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November 18.
The Watum
founded on just the observance of the
not impossible to separate the
not in respect to the fulfilment of these conditions.
The failure of the representative of all, binds all. It might be desirable
to make provision for securing the rights of any co-sharers who became
instrumental in the production of State accounts which had been concealed by
members of their family.

The Act, however, should be carefully worded, or it may tend, from fear of
consequences, to the destruction of many old records still (fraudulently perhaps)
preserved, and which it is our object to recover.

(Signed) J. G. LUMSDEN.
4th November 1855.

Minute by the Honorable Mr. MALET, dated 5th November 1855.
I entirely concur, and would suggest the alteration which I have pencilled
in sheets 2 and 4 of our Right Honorable President's Minute.

(Signed) A. MALET.
5th November 1855.

Further Minute by the Right Honorable the GOVERNOR, without date.
I quite agree to Mr. Mallet's suggested alterations, which I think are great
improvements.

(Signed) ELPHINSTONE.

Further Minute by the Honorable Mr. J. G. LUMSDEN, without date.
I agree, but beg to refer to what I say of co-sharers giving evidence, which
I think of importance.

(Signed) J. G. LUMSDEN.

*Extract Paragraph 64 from a Despatch from the Honorable to
Directors, dated 12th December, No. 27 of 1856*

64. With reference to the belief entertained that public articles held by this and other families, and are even made an article of traffic for the prosecution of claims, or the public revenue, we approve your having directed Captain Cowper to consider and whether it be not possible to defeat this intention by legislative enactment, or by the promulgation of rules of Government, depriving of all weight, in the prosecution of claims, records not produced or given up within a certain date, or which have remained even accidentally in concealment. As you justly remark, there can be no finality in decisions, and no protection even against perjuries, if a period be not fixed, within which proofs must be adduced and claims prosecuted.

3. Death of Neelkunt
Rao Yeshwant Nuggurkur.
His Surujam (No. 26 of
Class II, valued at Rs.
4,149-0-13) continued as a
life-grant to his eldest son
Ganput Rao.

No. 811 of 1856.

TERRITORIAL DEPARTMENT, REVENUE.

To W. HOWARD, Esq.,

Remembrancer for Legal Affairs.

SIR,—I am directed to forward to you the accompanying draft of an Act prepared by Captain Cowper, Inam Commissioner Northern Division, after consulting Mr. L. Acland, late Honorable Company's Acting Solicitor, for the purpose of providing "for the recovery of all public accounts and documents relating to the public revenue in the possession of, and improperly withheld by individuals," and to request that you will favour Government as soon as possible with such observations and suggestions thereon as may appear to you called for.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) H. YOUNG,

Officiating Chief Secretary to Government.

Bombay Castle, 12th March 1856.

No. 32 of 1856.

To H. YOUNG, Esq.,

Officiating Chief Secretary to Government.

SIR,—I have had the honour to receive your letter dated the 12th March,
No. 811 of 1856.

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