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The Commissioners Rule(1831-1881)

- The Mysore kingdom was subjected to the British rule for nearly *fifty years*.
- This period is important in the sense, that it paved the way for *Mysore to be a model state*.
- The English introduced reforms in every spheres of administration.

Mark Cubbon(1834-1861)

- End to restlessness and instability that were rampant in the state and brought in peace and security in the country.
- He introduced measures of economy and collected taxes and revenues.
- Waived the tax on transportation of goods and push to commercial trade.

- Minimize the expenditure by reducing 6 divisions to four.
- Abolish *atthara Kacheri* and introduced 9 departments.
- Changes made in *the police and judicial departments*.
- **Transportation:** A high way of nearly 1600 miles long was constructed.
 - The tanks and canals were repaired.
 - Bangalore was linked *with Jolarpet by means of Railway- 1st railway line set up in Karnataka.*
 - Telegraph wires of nearly 336 miles long were installed.
- **Increase in Revenue:** Raitwari system and waived octroi brought in more revenue.
 - To bring barren land under cultivation, land tax exempted over 5 to 30 years. Land tax based on nature of land.
 - *Improve coffee plantation this gave high revenue.*

- **Education:** English schools increase. Christian missionary schools came.
- *Great economist and honest to the core.* All-round progress during his regime. While returning to England in 1861 due to illness died near Suez canal.

Louis Bentham Bowring 1861-1870

- Land revenue was fixed on average of 30 years of income.
- *Indian penal code introduced in 1862 in Mysore.*
- Judicial powers got the police powers too.
- Bowring was a great scholar- wrote the history of Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan for the serials of “The Rulers of India”.
- His wife Lady Bowring has written her autobiography entitled “Eastern Experience”.

- She took an active interest in the public life and the Bangalore people honored her by constructing a hospital in her name.
- 300 acres of land for a park which he named after *Cubbon*.
- After 1857 Victoria brought reforms in the government policy.
- She passed resolution that each state should be ruled by its own king.
- In 1867 king *chamaraja wodeyar X* was still minor. So British continued Richard Meed(1870-75), C.B Sanders(1875-78) and J D Gordon(1878-81).

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