stipend which will accrue to such father in accordance with the 2d Clause of this resolution, and no more. Provided that on the death of such father the rule prescribed by Clause 4 of this rule shall become applicable to such great grandsons and great granddaughters.

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10th. That, on special considerations the allowances now received by Nawab Gholam Alee, the nephew and by his sister the neice of Tippoo Sultan, and by their mother the widow of the late Nawab Kureem Shah, be re-adjusted as follows, viz.

	Rupees.
To Nawab Gholam Alee	1000 per mensem.
To his sister	200 "
To their mother	200 "

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. F. EDMONSTONE,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Resolution.—Resolved that the foregoing letter and its enclosures be communicated to the Acting Resident at Tanjore and the Government Agent at Chepauk, with reference to paras. 6, 7 and 14 of the letter from the Government of India dated 8th September 1856, No. 4644, a copy of which was furnished to those officers respectively with Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 25th September, No. 311, and 4th October 1856, No. 332.

2. Ordered that the papers above recorded be also communicated to the Revenue Department, where the question of applying the rules therein laid down for the gradual discontinuance of the stipends of the Mysore family to the Members of other families now dependent upon the British Government for support and paid in that Department, will be considered.

(True Extract and Copies.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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ORDER THEREON, No. 30; dated 1st June 1857.

Referred to the Board of Revenue, who will report on any cases to which the rules laid down by the Government of India may be applied.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Received by the Commander in Chief the 30th May 1857

Political Department

Read the following

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
in the Political Department dated 19th May 1857 N 392

Read the following letter
N 392

From G. F. Edmonstone Esq.
The Secretary to the Govt of India

To
The Secretary to the Govt of India
On the 1st of June 1857

Dear Sir,

I have directed by the Government
General in Council to forward to you

Extracts from correspondence, as noted

on the margin, together with a copy of

the Rules laid down with the approval

of the Honble Comtee of Directors for

the gradual discontinuance of the

stipends allowed to the Members of

the Mysore family in Bengal, and to

request that you will submit them

to the Right Honorable the Governor in
Council.

2. The Honorable Court is in
in opinion with the Government of
India that the above Rules are
sufficiently liberal to be applied
with the necessary qualifications
suggested by peculiar circumstances
in each case to the Members of
other families now dependent upon
the British Government for sup-
port, having no hereditary or guaranteed
right, who have nevertheless been
so treated in practice as to
encourage them in the hope of
having their pensions or some por-
tion of their pensions as their basis
for an indefinite time to come.

I am accordingly instructed by the
Madhippi Council to suggest that
on the decrease of any Stipendiary
Stipendiary or any Members of a
Stipendiary family, the whole case

may

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may be taken into consideration, and
rules framed in the spirit of those
enclosed for the future regulation
of the pension, if any, to be
made for the heirs or depen-
dents of the deceased
Stipendiary, or of the family
to which he belonged. It
will of course be under-

stood that such Rules will
be submitted in the first
instance for the consideration
of the Government of India and
be subject to the final approval of
the Honorable Court of Directors.

For Wm. Williams
The 17 April 1857

I have &c
Edw. L. M. M. M. M. M.
Secy to the Govt of India
Extract

Extract from a despatch from the
Honorable the Lord of Directors in the
Political Department, No 1 dated 11
January 1854.

xxxxx All promises ever made
to the family have been far more
than fulfilled. But there is a
point at which liberality must
stop, and it would be contrary to
our duty when the public find there
is no way left to continue the
gratuitous assistance of the public
towards a favor of individuals for
an indefinite series of generations.
The living members of the family
have a just claim on us for
support but not so their
descendants.

While however we look
forward to the gradual disappearance
of the out of all similar stipends
of the other kind.

engagement, and are desirous that
the persons interested should ^{be} aware
that such is our intention. Justice
requires that the rising generations
of these families should receive every
facility and encouragement to
qualify themselves for, and to
obtain honorable employment in
the public service or elsewhere. We
recommend to your earnest considera-
tion the means of improving the
education, moral and intellectual,
of this class, and we repeat the
intimation we have made on former
occasions that we should approve of
your rewarding instances of merit and
capacity in these families by appoint-
ment to such public situations as
the individuals may be qualified to
fill.

Extract

Extract from a despatch from the
Honorable the Court of Directors to
the Political Department, 18th date
4th July 1836.

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the pensions of many members of the
family who are more immediately
connected with the former rulers of
Mysore, we think it right, in con-
formity with the principles laid down
in previous despatches, to direct your
attention to the expediency of devising
a scheme for the eventual discon-
tinuance of the present system,
and for the future absorption
of the descendants from Mysore
Sultan in more remote degree, &c.
among the mass of British subjects
in India, and the scheme which
we suggest for your consideration
is the following. On the death of
any of the grand children of Tippu
Sultan

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relations who have been supported
in the pension of such deceased
person, and grant to them suitable
pensions with a notice that each
pension must cease with the life
of the grantee.

Extract from a letter to the Honorable
the Court of Directors, 1843, dated
8th April 1836.

6. We propose, with the
permission of your Honorable Court
to apply the principle of the Rules
embodied in the Resolution now
submitted for your sanction, with
the necessary adaptations in each
case to all other political
pendaries in India having no heredi-
tary right to their stipends, who
have nevertheless been so treated
in practice as to encourage them
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in the hope of leaving their persons
or some portion of their pensions as
heir looms for an indefinite time
to come. This will give a much
wider application to the injunction
of your Honorable Court than they
were perhaps intended to bear. If
the principle is equally just to
all who, like the Elphinstone family,
have no hereditary or guaranteed right
and the expediency of providing amply
for the gradual extinction of all
ordinary Political Pensions can
hardly be questioned.

(Extract paras 2 & 12, from a despatch
from the Honorable the Comr of
Directors in the Political Depart-
ment No 1, dated 2^d January 1837.

2. We have in previous
despatches on this subject explained
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the principles by which we wish to
be guided in assigning pensions
to the members of this family,
and you have rightly understood
our desire to extinguish gradually
the system by which the Deser-
vants of the Sultans of Mysore
have been maintained as a
separate race specially endowed
by the British Government, and
to see the entire family eventually
amalgamated with the general
mass of the population of India.
But this end, however desirable,
is not to be precipitately attained.
It is incumbent upon us in all
our arrangements with this family
and with others placed in a
similar position to bear steadily
in mind that it would not be
in accordance with that just
and liberal policy which should
actuate

in the treatment of the families of the deposed Princes of India, to allow considerations either of financial expediency or of social economy to induce us to make such sudden changes in an existing system as cannot fail to be attended with suffering and possible degradation to those who have hitherto been actually dependent on our Government for support.

12. In the 6th para of your letter you propose, with our permission "to apply the principle of the rule embodied in the resolutions now submitted for our sanction, with the necessary adaptations in each case to all other political stipendaries in India having no hereditary right to their stipends, who have nevertheless been so treated in practice as to encourage them in the hope of

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of leaving their pensions or some portion of their pensions as heirlooms for an indefinite time: The Resolution which you have submitted to us with especial reference to the Mysore Family are, in our opinion, sufficiently liberal to be applied with the necessary qualifications suggested by peculiar circumstances in each case and after previous reference to us in every instance to the members of other families now dependent upon our Government for support. We have on former occasions expressed the wish which we entertained to see these pensioners gradually converted into self-supporting members of society and we have called your especial attention to the expediency of attaining this desirable end by finding public employment for any duly qualified member of the Mysore Family. We do not observe however that this has

has been done, and we conclude there-
fore that either the opportunity has
been wanting, or that the family or
themselves do not yet understand
that it is more honorable to be
an useful public functionary than
a mere pensioner of the state.

True & exact

Signed C. W. Edmonstone

Secretary of India

Copy

Lord William

Foreign Departt.

The 17th April 1837

Most Right Honorable

Resolution

The Governor General is pleased
to resolve that the grant of Rs. 2000
to the Members of the Mysore
family shall be granted by the fol-
lowing rules.

That in pursuance of

Honorable Court's despatch No. 16 of 1835
dated the 4th July, the sum of Rupees
1000 per mensem shall be added
to the allowance of Rs. 2096 now
received by Prince Kholaum Mahomed
the only surviving son of Tippoo Sultan
the said increase to have effect from
the 1st August 1835.

That the allowance
received before the 26th October 1835
by the Grandsons of Tippoo Sultan
varying from Rupees 50 to Rs. 166
be equalized and a uniform
stipend of Rs. 600 per mensem be
assigned to each such grandson
for his life lapsing at his death.

That the allowances now
received by the grand daughters of
Tippoo Sultan varying from Rs.
261 to Rs. 66 per mensem, be
equalized and a uniform stipend
of Rupees 261 be assigned to each
of the said grand daughters for her
lifetime, lapsing at her death.

1st That on the death of any
of the grand sons or grand daughters
of Tippoo Sultan, they being the chil-
dren of sons of the said Tippoo
Sultan, the Superintendent of Mysore
Princes shall report the Number and
names and relationship of those
relations who have been supported
on the stipend of such deceased person,
and that it shall be competent to the
Government of India on a consideration of
all the circumstances then existing to
assign to each or any of them such
pension or pensions as it may think
proper.

And whereas by clause 2nd of the Resolution the stipend of great grand sons and
great grand daughters of Tippoo Sultan
being children of sons of the said Tippoo Sul-
tan whose fathers are now deceased are
to be paid Rs. 200 and 100 respectively, it
is resolved that on the death of any grand son
being

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being the son of a son of the said
Tippoo Sultan, the Government shall
be at liberty to assign to the sons
and daughters now living and
not being sons and daughters born
of Khawasses of such grand son
pensions of Rs. 200 and 100
per mensem respectively, granting
to the other relations who may
have been supported on the stipend
of the deceased such allowances
as it may think proper.

And it is further re-
solved that on application to that
effect being duly made, the Govern-
ment shall be competent to
for all to Commute the amount of
Pension which would be payable
by any great grand daughter of
Tippoo Sultan according to the
foregoing Resolution to one sum
payable to her during the life time
of her father by way of an advance
for

for Marriage and Dowry

5th That it be distinctly understood and explained to the Members of the Mysore family that Children born of Thavaper after 24th October 1855 will not be entitled to any Stipend or other provision what so ever.

6th That it be further understood and explained that the Stipends of all Begums and Thavapers will be absolutely and finally in the hands of the Stipendiaries finally.

7th That the allowance now received by the great grand sons of Tippoo Sultan, being the sons of a son of the said Tippoo Sultan whose fathers are now deceased, be equalized, and a uniform Stipend of Rupees 200 per Mensem be assigned to each of such great grand sons for his life time.

That

8th That the allowance now received by the great grand daughters of Tippoo Sultan being the Children of a son of the said Tippoo Sultan, whose fathers are now deceased be equalized, and a uniform Stipend of Rupees 100 per Mensem be assigned to each of such great grand daughters for her life time.

9th That the great grand sons and great grand daughters of ^{being the Children of a son of the said Tippoo Sultan,} Tippoo Sultan, whose fathers are living and who may be in the receipt of allowances under the operation of the orders of Government dated 5th February 1840, shall, in the spirit of those orders, receive during the life time of their fathers a maintenance in the aggregate equal to one third of the augmented Stipend which will accrue to such

such father, in accordance with the
2^d Clause of this Resolution, and
no more. Provided that on the death
of such father the rule presented
by Clause 4 of this Rule shall
become applicable to such great
grandsons and great grand
daughters.

10th That on special con-
sideration the allowances now received
by Nawab Cholan Ali, the Nephew
and his sister, the niece of Tippoo
Sultan and by their mother, the
Widow of the late Nawab Hurrem
Shah, be paid as follows vizt:
To Nawab Cholan Ali Rs 1000 per mensem
To his sister ————— 200 per mensem
To their mother ————— 200 per mensem

True Copy

Signed J. T. Edmonstone
Secy to the Govt of India

Resolved

Resolution

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Resolved that the foregoing
letter and its enclosures be com-
municated to the Acting Resident
at Tanjore and the Government
Agent at Chepauk with reference
to paras 6, 7 and 14 of the letter
from the Government of India
dated 8th September 1856 & 19th 44, a
copy of which was furnished to
those Officers respectively with
Extract Mins of Consultation of the
25th September 1831 and 4th October
1856 & 1832.

2. Ordered that the papers
above recited be also communi-
cated to the Revenue Department
where the question of applying
the Rules therein laid down for
the gradual discontinuance of
the stipends of the Mysore
family to the Members of
other families now dependent
upon the British Government
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ment, will be considered.

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J. M. H. T. H.

As Chief Secretary

The Revenue Department.

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any cases to which the title last above
mentioned may be applied.

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Referred to the Board of Revenue

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of Com. in the Political
Department.

Dated 19th May 1857

Referred from 18th Jan 1857
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Communicating to the
Revenue Department, the list of
the Government of India, for the
consideration of the question of
applying the rules therein laid
down for the gradual discom-
tinuance of the stipends of the
Mysore family, to the Mounties
of other families now dependent
upon the British Government
for support and paid in the
Revenue Department.