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495	9th „	..	..	972	*Sandur State.*—Approving the proposals of the Political Agent, Sanduru, for the assignment of the assessment on lands Nos. 22 and 23 in the village of Sivagangi of the — to Purohit Lakshman Bhat as a permanent alienation of the State revenue.
497	9th „	..	..	..	*Ancient Inscriptions.*—Requesting His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India that Dr. E. Hultzsch may be permitted to visit Bahur near Pondicherry and Kasakudi near Karikal and the neighbouring villages for the purpose of copying —.
498	9th „	..	..	1045	*Death of Empress Frederick.*—Communicating by wire to the Government of India, Foreign department, the condolences offered by His Highness the Raja of Pudukkóttai on the —.
499	10th „	..	No. 87 of 1895. No. 868 of 1894. No. 250 of 1892. No. 1629 C. of 1900, lodged. No. 1313 C. of 1898, lodged. No. 369 C. of 1898, lodged.	1013	*Petition.*—Recording, with reference to G.O., No. 87, Political, dated 5th February 1895, letter from the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, submitting — from Khusro Zamani Begam and her two sisters for a grant of pensions from the lapsed stipend of their late father Mirzá Maḥmúd Bkhat.
500	10th „	..	No. 163 R. of 1901. No. 850 of 1894. No. 452 of 1890.	991	*Mysore Pensioners.*— Approving, with remarks, the proposals of the Collector of North Arcot regarding the continuance of the stipend drawn by the deceased Mysore pensioner Haji Muḥammad Ḥusain Khán Ṣáḥib.

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	1901.				
503	13th Aug.	..	..	..	*Extradition.*—Requesting His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India to furnish this Government with the necessary information as to the nature of the offence and the facts of the case against the fugitive Arumugam whose — is required.
504	14th „	..	..	1061	*Death of Empress Frederick.*—Directing that the telegram conveying the condolences of His Highness the Raja of Cochin on the — be repeated, with remarks, to the Government of India.
506 507	15th „	..	..	1058	*Titles.*—Informing the Government of India that this Government does not know anything about the sub-overseer Appaswami Muniappa recommended by the Director-General of Military Works for the title of "Rao Sahib" but that it is prepared to acquiesce in the recommendation.
512	17th „	..	..	..	*Administration of the Banganapalle State.*—Forwarding to the Secretary, Political and Secret department, India Office, London, two copies of the Political Agent's review together with this Government's order on the — for the year 1900–1901.
513	19th „	..	Nos. 506–507 of 1901.	1067 1082	*Titles.*—Informing the Government of India, Military department, that Appaswami Muniappa recommended for the title of "Rao Sahib" is a respectable man possessing private property.
514	19th „	..	No. 420 of 1901.	1073	*Census.*— Communicating to the Revenue department, letter from the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai, reporting that the sum of Rupees 199–2–0, the cost of forms, etc., supplied to the Pudukkóttai State during the late — has been recovered and credited to Government.
516	20th „	..	No. 703 of 1899. No. 594 of 1899. No. 422 of 1895.	1011	*Carnatic Stipends.*—Accepting the recommendation of the Paymaster, — for the commutation of the stipends of Aziz-un-nissa Begam and her three sisters.

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517	1901. 22nd Aug.	..	No. 504 of 1901.	1094	*Death of Empress Frederick.*—Repeating to the Government of India the message of condolence of His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore on the —.
518	22nd „	..	No. 498 of 1901. No. 840 of 1900. No. 324 of 1900.	1091	——— Communicating to the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai, letter from the Government of India requesting that a suitable acknowledgment may be conveyed to the Raja of Pudukkóttai for His Highness's message of condolence on the —.
519	23rd „	..	No. 188 A of 1901. No. 860 of 1900. No. 431 of 1896.	1021	*Tanjore Family.*—Sanctioning payment of the marriage allowance of Rs. 1,000 to each of two sons of Ry. V. Chimna Sahib, one of the illegitimate sons of the late Raja of Tanjore.
520	23rd „	..	..	1074	*Residences of Political Officers.*—Communicating to all Political officers for compliance Public Works department proceedings requesting that a block plan of each floor of the residences of the Resident in Travancore and Cochin and of other Political officers who are supplied with furniture at the cost of the State may be obtained and forwarded.
521	23rd „	..	..	1096	*Irrigation dispute between Cochin and Coimbatore.*—Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, Revenue department proceedings, passing orders on the complaint of the Cochin Sircar regarding the alleged construction of temporary anicuts across the Anamalai river by the British ryots in the Coimbatore district.
522	23rd „	..	..	1020	*Petition.*—Requesting the Resident to inform the inhabitants of Palliport in Northern Travancore that the Government finds no reason to interfere on their behalf in the matter of their — complaining of excessive taxation, &c.

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	1901.				
524	24th Aug.	..	No. 406 of 1901.	1097	*Boundary Disputes.*—Communicating to the Revenue department, letter from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin reporting the appointment of M.R.Ry. V. R. Raman Menon, Special Revenue Officer, Cochin, as Commissioner, to represent that State in connection with the — on the Palghat-Cochin frontier.
525	24th „	..	No. 504 of 1901. No. 840 of 1901.	1105	*Death of Empress Frederick.*—Communicating to the Resident in Cochin letter from the Government of India requesting that a suitable acknowledgment may be conveyed to the Raja of Cochin for His Highness's message of condolence on the —.
533	28th „	..	..	1104	*Confidential.*—
534	28th „	..	No. 398 of 1901.	1007	*Telephone Lines.*—Stating that the Government has no objection to the construction of — for certain private firms in Cochin. Copy to the Government of India.
535			No. 418 of 1901.	1038 1121 1122 1123	
536	28th „	..	Nos. 462-63 of 1901.	1128	*Bashir Ahmad.*—Directing republication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of Government of India notification depriving — of the title of "Khan Bahadur" conferred upon him as a personal distinction in 1887.
537	31st „	..	..	..	*Extradition.*—Informing His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India that instructions have been issued to the Special Agent, South Arcot, for the rendition of the fugitive Armugam to the French Government.

DISPOSAL LIST

OF

PAPERS IN THE ROUTINE SERIES, POLITICAL DEPARTMENT,

FOR THE

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Disposal No.	Date of Disposal.	Date of Despatch to Secretary of State for India.	Numbers and Dates of previous Proceedings.	Receipt Nos.	Despatch abstract or purport of paper.
323 324	1901. 1st Aug.	..	No. 375 of 1901.	994	*Communications to Native Chiefs.*—Forwarding to the Government of India copy of communication addressed by the Political Agent, Sandúru, to the Diwan of that State on the subject of Foreign department letter No. 1054-G., dated 18th June 1901.
325 326	1st „	..	No. 352 of 1901.	971 990 1004	——— Forwarding to the Government of India copies of the communications addressed by the Resident in Travancore and Cochin and the Political Agents, Pudukkóttai and Sandúru, to the Diwans of those States on the subject of Foreign department letter No. 2187 I-A., dated 4th June 1901.
327	1st „	..	..	969	*Petition.* — Declining to grant Ramachandra Bavaji Pandit copies of the documents applied for.
328	1st „	..	..	1003	*Permission to reside in Travancore.* —Granting certain persons —.
329 330	2nd „	..	No. 419 of 1901.	981	*Communications to Native Chiefs.*—Forwarding to the Government of India copies of communications addressed by the Resident in Travancore and Cochin to the Diwans of those States on the subject of Public Works department (Railway Construction) letter No. 753, dated 10th June 1901.

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331	1901. 2nd Aug.	..	..	..	*Memorial.* — Ordering the — be forwarded (received from India Office) to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin for delivery to the writer with the intimation that no representations from individuals in India will be entertained by the Home Government unless they shall have been submitted through the local Government.
332	7th „	..	..	1022	*Plague Cases in the Madras Presidency.* — Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin Local and Municipal department proceedings reporting to the Government of India the number of — for the week ending 20th July 1901 and ordering the publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of statements showing the cases since August 1898.
333	7th „	..	No. 175 of 1901.	1024	*Cochin Regulation.* — Recording copies of — No. VI of 1076 (Prisons).
334	7th „	..	..	1018	*Epigraphy.*—Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin Public department proceedings passing orders on the annual report on — for 1900-1901.
335	7th „	..	No. 331 R. of 1901.	1008	*Memorials Withheld.*—Withholding, under rule XII (4) of the A. Memorial rules, petition addressed to the Secretary of State by K. Rama Iyer on behalf of the Young Men's Literary Association at Ausramam, Travancore.
336 337	9th „	..	No. 140 R. of 1901.	1034	*Petition from Kandyan Pensioner Narayanammal.*—Forwarding to the Ceylon Government a report by the Collector of Madura on a — for boarding charges to her only daughter.
338	10th „	..	..	1040	*Importation of impure and unwholesome tea.*—Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin Revenue department proceedings communicating to the Board of Revenue a circular issued by the Treasury department of the United States of America regarding the prevention of —.
339	10th „	..	No. 375 of 1901.	988	*Officers in Foreign Service.*—Recording, with remarks, statement of — in Travancore corrected up to 31st March 1901.

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	1901.				
340	12th Aug.	..	..	1046	*Combined Post and Telegraph Office.*—Recording letter from the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division, reporting that a — was opened at Kanjirapalle in the Travancore State on the 4th August 1901.
341	12th „	..	..	1050 1051 1052 1053	*Reports and Returns.*—Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin and the Political Agents, Pudukkóttai, Banganapalle and Sandúru, Judicial department proceedings communicating to the High Court and to all heads of departments under the Judicial department Public department proceedings recording the resolution of the Government of India laying down certain principles in regard to the preparation of periodical —.
342	13th „	..	..	983	*Petition.* — Transferring to the Revenue department — from Ghulám 'Alí Khán, grandson of the late Ghulám Husain, brother of the late Rustam 'Ali, Vellore, praying for an increase to his allowance, and calling the attention of the Collector of North Arcot to the unauthorized assumption by the petitioner of the title of "Khán".
343	14th „	..	..	1057	*Plague Cases in the Madras Presidency.* — Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin Local and Municipal department proceedings reporting to the Government of India the number of — for the week ending the 27th July 1901, and ordering the publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of statements showing the cases since August 1898.
344	14th „	..	No. 339 R. of 1901. No. 375 of 1901. Nos. 433–34 of 1901.	1056	*Officers in Foreign Service in Cochin.* —Recording, in continuation of G.O., R. No. 339, dated 10th August 1901, a revised statement of — corrected up to 31st March 1901 submitted by the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

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	1901.				
345 346	16th Aug.	..	..	1025 1042	*Communications to Native States.*—Forwarding to the Government of India, Foreign department, copy of communications addressed by the Political Agents of Pudukkóttai and Sandúru to the Diwans of those States on the subject of Foreign department letter No. 2603 I-A, dated 8th July 1901.
347	17th „	..	..	1064	*Concessions to Officers.*—Recording Public department proceedings recording letter from the Government of India forwarding extract from a despatch from the Secretary of State stating that, when a recommendation is made that an officer should be granted a concession which is not admissible under the rules, care may be taken that no information on the subject is given to him until final orders have been passed.
348	17th „	..	..	1068	*Plague Cases in the Madras Presidency.* — Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin Local and Municipal department proceedings reporting to the Government of India the number of — for the week ending 3rd August 1901, and ordering the publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of statements showing the cases since August 1898.
349	17th „	..	No. 260 R. of 1901. No. 222 R. of 1901. No. 152 R. of 1901. No. 137 of 1901.	1065	*Reports and Returns.* — Recording Public department proceedings requesting the Accountant-General to furnish direct to the Secretariat department concerned the quarterly return prescribed by the Government of India in paragraph 9 of Home department resolution Nos. 224–240, Public, dated 25th January 1901, and stating that orders will issue in the Public Works department as regards the returns required by that department.

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	1901.				
350	19th Aug.	..	No. 215 R. of 1901.	1075	*European Residence.* — Recording Public Works department proceedings directing the Collector and the Superintending Engineer to decide conjointly the question whether a native officer or subordinate should occupy the — attached to the post he acts in or holds and pay rent therefor, reference to Government being made only in the event of their disagreement.
351	19th „	..	..	1076	*Plague-infected Areas.* — Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin Local and Municipal department proceedings ordering the issue of a notification revising the list of —, and stating that persons arriving from such places and those coming from the railway stations notified for the purposes of the passport rules should be required to take out passports.
352	20th „	..	..	1081	*Communications to Native States.*— Recording letter from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin submitting copy of his letter to the Diwans of Travancore and Cochin on the subject of Government of India Finance and Commerce department letter No. 3358-S.R., dated 20th June 1901.
353	22nd „	..	..	1089	*Postal Insurance Fund.*—Recording Financial department proceedings, on Government of India Resolution directing the substitution of the words "Age next birthday" for the word "Age" in table IV (Endowment Assurance) of the rules of the —.
354	22nd „	..	No. 242 R. of 1901. No. 120 R. of 1901.	1085	*Hire of animals for Military Transport purposes.*—Recording Public department (Military Branch) proceedings on letter from the Government of India forwarding a copy of the revised notice of the terms to be offered in future for the —.
355	23rd „	..	..	1093	*Kandyan Pensioner.* — Recording letter from the Government Agent, Tanjore, reporting the death of — D. Ramachandra Raja.

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	1901.				
356	23rd Aug.	..	..	1092	*Pudukkóttai Regulations.*—Recording letter from the Political Agent for Pudukkóttai submitting copies of —.
357	24th „	..	..	1062	*Communications to Native Chiefs.*— Forwarding to the Government of India copies of communications addressed by the Resident to the Diwans of Travancore and Cochin and by the Political Agents to the Diwan of Sandur and the Nawab of Banganapalle on the subject of Foreign department letter No. 2259–I.A., dated 10th June 1901.
358				1102	
				1107	
359	24th „	..	No. 443 R. of 1900.	1108	*Commutation of Deputation allowance for Famine and Plague leave concessions.*—Recording Financial department proceedings on resolution of the Government of India sanctioning the —.
360	24th „	..	..	1098	*Venice Sanitary Convention Regulations.* — Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin directing publication in the Fort St. George and Maritime district gazettes directing the imposition of the — at all ports in the Madras Presidency against arrivals from Mauritius.
361	24th „	..	..	1099	——— Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin Marine department proceedings directing publication of a notification in the Fort St. George and Maritime District gazettes withdrawing the — imposed against arrivals from Swatow.
362	26th „	..	..	1110	*Sorting of Records.*— Recording Financial department proceedings approving the action of the Accountant-General in admitting the charges of the temporary establishment entertained from April 1900 to March 1901 for the arrangement of old records in the Collector's office, North Arcot, and authorizing him to admit similar cases in future.

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363	1901. 27th Aug.	..	..	1114	*Plague Cases in the Madras Presidency.*—Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin Local and Municipal department proceedings reporting to the Government of India the number of — for the week ending 10th August 1901, and ordering the publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of statements showing the cases since August 1898.
364	27th „	..	..	1118	*Petition.* — Endorsing paragraph XIV-C. Petition Rules, on — presented by Dowlat Bi, Royapetta, Madras, praying for a compassionate allowance.
365	28th „	..	..	1120	*Cochin Opium Regulation.* — Recording letter from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin forwarding two copies of — VIII of 1076.

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G.O., No. 478, 5th August 1901.

AUGUST.

Administration of the Laccadive Islands and Minicoy.

Recording, pending receipt of the next report on the —, Board's proceedings submitting a report on the classification of coir imported from the Laccadive islands.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers :—

G.O., No. 717, Political, dated 26th October 1900.

Abstract.—Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting report on the administration of the Laccadive Islands and Minicoy during the year ending 30th June 1900.

G.O., Mis. No. 841, Political, dated 18th December 1900.

Order—Mis. No. 841, Political, dated 18th December 1900.

The Governor in Council has noticed certain points requiring elucidation in the Collector's report on the administration of the Laccadive and Minicoy Islands printed with the proceedings read above and desires that the Board will take such action in regard to them as may be considered necessary.

2. With reference to paragraph 6 of the report it is not clear whether the item 1,322 maunds of coir shown in the statement as the total quantity imported during fasli 1,309 includes the 137 candies of Government coir which were paid for or whether the difference between the first entry and the sum of the candies paid for is otherwise to be explained.

3. With regard to the coir monopoly it is noted that the price realized *per* candy at auction is not compared with the monopoly price paid to the islanders, nor is any information given as to the percentage which that tax represents. No coir is paid for as first class and the monopoly thus yields a handsome income even when rice is at famine prices ; the fact that in recent years of high prices no coir has been paid for as first class, should have been noticed. If, as it is believed, the classification of the coir has been altered, not because of any real deterioration but to meet the high price of rice, this is unfair to the islanders.

4. The Collector should ascertain and report what fraction of the coir at Mangalore is paid for as first class.

5. The establishment charges are far from intelligible. Agathi is shown as having no charges on account of them, and under Minicoy the expenditure has been only Rs. 45. The sanctioned establishment for each island should have been clearly exhibited.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

G.O., R. No. 55 B., Political, dated 7th February 1901.

Read—the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 278, dated 28th January 1901.

Read—G.O., No. 841, Political, dated 18th December 1900.

Resolution—Mis. No. 278, dated 28th January 1901.

Communicated to the Collector of Malabar with the following remarks:—

I. *Paragraph 2 of the Government Order.*—From the first four entries * in columns 1, 14 and 15 of the statement No. 2 appended to the Collector's report, it will be seen that out of the 1,322 candies of coir reported in paragraph 6 of the Collector's letter to have been imported during fasli 1309, 1,185 candies represent monopoly coir, and 137 candies Government coir in respect of which freight only was paid. Accordingly in paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings, No. 202, dated 8th October 1900, the quantity of monopoly coir imported during the year was entered as 1,185 candies. The Government apparently considers that the quantity of each description of coir—Government and monopoly—should have been specified in the body of the Collector's report. The Collector is requested to see that this is done in future.

* (1) Coir, first class.
(2) „ second class.
(3) „ third class.
(4) „ freight paid on Government coir (second class).

II. *Paragraph 3 of the Government Order.*—The Government notes the following omissions:—

(1) that the price realised per candy of coir in the market is not compared with the monopoly price paid to the islanders;
(2) that the percentage which the monopoly tax represents is not stated;
(3) that the fact of the monopoly yielding a profit in spite of the rise in the price of rice and the absence of first-class coir is not noticed.

The Collector is requested to see that such points are discussed in his future reports.

The Board notes (1) that the increase in the price of rice and the absence of first-class coir are referred to in paragraphs 3 and 7 of the Collector's report which also shows that the monopoly has been profitable; and (2) that the monopoly and the sale prices of coir are compared in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings submitting the Collector's report to Government.

The Board presumes that in calling for information as to the percentage which the monopoly tax represents, Government desired to be informed of the percentage which the profits of the monopoly bear to the cost price.

The Government believes that the classification of coir has been arbitrarily lowered to meet the high price of rice. The Board is not aware of any orders authorising the Collector to adopt such a course and presumes that the continued profits of the monopoly in spite of the high price of rice are due to the fact that the system of sale by tender initiated in fasli 1304 has broken up the combinations met with in previous years. The Board observes that the average sale price per candy of coir for the decade ending fasli 1304 compared * unfavourably with the average for the previous ten years—*vide* paragraph 3 of Board's Proceedings, No. 12, Confidential No. 5, dated 8th January 1897, but that the sale prices for the five years † ending fasli 1309 show a steady increase, and it is during this latter period that the system of sale by tender has been in force. The Collector is requested to state whether the Board's presumption is correct, and if not, what are the causes of the steady improvement in the coir market in recent years.

	Rs.	A.	P.
* Average sale price per candy for the ten years ending fasli 1294.	36	1	0
Average sale price per candy for the ten years ending fasli 1304.	31	9	0
† Sale price of fasli 1305	28	6	2
Do. 1306	34	6	5
Do. 1307	35	9	9
Do. 1308	35	12	0
Do. 1309	35	13	0
Average for the quinquennium ..	33	15	10

III. *Paragraph 4 of the Government Order.*—The coir imported from the Amindivi Islands of South Canara is now actually sorted from year to year according to quality—*vide* G.O., No. 44, Revenue, dated 16th January 1899, printed in Board's Proceedings, No. 21, dated 26th January 1899. Three ordinary classes and a special

class representing exceptionally good coir are recognised—*vide* paragraph 20 of the South Canara Collector's report printed in Board's Proceedings, No. 122, dated 10th July 1900. Between 70 and 80 per cent. of the Amindivi coir is found to be of the first class. The Collector is requested to report fully on the system of classification adopted in respect of the coir of the Laccadives of Malabar and how the standard of quality of the different classes compares with that prevailing in South Canara.

IV. *Paragraph 5 of the Government Order.*—The Collector is requested to explain the apparent discrepancies in establishment charges noticed by Government and to append to his future reports a statement of the sanctioned establishment for each island with explanations of any discrepancies of the sort now noticed by Government.

(True Extract.)

L. D. SWAMIKANNU,
for *Acting Secretary.*

To the Collector of Malabar.
Copy to the Political Department.

Order—No. 55-B., Political, dated 7th February 1901.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

Read—also the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 2077, dated 11th July 1901.

Read—the following letter from A. F. PINHEY, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Calicut, 29th May 1901, No. D.-103 Isl. :—

Adverting to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 278, dated 28th January 1901, I have the honour to report as follows.

2. *Paragraph I of the Board's Proceedings.*—The Board's instructions are noted and will be attended to in future.

3. *Paragraphs II and III of the Board's Proceedings.*—The question as to whose views are correct has involved a long enquiry and examination of past records. The result shows, in my opinion, that the sorting has been somewhat arbitrarily performed in recent years, that the abolition of the auction system has had little to do with the rise in price and that the rise in price at sales is chiefly due to an increased demand for coir in recent years though to what cause this increased demand is due I cannot exactly say.

4. When the islands were first taken over in 1875 a reference was made to the Collector of South Canara, samples were obtained from Mangalore, and for a year or two payments were made on the same terms as in South Canara with two exceptions viz.—

(*a*) The special class of South Canara was not adopted as no such coir was brought.

(*b*) No salt was given duty free.

This meant that our coir was purchased at a lower price than the South Canara coir, the difference in price being represented by the duty on $1\frac{1}{4}$ maunds of salt.

5. *In 1877* a different scheme of payment was introduced, viz, the one now in force here, which slightly raised the price paid by us.

6. *In 1886 October* Mr. Winterbotham, on inspecting the coir in the custom house, found the sorting so carelessly done that he was constrained to take action. He wrote "I have told Mr. Barboza (the Sea Custom Superintendent) personally that I think him to have been culpably lax in passing quantities of very inferior coir as first and second class the consequence being that the islanders have become very careless in the manufacture and that the price of our coir has fallen Rs. 10 or 12 per candy below the coir of the Canara island. . . . This season the classification must be much more searching and rigorous."

7. Two days later, *i.e.*, on 18th October 1886, a circular was issued to the Amins containing the following :—

"When coir manufactured at Amini, an island attached to Mangalore district, was sold, a candy of coir fetched *Rs. 42*. But as the manufacture is very much neglected in the Malabar Laccadives each candy of coir fetches only Rs. 30-14-8 when sold in auction. Last year the coir brought from the islands was classed as first sort by mistake and payment was made accordingly, the prices paid being Rs. 31-8-0 to Rs. 33. *The Government sustained severe loss thereby*. . . . In future if the islanders do not twist good coir as twisted at Amini first-class coir will be paid only at second and third class rates and the prices paid to them will therefore be much reduced."

Mr. Winterbotham's action was approved by the Board—*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 2401, dated 3rd November 1886.

8. I may remark that the last-quoted portion of the circular was perhaps not quite happily worded though the meaning is clear. When Mr. Winterbotham said first-class coir would be paid for as second and third class rates he meant of course that the inferior coir then being wrongly classed as first class would be so dealt with : not that coir really up to first-class sample would be paid at lower rates.

9. *In 1889* Mr. Winterbotham on again inspecting coir found the Superintendent was too *strict* in his classification "a good deal of the coir classed as third sort might pass muster as second class. Our classification has an undue influence in lowering the price offered at auction. Unless the coir is distinctly inferior we can at present *afford* to pay for it as second class." This order is dated 7th March 1889.

10. I would here draw attention to the fact that the question of a profit in these transactions was clearly kept in view and rightly so. The first circular issued because Government was actually paying more than it received at auction while the latter says "we can at present *afford* to pay, etc."

11. I would next observe that the raising of the classification as suggested in the order of 1889 was not in my opinion the best way of meeting the difficulty then experienced, *i.e.*, "the undue influence in lowering price tendered at auction". When brought face to face with a similar state of affairs in Mangalore two years ago I solved it by issuing orders that our classification being for our own purpose should not be revealed to the trade, and that when coir was sold it should be sold as "Mangalore-Divi coir" without distinction as to class or sort. This step I only took after careful consideration. I made inquiries in Calcutta, which was then and I believe still is, the chief market for island coir and learnt that there no different classes or sorts were known except two, viz., "Mangalore-Divi coir" and "Calicut-Divi coir," of which the former was superior and fetched the better price. It was obvious that by revealing our classification locally we merely put money needlessly into the pockets of local merchants who were certainly not likely to pass on the information so long as they could sell as "Mangalore-Divi" in Calcutta.

12. Such experience of coir as I have gained has convinced me that the sorting and payment cannot be left to underlings if satisfactory results are to be attained. The Port Officer, Divisional officer or an Assistant Collector must be in constant attendance. There need be no difficulty in arranging this as the drying and sorting does not take long. In the absence of such officials orders like the two issued by

Mr. Winterbotham are apt to be misunderstood and taken to mean more than they do. The effect we might anticipate to be produced by the order of 1886 and 1889 on the Sea Custom Superintendent would be this: he would be careful not to classify much coir as first sort in obedience to the first order. On receipt of the second order he would avoid showing much in the third class and after a time we might expect to find nearly the whole coir in the second class. This is exactly what happened as the appended statement shows:—

Statement showing the quantity of different classes of coir imported from the islands since Fasli 1296.

Faslis.	First class.	Second class.	Third class.
	CANDIES.	CANDIES.	CANDIES.
1296 (1886–1887)	371	249	101
1297 (1887–1888)	569	717	107
1298 (1888–1889)	37	1,097	127
1299 (1889–1890)	33	1,333	14
1300 (1890–1891)	25	1,348	60
1301 (1891–1892)	24	1,292	42
1302 (1892–1893)	10	1,512	24
1303 (1893–1894)	2	1,257	22
1304 (1894–1895)	½	1,339	24
1305 (1895–1896)	1	1,147	51
1306 (1896–1897)	..	1,115	39
1307 (1897–1898)	..	1,353	35
1308 (1898–1899)	..	1,112	37
1309 (1899–1900)	..	1,278	44

13. The first order, it seems, began to take effect only in 1888–89. In 1893 first-class coir had become a negligeable quantity and has been so ever since.

In 1889–1890, after Mr. Winterbotham's second order, the quantity of third-class coir fell from 127 candies to 14 and since that date has always formed a very small percentage.

Nearly the whole supply for many years past has been classed as second sort and paid for accordingly which means *practically* sorting has been abandoned altogether. This result has had the worst possible effect on the coir itself. The islanders for the most part make the largest quantity of the loosest twist that will pass muster in the sure and certain hope of getting second-class prices for the bulk of it.

14. In Agathi island alone custom seems to have proved too strong to be overcome by the demoralizing influence of our classification, for it must be noted to their credit that in spite of discouragement they do still turn out some good coir. When I recently asked the Sea Custom Superintendent for a sample of first-class coir he sent me up some very fair twist which he said came from Agathi and *used formerly to be ranked as first class*, but was now second class like the rest. This compares favourably on the whole with the sample of first-class coir sent to me from Mangalore. I may mention, in passing, that the original samples obtained in 1875 have long ago disappeared, and that for years past the sorting, such as it is, has been done merely according to the fancy of the peon or other person employed on the work. Neither the Sea Custom Superintendent nor my office nor the office of the Divisional officer could furnish any standard samples by which to classify.

15. As I have said we have some coir from Agathi island that will bear comparison with the Mangalore first-class sample. Some of the rest of our second-class coir is about the same as the Mangalore third class, and the remainder, together with all our third-class coir, is so inferior in quality and colour that it is more like the stuff produced on the main land.

To improve it will take time and patience; the article has a bad name compared with Mangalore coir in the Calcutta market and the name will stick. Even if our efforts are successful and the coir produced is as good as that in Mangalore, we shall not benefit immediately, for it will probably be bought as Calicut and *sold as Mangalore* till the truth becomes known.

To improve the quality should not be very difficult if proper officers are deputed to supervise the sorting and proper standard samples employed. The samples I have now collected should suffice. There may be some discontent at first, but the islanders are very quick to appreciate the advantage of just treatment at the hands of a European officer.

16. It is a question for consideration if the prices now paid for coir here may not require revision in the future. As explained above Mangalore coir is bought at a slightly higher price, but sells for from Rs. 10—Rs. 12 a candy more. The appended statements are interesting in this connection :—

Statement showing the amount paid to each candy of coir brought by the islanders and the amount realized by its sale :—

Classes of coir.	Number of rice bags given.	Price of each bag of rice.	Total value of rice.	Amount paid in money.	Total payment both rice and money.	Amount realized by the sale.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.
First class	4	8	32	6	38	..
Second class	3¼	8	28	4	32	37 8 0
Third class	2½	8	20	4	24	29 0 0

Statement showing profit and loss on Devi coir.

	Price paid to islanders per candy.					Average price realized at last sale.
		In cash.	Value of rice.	Value of salt	Total cost to Government in money.	
	Price per candy.	¼ of the value.	¾ of the value.	Additional at 1½ Indian Maund per candy, only salt duty, viz., Rs. 2½ per Indian Maund is paid by Government.		Rs. A. P. 47 8 0 per candy.
Special coir ..	Rs. A. P. 21 14 0 per candy plus 25 per cent. of the sale-proceeds.	Rs. A. P. ..	Rs. A. P. ..	Rs. A. P. ..		
First class ..	21 14 0	5 14 0	16 0 0 price of 8 muras at Rs. 2.	3 12 0 at 1½ Indian Maund per candy.	Rs. A. P. 5 14 0 in cash. 30 0 0 price of 8 muras at Rs. 3-12-0 per mura. 3 12 0 price of salt. 39 10 0	
Second class ..	17 8 0	4 8 0	13 0 0 price of 6½ muras at Rs. 2.	Do. ..	4 8 0 in cash. 24 6 0 price of 6½ muras at Rs. 3-12-0 per mura. 3 12 0 price of salt. 32 10 0	
Third class ..	13 2 0	3 10 0	9 8 0 price of 4¾ muras at Rs. 2.	Do. ..	3 10 0 in cash. 17 13 0 price of 4¾ muras at Rs. 3-12-0 per mura. 3 12 0 price of salt. 25 3 0	

The selling price of our second-class coir this year was Rs. 37–8–0 per candy while Mangalore coir sold, irrespective of class, at Rs. 47–8–0.

We should even at this high price have lost As. 8 a candy on all first-class coir if any had been so classed. Whereas Mangalore first-class coir yielded a profit of Rs. 7–14–0 per candy.

As our coir was practically all paid for as second class it yielded a profit of Rs. 5–8–0 a candy, while Mangalore second sort yielded a profit of Rs. 15–8–0 per candy. Either our buying price is too high or the Mangalore price too low.

17. I have used the expression "even at the present high price". I did so because the price is far above the average and I am not at all certain that it will be maintained. What the cause of the high price of recent years may be I cannot definitely say. I have consulted local merchants without much success. They are either unable or unwilling to give information on the point. I suspect that the war in the Philippine islands may have increased the demand for coir by restricting the supply of Manilla hemp. This is however merely a surmise of my own. One native firm tells me that a demand for coir has sprung up in Europe where it was not much appreciated heretofore. If this be the case prices may remain firm or tend to rise.

18. The Board have surmised that the high prices of recent years were due to the abolition of sales by auction. This is a plausible explanation in view of the fact that the steady rise in price at sales synchronises more or less accurately with the introduction of the tender system. I append a statement of selling prices.

Statement showing the average sale price per candy of coir imported from the Laccadive islands attached to Malabar district from fasli 1294 to fasli 1310 (both inclusive).

Faslis.	Average sale price. Rs.	A.	P.
1294 (1884–85)	32	7	1
1295 (1885–86)	30	14	8
1296 (1886–87)	30	12	0
1297 (1887–88)	26	4	0
1298 (1888–89)	31	0	0
1299 (1889–90)	39	0	0
1300 (1890–91)	32	0	0
1301 (1891–92)	33	10	7
1302 (1892–93)	33	0	0
1303 (1893–94)	30	11	9
1304 (1894–95)	28	14	6
1305 (1895–96)	28	6	2
1306 (1896–97)	34	6	5
1307 (1897–98)	35	9	9
1308 (1898–99)	35	12	0
1309 (1899–1900)	35	13	0
1310 (1900–1901)	37	4	7

19. It is observed that no rise but a slight fall occurred in the first year of the tender system—fasli 1305 (1895–96)—and also that the highest price ever reached was Rs. 39 in fasli 1299 (1889–90) when the auction system prevailed. I have not the Mangalore prices before me, but a comparison with them would show decidedly if the change of system of sale was or was not a real factor. Have Mangalore prices risen *pari passu* with ours in recent years? If so, a purely local cause will not explain the rise in price. Mr. Winterbotham pointed out in 1886 that Mangalore coir was selling Rs. 10 or Rs. 12 above ours and my figures in paragraph 16 *supra* show this is still the case. If the change of system of sale here were the cause of the increased prices of recent years, we should expect to find the difference between the prices of Mangalore and Calicut coirs proportionately reduced. I fear it is not so.

20. *Paragraph IV of the Board's Proceedings.*—A statement showing the establishment charges of the several islands during the past five faslis is appended. It will be seen that, where there is a decrease in the charges in one fasli and a proportionate increase in the next, the variation may be attributed to one or other of the following causes :—

(*a*) Failure of amins to appear with accounts at Calicut and to receive their pay.

(*b*) Failure on the part of the amins to bring the whole of the rent collections to Calicut, in which case the balance would be deducted from their pay or treated as a set-off against the demand.

Unlike the four northern islands, the Minicoy establishment draw pay monthly from the island, the amin and gumasta only being paid on the mainland when they happen to come here and apply for it.

A statement of the sanctioned establishment for each island with explanations of any discrepancies will in future be submitted, as directed, along with the report.

Enclosure.

Statement showing the expenditure under the head "Establishment charges" of the several islands during the last five faslis.

Faslis.	Agathi.	Kavarathi.	Androth.	Kalpeni.	Minicoy.	Mainland.	Grand total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1305	864 0 0	456 0 0	586 0 0	120 0 0	762 0 0	708 0 0	3,496 0 0
1306	456 0 0	456 0 0	636 0 0	268 14 7	139 6 0	708 0 0	2,664 4 7
1307	456 0 0	456 0 0	636 0 0	358 4 0	20 0 0	662 13 5	2,589 1 5
1308	216 0 0	403 15 9	150 6 6	580 0 0	55 13 0	707 0 0	2,113 3 3
1309	..	405 1 7	818 4 6	537 9 10	45 0 0	708 0 0	2,513 15 11

Resolution—Mis. No. 2077, dated 11th July 1901.

The Board begs to reply to paragraphs 3 and 4 of G.O., No. 841, Political, dated 18th December 1900. The Collector Mr. Pinhey, whose experience of similar work in Mangalore makes his inquiry especially valuable, has gone carefully into the matter, and now reports that practically there is no sorting of the coir in Calicut at all: as the result of the officer in charge misunderstanding orders, practically all coir is being classed as second sort; a classification which, though sometimes unjust to the islanders, where, as in the case of Agathi, they do make first-class coir, is in most cases unfair to Government, since most of the coir is bad, so bad that "Calicut Divi coir" passes in the market for an inferior article and commands a far lower price than "Mangalore Divi coir." In order to remedy this Mr. Pinhey suggests that the sorting of the coir, which is now in the hands of the Sea Customs Superintendent, should be entrusted to some superior officer, such as the Port officer, the Divisional officer or an Assistant Collector, and that that officer should be furnished with proper standard samples, those procured in 1875 having long ago disappeared, and the sorting, such as it is, having for some years past been carried out "according to the fancy of the peon or other person employed on the work." These proposals are similar to those of which Mr. Pinhey has had actual experience at Mangalore and which appear to give satisfaction there, and the Board therefore accepts Mr. Pinhey's recommendations.

2. Mr. Pinhey is of opinion that the increase in the price at which coir has been sold for Government in recent years is not due to the abolition of sales by auction, as surmised by the Board, since the maximum price of Rs. 39 per candy was attained when the auction system prevailed, and the prices of the Mangalore coir, which is still

sold by auction, have also risen since 1896-97 (*vide* the figures quoted below). The rise in the price of island coir would thus seem to be due to an increased demand for the commodity in the market.

	Average sale price per candy of					
	Calicut yarn.			Mangalore yarn.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1889-90	39	0	0	35	11	0
1890-91	32	0	0	38	5	0
1891-92	33	10	7	43	13	0
1892-93	33	0	0	42	1	0
1893-94	30	11	9	34	0	0
1894-95	28	14	6	39	10	0
1895-96	28	6	2	39	12	0
1896-97	34	6	5	53	12	0
1897-98	35	9	9	47	10	0
1898-99	35	12	0	48	15	0
1899-1900	35	13	0	48	0	0
1900-1901	37	4	7	47	8	0

3. So far from the price paid by Government to the islanders for the coir being too low, Mr. Pinhey, in paragraph 16 of his report, points out that it is too high, having regard to the quality of the coir imported and the price obtained for it in the market. The existing scale, which was fixed in 1878 on the South Canara model, would seem therefore to require revision on the basis of the present difference between the market value of Calicut and of Mangalore coir, but seeing (1) that the receipts of the Laccadives are sufficient to cover the expenses of the administration and (2) that the question of transferring the islands to the Cannanore family is now under consideration, the Board thinks that it is unnecessary to take any immediate action in this direction at present.

4. In paragraph 20 of his report the Collector gives particulars of the establishment charges of the several islands composing the Laccadives group for the five years ending fasli 1309 as well as a general explanation of the variations noticeable therein. The explanation is not complete. For instance, it is not understood why the Minicoy establishment which, with the exception of the amin and gumasta, is paid monthly in the island received only Rs. 20, Rs. 55-13-0 and Rs. 45 in faslis 1307, 1308 and 1309, respectively. The Board notes, however, that the Collector promises to furnish detailed explanations of the discrepancies along with his next annual report.

(True Extract.)

A. R. CUMMING,
Acting Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.
Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Order—No. 478, Political, dated 5th August 1901.

Recorded pending the receipt of the next administration report of the islands.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
„ Revenue Department.

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AUGUST.

Memorial.

Requesting the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai, to inform Kamalambal Aiyiar, senior wife of the Western Palace Jaghirdar, that the Governor in Council regrets he is unable to interfere on her behalf in the matter of her — for the payment to her in advance of a consolidated allowance of 5 years.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

From R. H. SHIPLEY, Esq., I.C.S., Political Agent for Pudukkóttai, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Trichinopoly, 13th July 1901, Dis. No. 226.

I have the honour to forward herewith a memorial, together with its enclosures, addressed to Government by the senior wife of the Western Palace Jaghirdar, Pudukkóttai, on the subject of the payment of 5 years' consolidated allowance due to her in advance, and to state that it deserves no consideration.

Enclosures.

From KAMALAMBAL AIYIAR, senior wife of the Western Palace Jaghirdar, Pudukkóttai, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th July 1901.

I have the honour to enclose herein, for the favourable consideration and orders of Government, true copies with their originals (*to be returned*) of the letters noted in the margin from the Political Agent, Trichinopoly, and the Diwan of Pudukkóttai conveying to me the decision on my application for an advance of my consolidated allowance for 4 years.

(*a*) Political Agent's letter No. 148-Pol., dated 8th May 1901. Enclosure I.
(*b*) Diwan's letter, Dis. No. 569/C., of 20th April 1901. Enclosure II.

2. Before entering into the facts of the case I have to say that it has been repeatedly represented to me by the Political Agent both in person and in writing that he has no power to interfere on any subject decided by His Highness the Raja of Pudukkóttai, evidently because the latter has been invested with full powers. The case under reference is one in which such a reply was given as his letter enclosed would show. But it is extremely doubtful whether the Government had handed over the administration of the State under those conditions, since to urge that the commands of His Highness are not at all appealable is virtually depriving the subjects of this State, including my poorself, who pay allegiance to the British Sovereign, the immense benefit of the British even-handed justice. As a representative of the Paramount Power, the Political Agent has full power to advise His Highness' Government in matters of this kind. But since he declined to do so and since the subject on hand is one of those in which the Government has passed certain definite orders, any case of violation of, or deviation from, *the spirit* or *the letter* of such orders may be justly and necessarily interfered with by the Government. On such conviction and on the strength of my own cause I have now ventured to appeal to His Excellency's Government on the orders of His Highness and the Political Agent, all my representations to them having proved a cry in the wilderness.

3. Under the orders of the Government of Madras, an yearly sum of Rs. 15,000 was granted in perpetuity for the maintenance of the Western Palace family, all the other extraordinary charges pertaining to it having been borne by the State independently of the above sum. But in the year 1888, though the maintenance allowance was divided among the members in a given proportion, the extraordinary charges, however, continued to be met by the State as usual on the respective occasions till 1895, when, with a view to simplify affairs and to put an end to numerous and frequent correspondence on the subject, the extraordinary expenses were consolidated under the orders of the Government, and a sum of Rs. 2,000 a year was granted in perpetuity for all of them except marriages, death of the Jaghirdar and repairs to the Western Palace buildings, and was divided in the proportion of the maintenance allowance.

G.O., No. 261, Political, dated 14th May 1881.

G.O., No. 804, Political, dated 11th December 1888.

Diwan's letter No. 40, dated 26th March 1895. Enclosure III.

Diwan's letter No. 123, dated 20th October 1895. Enclosure IV.

The exact number and date of the Government Order cannot be given as a copy of it was refused to me both by the Diwan and the Political Agent—P.A.'s letter No. 162, dated 19th May 1901 ; D.'s No. 762 C., dated 23rd May 1901. Enclosures Nos. VIII and IX.

4. Under the above arrangement my share of the allotment amounted to Rs. 170 a year. This poor sum is meant to cover all of my charges pertaining to (1) purchase of carriages, bulls and furniture; (2) performance of religious ceremonies; (3) trips to other places both in and out of the town for secular and religious purposes; (4) deaths in and out of the family other than that of the Jaghirdar; (5) matrimonial charges other than that of betrothal; and (6) other special charges such as remuneration to physicians for medical services rendered, presents or gifts to relations and servants on marriage occasions, &c.; I am at present without a conveyance and the necessary furniture for ordinary use. I could not drive for taking fresh air which is indispensable for my ill-health for want of the former, and could not enjoy the comforts of an ordinary life for want of the latter. In view to supply myself with the above wants an application was made by me on No. 16, dated 20th December 1899, for an advance of my consolidated allowance, which was declined on the score of financial difficulties. On 25th December 1900 and 21st January 1901 an application for the same was made a second time, which being sent up to His Highness for commands was rejected and a final order passed that the consolidated allowance would be paid only every year whenever it falls due, but never in advance. The above order being opposed to the spirit of the Government Order passed in 1895 regarding the consolidated allowance, the present appeal is preferred.

Diwan's letter, Dis. No. 408, dated 16th February 1900. Enclosure V.

Diwan's letter, Dis. No. 569-C. of 20th April 1901. Enclosure II.

5. Though the allotted amount of Rs. 170 may be just sufficient to meet a few of the charges very trivial in their nature, it is certainly quite inadequate to meet any one of the other charges at a time, and unless payment is made in advance for a number of years, the object of the allotment remains unfulfilled. To explain my above statement I have to cite an instance, *i.e.*, for purchasing a palanquin coach and a pair of bulls, I would at least require Rs. 400 + Rs. 250 = Rs. 650. Thus for a single item of the extraordinary expenses an advance of 4 years' consolidated allowance (4 × 170 = 680) has to be paid. And before this term expires the carriage would have undergone such wear and tear and the bulls spent so much energy that another sum would have to be thrown in for a renewal and there would be other purchases to make in the interval.

Before 1895 these allowances were paid once in 5, 10 and 15 * years, and, even in 1895, when the suggestion to consolidate the expenses was made, it was proposed to pay the sum yearly or once in 5 years as may suit the convenience or emergency of the members. The amount was, however, fixed at so much per year for the sake of convenience and because the members did not agree in the matter of time. Subsequent to 1895 and before His Highness the Raja was invested with full powers, the Government once sanctioned the payment of the allowance in advance. The purposes for which the advance is required have been already explained, and it may appear that, unless my request is granted, I would be compelled to lose everything that is precious to me—health, ordinary comforts, and all.

* P. A's letter No. 99, dated 8th March 1889. Enclosure VI.
Diwan's letter No. 40, dated 26th March 1895. Enclosure III.

6. Since the consolidated allowance in question was granted *in perpetuity*, it makes no difference to the State whether the amount is paid *in advance* or *every year whenever it falls due.* As regards any difficulty that may be urged to arise in the fresh distribution of the allowance at any time in the event of death of any member, it may be plain that the difficulty is only imaginary, seeing that the allowances only remain in the shape of conveyance, furniture, &c., towards the purchase of which they were spent and which will, as a matter of course, be distributed among the surviving members. It was under these and similar other considerations that the Government seems to have granted the advances already made. And, further, the difficulty will totally vanish if the arrangement of paying the allowance *in advance*, which is most convenient for all, is commenced simultaneously with all the members, since, as a matter of fact, the fresh distribution above referred to cannot be attempted before the advance term expires.

7. I therefore most humbly request that you may kindly place the papers before His Excellency the Governor in Council and obtain orders, advising His Highness' Government to pay the consolidated allowance of the Western Palace family *in advance once in 5 years* as originally proposed (Enclosure III), or to pay *me at least* my 5 years' allowance of *Rs. 850 in advance* as a special case in generous consideration of the present difficulties of my position as set forth above.

From R. H. SHIPLEY, Esq., I.C.S., Political Agent for Pudukkóttai, to the senior wife of the Western Palace Jaghirdar, Pudukkóttai, dated Trichinopoly, 8th May 1901, Dis. No. 148-Pol.

With reference to your letters No. 20, dated 5th May 1901, and No. 21, dated 6th May 1901, I have the honour to inform you that I cannot interfere on the subjects of your letters referred to above.

Extract from the Political Agent's letter No. 99, dated 8th March 1889.

2. It appeared to me, however, that there is no necessity to begin the arrangement with all the members of the family at once. It may, I think, be begun at once with the younger son; but as to the Jaghirdar and the elder son, it may, I think, be deferred till the present supply of carriages and horses needs renewal.

3. The figures in paragraphs 12 and 13 of your letter ought to be modified as follows:—

	Rs.
(*a*) *For the Jaghirdar*—	
A carriage to last *15 years*	1,000
Two horses to last $7\frac{1}{2}$ *years*	1,200
Pair horse harness to last $7\frac{1}{2}$ *years*	250
Making a total in *15 years* of 1,000 + 2 (1,200 + 250 = 1,450)	
= 1,000 + 2,900	= 3,900
(*b* *For each of the sons*—	
Carriage to last *15 years*	600
Two ponies to last $7\frac{1}{2}$ *years*	600
Pair pony harness to last $7\frac{1}{2}$ *years*	200
Making a total in *15 years* of 600 + 2 (600 + 200 = 800)	
= 600 + 1,600	= 2,200

I have reduced the amount to so much a year, *but it would probably be not advisable to pay it by the year.*

From R. H. SHIPLEY, Esq., I.C.S., Political Agent for Pudukkótai, to the senior wife of the Western Palace Jaghirdar, Pudukkóttai, dated 19th May 1901, Dis. No. 162.

With reference to your letter No. 22, dated 14th May 1901, I have the honour to inform you that the copy of the Government Order referred to therein cannot be given to you.

Order—No. 479, Political, dated 6th August 1901.

The Political Agent will inform the petitioner that the Governor in Council regrets he is unable to interfere on her behalf, her request being one for consideration by His Highness the Raja of Pudukkóttai.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai.

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AUGUST.

Fire at Chepauk.

Directing that the rooms attached to the office of the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, and hitherto used by the Public Works Department for storing lumber and for tiffin should be vacated and the whole building placed in charge of the Paymaster and the Persian Translator, and desiring explanation as to the reported absence of the driver of the Public Works fire-engine and the insufficiency of water in the hydrant.

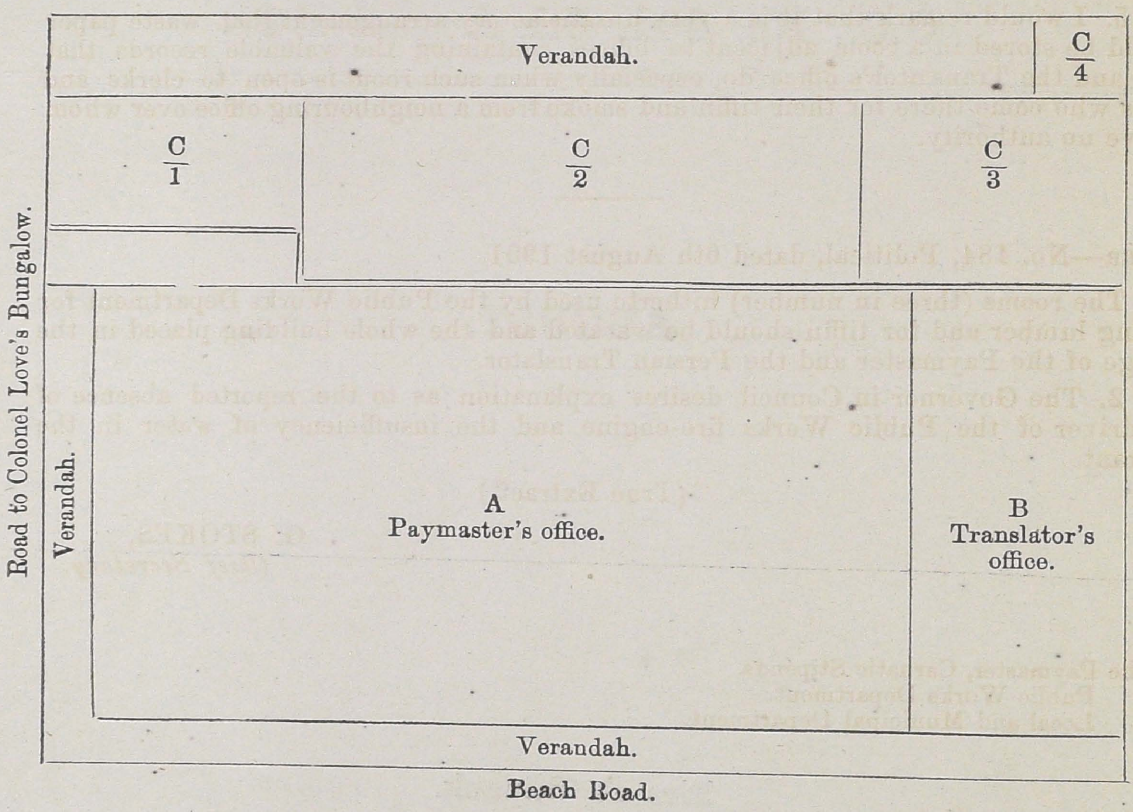
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

From Major R. F. R. FORMBY, I.S.C., Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 31st July 1901, No. 294.

I have the honour to report that on Sunday, the 28th instant, at about 10 A.M. a fire broke out in the rooms on the western side of my office which are used by Public Works Department (1) as a place for storing waste paper, (2) as a tiffin room for the Muhammadan clerks and peons, and (3) as a tiffin room for East Indians and Eurasians. I enclose a rough sketch of the scene for the information of Government, from which it will be seen that A is the space occupied by the Paymaster's office, B the space occupied by the office of the Persian and Hindustani Translator to Government, and $\frac{C}{1 \text{ to } 4}$ the place where the fire broke out.



2. I beg to furnish a brief history for the information of Government as to how the place came to be occupied by the Paymaster's office. In 1873 the dual offices of the Government Agent and Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, and Persian and Hindustani Translator to Government were removed from the Revenue Board to the present

small building that lies between the Public Works Secretariat and the Presidency College when the whole place A, B and C, as shown in the sketch, was fully occupied by the above two offices. In 1880 the larger portion of the old Persian records was destroyed under the orders of Government, when the three rooms $\frac{C}{1 \text{ to } 3}$ were handed over to the Public Works Department who used those three rooms and a small canvas room $\frac{C}{4}$ in the verandah as follows:—

$\frac{C}{1}$ Tiffin room for Muhammadan clerks and peons.

$\frac{C}{2}$ Place for storing waste paper.

$\frac{C}{3}$ Tiffin room for East Indian and Eurasian clerks.

$\frac{C}{4}$ Latrine for East Indians and Eurasians.

3. Between my office (A) and the place in charge of the Public Works Department, that is (C), there were four doors which fortunately were bricked up in 1899; otherwise there would have been serious damage to my office records, both Persian and English. Between B and C there is still a big venetianed door closed from inside the Persian Translator's office, *i.e.*, B, through which the flames passed into the latter office which was broken open by the police to prevent the records of that office being damaged by fire.

4. My office was quite free from any damage either by fire or water only owing to the prompt measures taken by the police in putting out the fire by the means of their fire-engine, using the water from the old well on the western side of the office; but the Public Works Department engine was not forthcoming, neither was there sufficient water in the hydrant for the police engine.

5. I would remark that it is a very unsatisfactory arrangement that waste paper should be stored in a room adjacent to offices containing the valuable records that mine and the Translator's office do, especially when such room is open to clerks and peons who come there for their tiffin and smoke from a neighbouring office over whom I have no authority.

Order—No. 484, Political, dated 6th August 1901.

The rooms (three in number) hitherto used by the Public Works Department for storing lumber and for tiffin should be vacated and the whole building placed in the charge of the Paymaster and the Persian Translator.

2. The Governor in Council desires explanation as to the reported absence of the driver of the Public Works fire-engine and the insufficiency of water in the hydrant.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.
" Public Works Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.

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G.O., No. 486, 7th August 1901.

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Carnatic Stipends.

Sanctioning the proposals of the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, for the continuance of a moiety of the stipend drawn by deceased Carnatic stipendiary Táj Bi.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Major R. F. R. FORMBY, I.S.C., Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 19th July 1901, No. 283.

I have the honour to report the death on 9th June 1901 of Carnatic stipendiary No. 1313-T., Táj Bí, who was drawing a monthly stipend of Rs. 10 by G.O., No. 196, dated 14th March 1887. She has left a son Ghulám Husain and a daughter Afzal-un-nisá Bégam who are in the enjoyment of stipends of Rs. 20 and Rs. 10 respectively by the same Government Order.

2. As the stipend which the deceased was in receipt of is returned continuable (*vide* serial No. 43, appendix A, part II, page 6 of G.O., No. 346, Political, dated 29th May 1900), I beg to recommend the continuation of the usual moiety of the lapsed stipend, viz., Rs. 5 *per mensem*, to be apportioned as below. The shares now granted will be amalgamated with their respective stipends and paid to them in the shape of monthly stipends :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
(1) Ghulám Husain, son	3	5	4
(2) Afzal-un-nisá Bégam, daughter	1	10	8
Total ..	5	0	0

ORDER—No. 486, Political, dated 7th August 1901.

The proposals of the Paymaster are sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.
„ Accountant-General.

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G.O., No. 487, 7th August 1901.

AUGUST.

Carnatic Stipends.

Sanctioning the proposals of the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, for the continuance of two-thirds of the stipend drawn by deceased Carnatic stipendiary Ghulám 'Abd-ul-qádir.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

From Major R. F. R. FORMBY, I.S.C., Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Accountant-General), dated Chepauk, 15th July 1901, No. 271.

I have the honour to report the demise on 9th June 1901 of Carnatic stipendiary No. 551-A, Ghulám 'Abd-ul-qádir, who was drawing a monthly stipend of Rs. 45 by G.O., No. 285, Political, dated 18th April 1877.

2. The deceased had only one wife by whom he has left the following heirs :—

(1)	'Azíza Bégam, widow	aged about	45 years.
(2)	Muḥammad Khair-ud-dín, son	„	20 „
(3)	Muḥammad Khair-ulláh, son	„	20 „
(4)	Yásin Bégam, daughter	„	28 „
(5)	Muḥammadí Bégam, daughter	„	26 „
(6)	Aḥmadí Bégam, daughter	„	23 „

3. The stipend enjoyed by the deceased being returned continuable (*vide* serial No. 17, appendix A, part I, page 4 of G.O., No. 346, Political, dated 29th May 1900), I beg to recommend the continuation of the usual two-thirds of the lapsed stipend, viz., Rs. 30 per mensem, to be apportioned as below :—

		Rs.	A.	P.
551-A/1	'Azíza Bégam	3	12	0
551-A/2	Muḥammad Khair-ud-dín	7	8	0
551-A/3	Muḥammad Khair-ulláh	7	8	0
551-A/4	Yásin Bégam	3	12	0
551-A/5	Muḥammadí Bégam	3	12	0
551-A/6	Aḥmadí Bégam	3	12	0
	Total ..	30	0	0

4. The shares allotted to Nos. 1, 4, 5 and 6 will be issued in the shape of monthly stipends and will lapse absolutely on their respective deaths, and those of Nos. 2 and 3 will be capitalized and paid off as per list below. Their health and age certificates are herewith attached :—

Stipend number.	Names.	Age in 1901.	Amount per mensem.	Amount per annum.	Value of annuity.	Bonus.	Arrears from 10th June to 31st July 1901.
		Yrs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
551-A/2	Muḥammad Khair-ud-dín ..	20	7 8 0	90 0 0	12·050	1,084 0 0	12 12 0
551-A/3	Muḥammad Khair-ulláh ..	20	7 8 0	90 0 0	12·050	1,084 0 0	12 12 0
	Total ..		15 0 0	180 0 0	..	2,168 0 0	25 8 0

No. Pen. P. 330/4423.

Submitted. The commutation value noted by the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, against the name of each of the stipendiaries should be Rs. 1,085 instead of Rs. 1084.

Fort St. George,
25*th July* 1901.

W. DOBBIE,
Accountant-General.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Political Department.

Order—No. 487, Political, dated 7th August 1901.

The proposals of the Paymaster are approved and the bonuses will be sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.
„ Accountant-General.

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G.O., No. 488, 7th August 1901.

AUGUST.

Certificates of Identity.

Communicating to political officers Proceedings, Public Department, on letter from the Government of India regarding the modification of the orders requiring the submission of quarterly returns of — granted to natives of India proceeding to England.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 85, Political, dated 5th February 1900.

Abstract.—Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin and to the Political Agents of Pudukkóttai, Sandúru and Banganapalle Proceedings, Public Department, regarding certificates of identity granted to Indian students and others visiting England, and requesting them to submit quarterly returns of the same.

G.O., No. 772, Political, dated 19th November 1900.

Abstract.—Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin and to the Political Agents, Pudukkóttai, Banganapalle and Sandúru, Proceedings, Public Department, communicating to the officers and departments concerned, for guidance, letter from the Government of India forwarding a form of statement in which the quarterly returns of certificates of identity granted to natives of India visiting England and other foreign countries should be submitted.

G.O., No. 332, Political, dated 13th June 1901.

Abstract.—Communicating to Political officers Proceedings, Public Department, on letter from the Government of India forwarding copy of letter to the Government of Bombay regarding the grant of certificates of identity to natives of India proceeding to England either direct or after first visiting some foreign country.

Read—also the following paper:—

G.O., No. 768, Public, dated 26th July 1901.

Read—the following paper:—

From A. WILLIAMS, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 15th July 1901, No. 4484.

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council, a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin, regarding the modification of the orders contained in paragraph 4 of Home Department Resolution No. 2831-42, dated the 8th December 1899, requiring the submission of quarterly returns of certificates of identity granted to natives of India proceeding to England.

Letter from the Government of Burma, No. 806-1-R.—8, dated the 27th May 1901.
Letter to the Government of Burma, No. 4475, dated the 15th July 1901.

Enclosures.

From the Chief Secretary to the Government of Burma, General Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Rangoon, 27th May 1901, No. 806-1-R.—8.

In connection with the question of the curtailment of reports and returns, I am directed to solicit a reference to the orders contained in paragraph 4 of Home Department Resolution No. 2831–42, dated the 8th December 1899, prescribing a quarterly return of certificates of identity issued to Indian students and others. It will be observed that the orders require the return to be submitted by district and political officers to the local Government for transmission to the Government of India and the Secretary of State.

2. I am to submit that a periodical return from district and political officers is not required in Burma. Only three certificates have been issued in fifteen months. To supply details regarding these three certificates, every Deputy Commissioner and Political officer in the province has submitted five returns and the total work involved covers the preparation and disposal of some hundreds of papers. All this labour could be saved if the Government of India's orders were altered so as to require a quarterly return to be submitted *by* local Governments instead of *to* local Governments. The Lieutenant-Governor could then order any officer who issues a certificate to submit at the same time to Government through the usual channel the particulars required for the return. At the end of the quarter the return could be compiled without difficulty in the Secretariat.

I am to solicit that the proposed change in the orders may be sanctioned.

From the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Burma, dated Simla, the 15th July 1901, No. 4475.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 806-1-R.—8, dated the 27th May 1901, suggesting that the orders contained in paragraph 4 of Home Department Resolution No. 2831–42, dated the 8th December 1899, may be modified so as to require the quarterly returns of certificates of identity to be submitted by the local Governments and administrations to the Government of India, and not by district and political officers to the local Governments and administrations in the first instance. It is explained that by this amendment the submission of blank returns by district and political officers, which involves unnecessary labour, will be obviated, and that the local Government will take the necessary steps to ensure that any officer who issues a certificate will communicate at the same time the particulars required for the quarterly return to be prepared by the local Government.

2. In reply, I am to say that the Governor-General in Council accepts the suggestion made by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor that the orders in paragraph 4 of Home Department Resolution of the 8th December 1899 may be modified in the direction indicated.

Order—No. 768, Public, dated 26th July 1901.

Communicated to all Collectors and to the Commissioner of Police, Madras.

2. The quarterly return prescribed in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 41, Public, dated 19th January 1900, will be discontinued. Every officer who issues a certificate will at the same time submit to Government a statement in the form laid down in G.O., No. 1153, Public, dated 8th November 1900, containing the particulars necessary for the preparation of the quarterly return which will be forwarded by this Government to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To all Collectors.
" the Commissioner of Police, Madras.
" the Political Department.
" the Educational Department.
" the Revenue Department.

Order—No. 488, Political, dated 7th August 1901.

Communicated to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin and to the Political Agents, Pudukkóttai, Banganapalle and Sandúru.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
" Political Agent, Pudukkóttai.
" " Banganapalle.
" " Sandúru.

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G.O., No. 496, 9th August 1901.

AUGUST.

Carnatic Stipends.

Accepting the recommendations of the Paymaster, —, for the continuance of a moiety of the stipend of the late Carnatic stipendiary Bani Bégam and for the commutation of the shares of her dependants.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

From Major R. F. R. FORMBY, I.S.C., Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Accountant-General, Madras), dated Chepauk, 17th July 1901, No. 280.

I have the honour to report the demise on 9th August 1900 of Carnatic stipendiary No. 1312-F., Baní Bégam, who was drawing a monthly stipend of Rs. 8 under G.O., No. 499, Political, dated 29th July 1884.

2. The deceased has left the following heirs :—

	Age. YRS.
1. Saiyid A'ẓam (son)	33 (about)
2. Saiyid Ghulám Rasúl (son)	26 („)
3. Saiyid 'Alí Ḥusain (son)	25 („)
4. Saiyid Aḥmad 'Abd-ulláh (son)	22 („)
5. Abul Muẓaffar Saiyid Jalál-ud-dín (son)	20 („)
6. Saiyid-un-nisá Bégam (widow of a predeceased son) ..	35 („)
7. Kulsum Bégam (daughter of a predeceased son)	5 („)
8. Maḥmud-un-nisá Bégam (daughter)	27 („)
9. Masud-un-nisá Bégam (daughter)	21 („)

3. The stipend enjoyed by the deceased is returned continuable—*vide* serial No. 7, part II, appendix A, page 5 of G.O., No. 346, Political, dated 29th May 1900, and I beg to recommend the continuation of the usual moiety, viz., Rs. 4 per mensem, to be apportioned as below :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
To each of the five sons (As. 9–2)	2	13	10
„ each of the two daughters (As. 4–7)	0	9	2
„ daughter-in-law	0	4	6
„ grand-daughter	0	4	6
Total ..	4	0	0

4. All of the above persons reside at Hyderabad (Deccan) and the delay caused in reporting this case to Government was chiefly owing to references being made to the Residency authorities there. As the shares allotted to the above persons are very trifling, I beg to recommend they be capitalized and paid off irrespective of the production of a medical certificate of good health required under G.O., No. 452, Political, dated 23rd July 1891. I may here beg to add that their ages have been ascertained through the Residency authorities at Hyderabad (Deccan).

5. The amount of bonus payable to each individual is shown in the list below :—

Stipend number.	Names.	Age in 1901.	Amount per mensem.	Amount per annum.	Value of annuity.	Bonus.	Arrears from 10th August 1900 to 31st July 1901.
		YRS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1312 F. / 1	Saiyid A'ẓam	33	0 9 2	6 14 0	10·936	75 0 0	6 11 4
1312 F. / 2	Saiyid Ghulám Rasúl	26	0 9 2	6 14 0	11·593	80 0 0	6 11 4
1312 F. / 3	Saiyid 'Alí Ḥusain	25	0 9 2	6 14 0	11·675	80 0 0	6 11 4
1312 F. / 4	Saiyid Aḥmad 'Abd-ulláh ..	22	0 9 2	6 14 0	11·906	82 0 0	6 11 4
1312 F. / 5	Abul Muẓaffar Saiyid Jalál-ud-dín.	20	0 9 2	6 14 0	12·050	83 0 0	6 11 4
1312 F. / 6	Saiyid-un-nisá Bégam	35	0 4 6	3 6 0	10·933	37 0 0	3 4 8
1312 F. / 7	Kulsum Bégam	5	0 4 6	3 6 0	12·939	44 0 0	3 4 8
1312 F. / 8	Maḥmud-un-nisá Bégam	27	0 4 7	3 7 0	11·498	40 0 0	3 5 8
1312 F. / 9	Masud-un-nisá Bégam	21	0 4 7	3 7 0	11·811	41 0 0	3 5 8
	Total ..		4 0 0	48 0 0		562 0 0	46 13 4

No. Pen. P.-333/4466.

Submitted to Government.

The commutation value, as noted by the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, against the name of each stipendiary, is correct.

Fort St. George,
26*th July* 1901.

W. DOBBIE,
Accountant-General.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

Order—No. 496, Political, dated 9th August 1901.

The Paymaster's recommendations are approved and the bonuses proposed by him will be sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.
„ Accountant-General.

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G.O., No. 515, 19th August 1901.

AUGUST.

Kandyan Pensioner.

Communicating to the Collector of Madura letter from the Ceylon Government sanctioning the payment of schooling charges on account of — Kannaya Nayudu's second son, and requesting the Collector to furnish the information required by the Ceylon Government.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper :—

G.O., Nos. 359, 360, Political, dated 22nd June 1901.

Abstract.—Forwarding to the Ceylon Government a petition from Kandyan pensioner R. Kannayya Nayudu praying for the grant of the usual schooling charges and food allowance on account of his second son, together with a copy of report on it by the Collector of Madura.

Read—also the following paper :—

From the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 9th August 1901, No. 011986.

With reference to your letter No. 360, Political, of the 22nd June last, forwarding a petition from Kandyan pensioner R. Kannayya Nayudu, I am directed to inform you that payment of the schooling charges on account of the petitioner's second son has been sanctioned.

2. As regards the food allowance applied for, I am to request that you will be so good as to inform me whether the boy is unable to prosecute his studies for want of sufficient food, and whether he deserves to be fed at the cost of the Ceylon Government.

3. I am to take this opportunity of requesting that this information may be furnished in regard to every future application for a food allowance. It will also be convenient if you can inform me in cases where a food allowance is granted to more than one member of the same family whether the usual allowance may not reasonably be reduced.

Order—No. 515, Political, dated 19th August 1901.

Communicated to the Collector of Madura for the necessary report with reference to the second paragraph of the Colonial Secretary's letter.

2. The information specified in the third paragraph should in future be invariably furnished.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Madura.
„ Accountant-General.

Copy to the Government Agent, Tanjore.
„ Collector of North Arcot.
„ Collector of Trichinopoly.
„ Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Colombo (with C.L.).

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G.O., No. 523, 24th August 1901.

AUGUST.

Education of Daud Khan's son, Shuja-ul-mulk.

Permitting Muḥammad Dáúd Khán to withdraw his son from the Municipal high school, Kurnool, and send him to a school in Madras.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper :—

G.O., No. 335, Political, dated 19th May 1900.

ABSTRACT.—Approving the proposal of the Political Agent, Kurnool, that Shujá-ul-mulk, the fourth son of Muḥammad Dáúd Khán, should be withdrawn from the Aligarh College and should continue his education in Kurnool; and stating that further orders will be passed in regard to the Political Agent's proposals as to the third son, Sulaimán Jáh.

READ—also the following papers :—

From R. RAMACHANDRA RAO, Esq., Acting Collector and Political Agent, Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 15th July 1901, No. 155 (Political).

In his report for the quarter ending 30th June 1901 on the progress of Political student Shujá-ul-mulk, who was in G.O., No. 335, dated 19th May 1900, permitted to continue his education in Kurnool, the headmaster of the Municipal high school, Kurnool, stated as follows :—

Percentage of attendance	44·83
Conduct	Satisfactory.
Progress—	
English	Bad.
Persian	Passable.
Mathematics	Fair.
History and geography	Bad.

REMARKS.—The percentage of attendance was very low during the quarter and little progress was made. From the report of the classmaster it appears that home preparation is greatly neglected. The student continued to be at the bottom of the class.

2. I communicated a copy of the report to the student's father, Muḥammad Dáúd Khán Ṣáḥib, with the request that such arrangements might be made as would ensure Shujá-ul-mulk's being helped satisfactorily in home preparation and his fair progress at school.

3. Muḥammad Dáúd Khán Ṣáḥib, who has been at Madras on leave for the last seven months, states in his letter to me, dated 6th instant, that his son's unsatisfactory progress and irregular attendance are probably due to his (Muḥammad Dáúd Khán Ṣáḥib's) absence from Kurnool and requests that the lad may be allowed to go to Madras so that he may join some school and continue his studies under his supervision so long as he remains there.

4. I think the proposal is a good one and will greatly tend to teach the boy his real position in the world, and I beg to recommend that it may be sanctioned.

From R. RAMACHANDRA RAO, Esq., Acting Collector and Political Agent, Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 11th August 1901, No. X (Political).

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram No. 608, and to report as follows: Muḥammad Dáúd Khán Ṣáḥib is attacked with severe rheumatism and went to Madras last December. His sanctioned leave extends up to November 1901. But the climate of Kurnool does not suit him, and he prefers to stay in Madras. I shall not be surprised if he never leaves Madras.

Order—No. 523, Political, dated 24th August 1901.

The Governor in Council has no objection to Muḥammad Dáúd Khán withdrawing his son from the Municipal high school, Kurnool, and sending him to a school in Madras. The name of the institution selected should be intimated to Government and a report of his progress should be submitted annually.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Political Agent, Kurnool.

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G.O., No. 526, 24th August 1901.

AUGUST.

Carnatic Stipends.

Recording statement of monthly stipends paid at the Bank of Madras to the Prince of Arcot and members of his family during 1900–1901.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read— the following paper :—

Statement of Monthly Stipends paid at the Bank of Madras to the Prince of Arcot and members of his family during 1900-1901.

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Statement of Monthly Stipends paid at the Bank of Madras to the Prince of Arcot and members of his family during 1900-1901.

Original entries in the schedule sanctioned in Political No 233, dated 28th October 1868.	Amount per annum.	Number and date of Government Order.	Present holders.	Monthly rate of stipend.	Amount paid during the year.	Remarks.
I. Successor to Prince Azim Jah— Pension attached to the title, Rs. 50,000. Personal allowance Rs. 10,800.	Rs. A. P. 60,800 0 0	5th June 1889, No. 275. 12th Sept. 1879, No. 450.	(i) Prince Muhammad Munawar Khan Bahadur .. (ii) Family of Prince Zahir-ud-daulah, successor to Prince Azim Jah.	Rs. A. P. 4,166 10 8 900 0 0	Rs. A. P. 50,000 0 0 10,800 0 0	
			Family of Prince Intizam-ul-mulk, successor to Prince Zahir-ud-daulah.			
II. Other sons of Prince Azim Jah— (i) Intizam-ul-mulk, Rs. 10,800.	32,400 0 0	17th July 1871, No. 436, and G.O., No. 675, Political, dated 13th October 1897.	Ammat-ullah Muhammadat-un-nisa Begam, shadi daughter .. .. Rs. 225			
			Ammat-ur-rahman Muhammad-un nisa Begam, shadi daughter 225			
		14th Mar. 1899, No. 207.	Family of Ammat-ul-qadir Qadiri Begam, shadi daughter— Rs.			
			Tajammul Husain Khan Bahadur .. 50			
			Ghulam Muhammad Jafar 70			
			Ammat-ul-hai Mubashir-un-nisa Begam. 35			
			Ammat-ul-Hafiz Mahbub-un-nisa Begam. 35	900 0 0	10,800 0 0	Paid on the signature of Ahmad Ali Sahib.
			Attiat-ul-qadir Hafiza Begam .. 35 — 225			
		12th Aug. 1896, No. 519, and G.O., No. 675, Political, dated 13th October 1897.	Ammat-ul-hai Vahid-un-nisa Begam, grand-daughter 112½			
			Ammat-ul-mufazzal Mufazzal-un-nisa Begam, grand-daughter 112½			
			Total .. 900			
			Family of Umdat-ud-daulah.			
(ii) Umdat-ud-daulah Rs. 10,800.	..	4th Aug. 1892, No. 470. 16th Apr. 1881, No. 209.	Prince Muhammad Munawar Khan Bahadur .. .. Jamil-un-nisa Begam (illegitimate daughter)	800 0 0 100 0 0	9,600 0 0 1,200 0 0	
			Family of Muazzaz-ud-daulah.			
(iii) Muazzaz-ud-daulah, Rs. 10,800.	..	9th June 1884, No. 379.	Prince Muhammad Munawar Khan Bahadur	225 0 0	2,700 0 0	
			Abd-ul-ali Khan Bahadur	225 0 0	2,700 0 0	
			Ghulam Muhammad Ghaus Khan Bahadur	225 0 0	2,700 0 0	
			Ammat-ur-rabb Fatimat-un-nisa Begam	112 8 0	1,350 0 0	
			Nawab Khurshid-un-nisa Begam	112 8 0	1,350 0 0	
			Family of Ammat-ul vali Viliyat-un-nisa Begam.			
III. Shadi daughters of Prince Azim Jah— (i) Ammat-ul-vali Valiyat-un-nisa Begam, Rs. 10,800.	32,400 0 0	7th Apr. 1876, No. 212. 11th May 1887, No. 335.	Haji Ahmad Ali (son)	160 0 0	1,920 0 0	
		7th Apr. 1876, No. 212.	Haji Abd-ur-razzaq (son)	160 0 0	1,920 0 0	
			Haji Abd-us-samad (son)	160 0 0	1,920 0 0	
			Muhammad Abd-ul-wahhab (son)	160 0 0	1,920 0 0	

Statement of Monthly Stipends paid at the Bank of Madras to the Prince of Arcot and members of his family during 1900–1901—*cont.*

Original entries in the schedule sanctioned in Political No. 233, dated 28th October 1868.	Amount per annum.	Number and date of Government Order.	Present holders.	Monthly rate of stipend.	Amount paid during the year.	Remarks.
	Rs. A. P.		*Family of Ammat-ul-vali Valiyat-un-nisa Begam*—cont.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
III. Shadi daughters of Prince Azim Jah—*cont.*						
(i) Ammat-ul-vali Valiyat-un-nisa Begam, Rs. 10,800—*cont.*	..	7th April 1876, No. 212.	Rafat-ul-mulk (husband)	100 0 0	1,200 0 0	
			Abd-ul-ahad (grandson)	42 12 0		
			Ammat-ur-rahman Ulfat-un-nisa Begam (grand-daughter).	21 6 0		
			Muhammad Moiz-ud-din, minor child of Haji Abd-ur-rahman, drawn by Muhammad Abd-ul-Wahhab Sahib.	26 11 0	*	* Paid by the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, Chepauk.
			Ammat-ul-hamid Hamidat-un-nisa Begam (grand-daughter).	21 6 0		
			Mahbub-un-nisa Begam (grand-daughter)	13 3 6		
			Farhat-un-nisa Begam (do.)	13 3 6		
			Ammat-ul-Fatima Shafi-un-nisa Begam	21 6 0		
			Family of Hamidat-un-nisa Begam.			
(ii) Ammat-ullah Hamidat-un-nisa Begam, Rs. 10,800.	..	2nd Feb. 1874, No. 43, and G.O., No. 567, Political, dated 28th August 1899.	Rauf Ahmad (son)	450 0 0	5,400 0 0	
			Ammat-ul-latif Said-un-nisa Begam, daughter ..	225 0 0	2,700 0 0	
			Ammat-ul-munim Munim-un-nisa Begam, daughter ..	225 0 0	2,700 0 0	
			Family of Attiyat-ul-ali Mahmud-un-nisa Begam.			
(iii) Attiyat-ul-ali Mahmud-un-nisa Begam, Rs. 10,800.	..	10th Dec. 1889, No. 651, and 18th March 1897, No. 177, Political.	Rahmat-un-nisa Begam, widow of Abdul-hai	155 6 8		
			Muhammad Munawar (son)	155 6 8		
			Muhammad Abd-ul-qadir (son)	155 6 8		
			Muhammad Mahmud Khan Bahadur (husband) ..	100 0 0		
			Ammat-ul-ghani Jawad-un-nisa Begam (daughter) ..	77 12 0	10,800 0 0	Paid on the signature of Muhammad Mahmud Khan Bahadur.
			Ammat-ul-qaiyum Ghias-un-nisa do. do. ..	77 12 0		
			Ammat-ul-qadir Karamat-un-nisa do. do. ..	77 12 0		
			Ammat-un-nur Nur-un-nisa do. do. ..	77 12 0		
			Muhammad Abdullah Sahib, husband of Ammat-ur-rauf Amir-un-nisa Begam, daughter.	22 12 0		
IV. Nikahi daughter of Prince Azim Jah—						
Rahim-un-nisa Begam ..	5,400 0 0	2nd Feb. 1874, No. 43 ..	Rahim-un-nisa Begam	450 0 0	5,400 0 0	
V. Nikahi widow of Prince Azim Jah—			*Adopted daughters of Prince Azim Jah.*			
Mumtaz-un-nisa Begam ..	15,600 0 0	28th Aug. 1878, No. 464.	Imamia Begam	325 0 0	3,900 0 0	
			Taiyib-un-nisa Begam	325 0 0	3,900 0 0	
			Shabbiriah Begam	325 0 0	3,900 0 0	
		22nd Mar. 1892, No. 202. 6th Jan. 1899, No. 26, Political.	Muhammad Anwar-ud-din Sahib, eldest surviving male member in the family of Bashir-un-nisa Begam (adopted daughter of Prince Azim Jah).	325 0 0	3,900 0 0	Drawn by him for distribution.

Statement of Monthly Stipends paid at the Bank of Madras to the Prince of Arcot and members of his family during 1900-1901—*cont.*

Original entries in the schedule sanctioned in Political No. 233, dated 28th October 1868.	Amount per annum.	Number and date of Government Order.	Present holders.	Monthly rate of stipend.	Amount paid during the year.	Remarks.
	Rs. A. P.		*Adopted daughters of Prince Azim Jah*—cont.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
VI. Nikahi widow of Prince Azim Jah— Soda Banu *alias* Sadat-un-nisa Begam.	1,200 0 0	....	Soda Banu *alias* Sadat-un-nisa Begam	100 0 0	..	Paid by the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.
VII. Nikahi widow of Prince Azim Jah.	900 0 0	8th Aug. 1896, No. 510.	Prince Muhammad Munawar Khan Bahadur	75 0 0	900 0 0	
VIII. Nikahi widow of Prince Azim Jah— Abdat-us-salam	900 0 0	....	Abdat-us-salam	75 0 0	..	Paid by the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.
IX. Illegitimate daughter of predeceased son of Prince Azim Jah— Makhdum-un-nisa Begam ..	400 0 0	.... 29th June 1888, No. 432. 5th ,, 1889, ,, 275.	Makhdum-un-nisa Begam .. .. Prince Muhammad Munawar Khan Bahadur (grandson of the late Azam-un-nisa Begam Sahiba).	33 5 4 400 0 0	.. 4,800 0 0	Although this name does not appear in the schedule furnished with G.O., No. 458, dated 30th July 1892, it has been included in the statement since the allowance is paid through the Bank of Madras.
			Total ..	..	1,50,380 0 0	

No. Pen. P. 321.

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government with reference to G.O., No. 577, Political, dated 5th November 1878.

W. DOBBIE,
Accountant-General.

Fort St. George,
18*th July* 1901.

Order—No. 526, Political, dated 24th August 1901.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.
„ Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.

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G.O., &c., Nos. 527, 528, 26th August 1901.

AUGUST.

Transfer of Stipend.

Recording letter from the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, stating that there is no objection to the — of Khadíjá Khánam to the Political Resident in Turkish Arabia, Baghdad, and directing that the Political Resident be addressed.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper:—

G.O., Mis. No. 490, Political, dated 7th August 1901.

Read—the following letter from Major P. J. MELVILL, Officiating Political Resident in Turkish Arabia, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Baghdad, 4th July 1901, No. 198:—

I have the honour to forward herewith a petition, in original, from Khadíjá Khánam, daughter of Nawab Ghulám Muḥammad Khán Afsur-ud-daula, requesting the transfer of her pension to the treasury at Baghdad.

Enclosure.

Petition from KHADÍJÁ KHÁNAM, daughter of Nawab Ghulám Muḥammad Khán Afsur-ud-daula, to His Excellency the Governor of Madras, dated Kerbala, 1st July 1901.

Most respectfully sheweth,—That the petitioner Khadíjá Khánam, daughter of Nawab Ghulám Muḥammad Khán Afsur-ud-daula, after obtaining twelve months' leave for proceeding to Hyderabad from the Government, started from Madras; but meanwhile my husband Nawab Ghulám Muḥammad J'afar Ḥusain Khán, with the desire of visiting Kerbala, etc., changed his mind, and, instead of proceeding to Hyderabad, started for Kerbala. Whereas obedience to him was incumbent upon me, obliged to follow him, but two months after our arrival at Kerbala my husband died on 16th February 1901. Thus all means of my returning to Madras closed upon me, as under my present circumstances, added with old age and debility, reaching thereto on due date is now entirely out of question for me.

I crave leave to lay my circumstances before His Excellency and humbly pray that wherefore my old age and infirmity surpasses its limit, and under such destitute position it is impossible for me to return back to Madras, especially while the said granted time expires shortly.

Therefore I hope your Excellency will kindly permit me for residing permanently at Kerbala in order that I may remain in this sacred place engaged in prayers for the endurance and prosperity of the Imperial Government, and as well as passing the rest of my life near my husband's tomb and be after death buried by his side.

Further, I humbly beg to request that your Excellency will permit to remain at Kerbala and kindly order the payment of my pension transferred from Madras to British Residency at Baghdad in order that I may continuously draw and receive the same from the Baghdad treasury.

Order—Mis. No. 490, Political, dated 7th August 1901.

Communicated to the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, for early report.

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.

Read—also the following paper:—

From Major R. F. R. FORMBY, I.S.C., Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 19th August 1901, No. 328.

With reference to G.O., No. 490, Political, dated 7th August 1901, on petition (herewith returned) from Carnatic stipendiary No. 145, Khadíjá Khánam, I have the honour to state that the petitioner applied to me for a year's leave to go to Hyderabad (Deccan), and under the existing rules the leave was granted from 16th August 1900 on her furnishing the usual security.

2. Petitioner now states that she went to Baghdad along with her husband who died there in February and that she is not inclined to return to India. Under these circumstances she prays the transfer of her stipend to Baghdad. I see no objection for compliance with her request, and I have this day moved the Accountant-General, Madras, to make necessary arrangements for the payment of her monthly stipend of Rs. 33 from His Majesty's treasury in Turkish Arabia at Baghdad, with effect from 1st August 1901, the date it was last paid to her agent here.

Order—No. 527, Political, dated 26th August 1901.

Recorded.

2. The following letter will be despatched to the Political Resident in Turkish Arabia.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.
,, Accountant-General.

Letter—No. 528, Political, dated Ootacamund, 26th August 1901, to the Political Resident in Turkish Arabia, Baghdad.

With reference to your letter No. 198 of the 4th July last, forwarding a petition from Khadíjá Khánam, in which she requested that her pension might be transferred to the treasury at Baghdad, I am directed to ask you to be so good as to intimate to her that arrangements are being made for the payment of her stipend at the treasury named from 1st instant.

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

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G.O., &c., Nos. 530, 531, 27th August 1901.

AUGUST.

Travancore Regulation IV of 1076.

Informing the Resident in Travancore that he should have forwarded a copy of the draft for the approval of Government before it was passed by His Highness the Maharaja, and directing that the Government of India be addressed.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper :—

G.O., No. 284, Political, dated 15th May 1901.

Abstract.—Requesting the Resident to suggest to the darbars of Travancore and Cochin that the passing of a regulation on the lines of Mysore Regulation No. I of 1899 will effectually provide for the punishment of offences committed in connection with the Imperial Post offices established in Travancore and Cochin.

Read—also the following paper :—

From G. T. MACKENZIE, Esq., I.C.S., Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Camp Courtallum, 29th July 1901, Ref. on C. No. 2187.

I have the honour to forward, herewith, for record with Government, two copies of Regulation IV of 1076 passed by His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore.

Enclosure.

Regulation IV of 1076.

A Regulation to make better provision for the efficient working of the British Postal department in Travancore, passed by His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore on the 13th July 1901, corresponding with the 30th Mithunam 1076, under section 14 of Regulation V of 1073.

Whereas it is expedient to make better provision for the efficient working of the British Postal department in Travancore ; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

Preamble.

Commencement.

1. This regulation shall come into force at once.

Offenders in Travancore under the Postal law liable to punishment provided by the Indian Post Office Act and rules and orders thereunder.

2. Every person who, within Travancore, commits or omits to do an act which if committed or omitted to be done by him in British India would render him liable to punishment under the provisions of the Indian Post Office Act, VI of 1898, or of rules or orders having the force of law issued thereunder by the Government of India, shall be liable to the punishment provided by the said Act or rules or orders.

Liability of offenders to be tried and punished in Travancore as in British India.

3. Every person liable to punishment under the foregoing section shall be liable to be tried and punished within Travancore in the same manner as he would have been liable to be tried and punished if the act had been committed or omitted as aforesaid within British India : provided that a European British subject so liable shall be tried in accordance with the law relating to the trial of European British subjects for offences committed in Travancore.

Protection to the British Government and its servants in Travancore as in British India, and the British Postal law to apply also to Travancore.

4. The protection accorded to the British Government and its servants in the discharge of their duty under the Post Office Act of British India shall be equally accorded in Travancore, and the law of British India for the regulation of Post offices as well as rules and orders having the force of law in British India shall be deemed to apply to Travancore so far as they may be suitable.

Order—No. 530, Political, dated 27th August 1901.

The Resident should have forwarded a copy of the draft regulation for approval before it was passed.

2. The Government of India will be addressed.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

Letter—No. 531, Political, dated Ootacamund, 27th August 1901, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department.

I am directed to report the following matter for the information of the Government of India.

2. The Postmaster-General recently drew the attention of the Resident in Travancore and Cochin to the circumstance that no provision existed under section 57 (1) of the Indian Post Office Act for bringing to trial before the Courts in Travancore and Cochin subordinates in his department who had committed offences under that Act. The Resident referred the question to the darbars, who forwarded certain drafts of regulations intended to meet the case. The Madras Government did not consider these suitable and suggested that enactments on the lines of Mysore Regulation No. I of 1899 would be more expedient.

3. The Resident has now intimated that the Travancore darbar acted on the suggestion and passed a regulation similar to the Mysore regulation. As section 57 (1) of the Post Office Act contemplates that the Governor-General in Council should designate the Courts which should take cognizance of postal offences committed outside British India, the Governor in Council considers it desirable that the Government of India should be made aware of the intention of the Travancore darbar to exercise concurrent jurisdiction.

4. A copy of the Travancore regulation is enclosed.

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

Government {1901} of Madras.

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G.O., No. 532, 28th August 1901.

AUGUST.

Carnatic Stipends.

Sanctioning a monthly allowance of one rupee payable with arrears in Khadíjá Sulṭán's case; directing the commutation of the stipend (Rs. 1–8–6) for which Amirtam is eligible, and requesting the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, to report the exact amount to be disbursed to her.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

From Colonel H. H. HARVEY-KELLY, I.S.C., Officiating Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 9th October 1900, No. 352.

I have the honour to report the demise on 11th September 1900 of Carnatic stipendiary No. 4441, Muḥammad Ghauṣ, who was in the enjoyment of a monthly stipend of Rs. 2 under G.O., No. 265, Political, dated 9th September 1863.

2. The deceased has left a widow, named Khadíjá Sulṭán, aged about 45 years, whose name he has duly registered in this office in accordance to clause (*c*), paragraph I, of G.O., No. 359, Political, dated 22nd May 1885. His name will be found at page 7, appendix B, part II, of G.O., No. 346, Political, dated 29th May 1900—*vide* serial No. 31.

3. As the late Muḥammad Ghauṣ is one of those male stipendiaries whose widows would be eligible to receive compassionate allowances, I beg to recommend the grant of a monthly stipend of one rupee to Khadíjá Sulṭán on compassionate grounds to cease with her life and to commence with effect from 12th September 1900.

From Colonel H. H. HARVEY-KELLY, I.S.C., Officiating Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 17th November 1900, No. 434.

I have the honour to report the death on 15th September 1900 of Carnatic stipendiary No. 4093, Subroya, who was drawing a monthly stipend of Rs. 3–1–0 under G.O., No. 152, Political, dated 17th March 1860. The date of death of this stipendiary was, through a clerical error, reported as 16th instead of 15th September 1900 in the quarterly return submitted to Government with this office letter No. 347, dated 5th October 1900, recorded with G.O., R. No. 397, Political, dated 15th October 1900.

2. The deceased is one of those male stipendiaries whose widows are eligible to receive compassionate allowances and his name will be found at page 8, part II, appendix B, to G.O., No. 346, Political, dated 29th May 1900, serial No. 53. I have, therefore, the honour to recommend the grant of a monthly stipend of Rs. 1–8–6 to his registered widow Amirtam (aged about 50 years) for her life and with effect from 16th September 1900, the day following the lapse.

Order—No. 532, Political, dated 28th August 1901.

A monthly allowance of one rupee payable with arrears will be sanctioned in Khadíjá Sulṭán's case. The stipend (Rs. 1–8–6) for which Amirtam is eligible should be commuted. The Paymaster will report the exact amount to be disbursed to her.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.
„ Accountant-General.