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20th February 1864.

No. 295. Read the following letter from MADAR-OOL-OOMRAH, late Dewan of the Carnatic Durbar, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 28th January 1864:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request that this my representation may be laid before His Excellency the Governor in Council for his consideration and orders.

2. I must premise that the Mahomedan Religious Institution of the late Nawab of the Carnatic were entrusted to me by Government after the death of the above Prince, so that the affairs of the Mosques, &c., of Madras, Arcot and Trichinopoly are still under my charge and superintendence, and as I am entrusted with their management, I feel it to be my duty to bring to the notice of the authorities any circumstance that may interfere with the due performance of the religious services connected with these places of worship.

3. It is with the great Mosque at Arcot, near the old Palace, that my present representation is connected. It is one of great sanctity and held in great veneration. Near to it stands the tomb of the late Nawab Sadutoollah Khan, and the remains of the late Nawab Anwarooddeen Khan, the father of the late Nabob Wallajah were here deposited for a certain time.

4. For a considerable period this Mosque enjoyed the revenues of the villages of Velumbauk and Singhee, situated in Caverpauk in the Talook of Wallajah Nuggur. On the cession of the Carnatic territories to the British a sum of Rupees 89-10-11 was assigned to the religious services of the Mosque in lieu of the Jagheer resumed. The late Nawab Auzumjah desirous of improving the condition of this Mosque, addressed Government Agent on the 9th May 1823, requesting that the allowance may be paid over to him and the Mosque placed under his charge as was done with those of Wallajahee, Anwaree and Mamoor at Madras and Trichinopoly. The Government in their Order of 26th August of the same year were pleased to comply, and a copy of this Order was sent to the Board of Revenue and by them communicated to the Collector of North Arcot. It is from this remote period that the Mosque had enjoyed the money allowance. On the delivery of the Carnatic property to the Receiver, I, on the 27th June 1859, wrote to the then Assistant Government Agent requesting that the allowance which had hitherto been paid to Hyder Hossain Khan, the Naibay Circar, may in future be remitted to Gholam Hossain who will reside there. This arrangement was acceded to and Orders by Government were accordingly passed on the 12th August 1859. The sum of Rupees 89-10-11 has been since regularly passed to Gholam Hossain, Peishkar, on his receipt, who furnishes me with particulars of accounts of expenditure.

5. I beg to enclose for the perusal of your Excellency in Council copy with a translation of the Notice issued on the 28th October last to Gholam Hossain, Peishkar, by the Collector of the District. Your Excellency will see from the document that by orders of Government the Collector has been directed to discontinue all ready money allowances hitherto enjoyed by all Religious Institutions, and to assign to them in lieu lands equivalent in value. I would here respectfully urge on your Excellency's consideration the great inconvenience that will result, if such an arrangement were carried out with respect to the Mosque, either lands already in the occupation of Ryots or waste lands, not in occupation, will be assigned. In the former case it is no easy matter to collect the rents from the Ryots. There will be delays, irregular payments and even default on the part of the Ryots, and the time employed by the Mosque Peishkar in making good the amount, will leave him little of that leisure so necessary for the due performance of the numerous services of the Mosque, such as the Mowzin Peesh Eman, Khateeb and Moallium. In the latter case, that is, should Bunjer or waste land be assigned, it will be sufficient to remark, that it will be some time before it could be made remunerative, and till then the returns will be but precarious or fluctuating.

6. Under the above circumstances I beg respectfully to solicit that your Excellency in Council will be pleased to continue the money allowance of Rupees 89-10-11 hitherto allowed

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for the services of the Mosque, or to revert it to the old arrangement and make over the villages of Velambauk and Singhee for its support.

7. In conclusion I will add that either of the above arrangements will meet the wishes of the Mahomedan community of Arcot, and in consideration of the great sanctity of the Mosque and the long period past during which the allowance was enjoyed, the prayer, if granted, will only add to the reputation of the Bengal Government for justice and equity, and will result in the efficient management of the Mosque and its affairs.

Transferred to the Revenue Department for consideration and disposal with reference to the Proceedings in that Department, dated 2nd July 1863, No. 1,166.

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

Fort Saint George,
15th February 1864.

No. 296. ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1864, No. 310.

Referred to the Collector of North Arcot through the Board of Revenue for report.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Mayor

Rec'd Nov: 1864 Dept
Acknowledgment for Government
Nº 1411.
from.
Radanial Omarah
late Dewan of the
Carnatic Durbar

Rec'd B of Rev Ltr 828
D/ 19 April 64
Read 28th January 1865
Rec'd 15th July 1865.

2 Encs

№ 23

Requesting to
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specified that the
ready money grant towards
the Guaduquent
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by Govt may be conti
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Ack: 310 20th July

With an order

Rec'd 12 Aug 1759 № 22923

Transferred to the Revenue
Department for consideration
& his proposal with reference to the
Letter in Stock separately stated
2nd July 1864. № 1166.

A. J. Arbuthnot
Asst Secy to Govt
to Government

Referred to the Collr
of North Arcot
through the Bd of
Revenue for report.

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I. Forbes Sec to Govt
15th July 1864

in 2 Nos 296

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Chapter of granted will only valid to the extent
to which the Hindu Government for the time
being empowered and will be found in the affirmative
answer to the question of the Hindu Law officer
regarding the extent of the Hindu Law officer's power.

A true Attested Copy

Sd/-

Assistant Secretary to
Government

Madras
29th January
1864

Copies to Collectors of the Carnatic Districts