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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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G.O. No.	2126-27	Press Mis.
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No. 136. Read the following.

Madras, 13th September 1858.

To T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

The humble Petition of SOPHIA BURKE, Widow of the late L. R. BURKE, Registrar Surveyor General's Office, Calcutta.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That Petitioner craves the liberty of submitting for the favorable consideration of Government, the subjoined copies of correspondence marginally noted, forwarded to her from the Chief Engineer's Office, Fort St. George, in reply to her communication to Lieutenant Colonel C. E. Faber, Chief Engineer, dated 27th October 1854; wherein Petitioner claimed a certain amount of money, as due by the late Native Pension Fund, to her late husband: which claim, by a subsequent application to Government, dated 26th February 1856, was graciously granted; and the sum of Company's Rupess 380-13-4, refunded to her by the Civil Auditor: vide, order of Government, dated 14th March 1856.

1. From Captain H. L. Thuillier, Deputy Surveyor General of India, to Lieutenant Colonel C. E. Faber, Chief Engineer, dated Calcutta, 9th February 1855 No. 177.
2. „ W. H. Scott, Esq., in Charge Surveyor General Field Office, to Captain H. L. Thuillier, dated Dehra, 31st January 1855.
3. „ J. W. Hogg, Esq., Registrar and Administrator to the Estate of L. R. Burke deceased, to Captain J. D. Herbert, Assistant to Surveyor General, dated Calcutta, 5th May 1829
4. „ Captain J. D. Herbert, Assistant to Surveyor General, to J. W. Hogg, Esq., Registrar and Administrator to the Estate of L R. Burke deceased, dated 7th May 1829, No. 128.
5. „ Lieutenant P. V. Connell, Adjutant of Engineers, to Mrs. S. Burke, dated Fort Saint George, 23rd February 1855.

That petitioner by endeavouring to realise this funded money, had quite unexpectedly obtained some credible information regarding the Estate of the said L. R. Burke deceased: which, as may be observed from the correspondence attached, having been disposed of by Administration, it is most probable that some Assets, may be standing to his credit. It is likewise to be therein noticed that the said deceased's salary in arrears amounting to Sicca Rupees 878-7-1, does not appear to have been ultimately made over to the Administrator: as the receipt called for, seems, not to have been duly granted: nor does any subsequent correspondence corroborate the payment of the same, neither any mention even made of it. This leads Petitioner to conjecture that this amount, viz, Sicca Rupees 878-7-1, may still be in deposit in the Office, or may have become the property of Government: for it is evident that no claims have hitherto been made by any individual, consequently Petitioner most earnestly implores that Government will be pleased to authorize an investigation into this matter as also to call for a copy of the "Statement of Account" of the disposal of the Estate of the said L. R. Burke, deceased.

That petitioner having had no provision secured for her future support, by her late husband, had become wholly dependent on the sympathy of friends for sustenance and shelter: and she begs here to mention that the amount of Rupees 380-13-4, before stated as having been refunded by the Civil Auditor, was just adequate, to enable her to discharge numerous demands, contracted during a period of more than 39 years of total destitution and but a trifle remained to furnish her with a little clothes since that; upwards of two years have elapsed; and it is left to the sympathetic and generous-hearted to conceive, the miserable existence that Petitioner still drags on; being more than 75 years of age, decrepid, infirm and in want of such comfort as her advanced age naturally required.

This wretched situation, urges Petitioner to cast herself once more on the generosity of Government and earnestly and humbly beseeches, that in the event of there being any residue of the Estate of her deceased husband; her prayer for the restoration of the same may be graciously granted to her, for which Act of benevolence, Petitioner as in duty bound Shall Ever Pray.

Chendatrepettah,
Cox's Street, No. 10. }

(Signed) SOPHIA BURKE,

Letter from Captain H. L. THUILLIER, Deputy Surveyor General of India, in charge Surveyor General's Office; to Lieutenant Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Calcutta, 9th February 1855, No. 177.

SIR,

Under instructions from the Surveyor General of India, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 85, dated 7th November 1854, with its accompaniments from Mrs. Sophia Burke, claiming Company's Rupees 380-13-4, from the late "Native Pension Fund," due to the late Mr. L. R. Burke, Registrar in this Office, and to forward herewith copy of a communication of the 31st Ultimo, from Mr. W. H. Scott, in charge Surveyor General's Office (Field) conveying as much information regarding the late Mr. L. R. Burke, as the Office Records could furnish.

Letter dated 27th October 1854.

Letter from W. H. SCOTT, Esq., in charge Surveyor General's Field Office, "Estate L. R. BURKE;" to Captain H. L. THUILLIER, Deputy Surveyor General in charge Surveyor General's Office, dated Calcutta, Dehra, 31st January 1855.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 152, of the 18th Instant, and its accompaniments, I have the honor to state for your information, that the late Mr. L. R. Burke, Registrar Surveyor General's Office, died on the 13th April 1829, and Administration taken out to his Estate, as will be seen from the annexed copies of correspondence cited in the margin.

From J. W. Hogg, Esq, Registrar and Administrator to the Estate of L. R. Burke, deceased, to the address of Captain Herbert Assistant to the Surveyor General's Department 5th May 1829 and Captain Herbert's reply to the above Department, 7th May 1829.

Beyond the above particulars, the record, in this Office afford no information regarding Mr. Burke's birth-place, parents, or other near relatives. I may however mention, that he left a Son Mr. Charles Hyde Burke, and a Brother Mr. Marcelles Burke; both of whom were in the Revenue Survey Department, and are now Government Pensioners. The former is I believe residing at Chunar and the latter at Madras.

Letter from J. W. HOGG, Esq., Registrar and Administrator to the Estate of L. R. BURKE, deceased; to Captain J. D. HERBERT, Assistant to Surveyor General, dated Calcutta, 5th May 1829.

SIR,

Letters of Administration having been granted to me on the goods of the deceased late Registrar in your Office, allow me to request, that you will inform me, what arrears of salary are due to him, and whether the amount will be paid from your Office.

Letter from Captain J. D. HERBERT, Assistant to the Surveyor General in charge Surveyor General's Office; to J. W. HOGG, Esq., Registrar and Administrator to the Estate of the late L. R. BURKE, dated 7th May 1829, No. 128.

SIR,

In answer to your letter of the 5th Instant, I beg to inform you, that the late Mr. Burke's allowances, for February and March, amounting to Sicca Rupees seven hundred and twenty-two, are in deposit in this Office, and shall be delivered to any person, you may send, on your sending a receipt for the same, Mr. Burke's allowances for 13 days in April, amounting to Rupees (Sicca)

one hundred and fifty-six, seven annas and one pie, will be received by the 6th or 7th of June next, when the same shall be forwarded to you.

To Mrs. SOPHIA BURKE.

With reference to her letter to the Chief Engineer dated 27th October 1854.

Chief Engineer's Office,
Fort Saint George,
23rd February 1855.

No. 137. ORDER THEREON, No. 2126; dated 12th October 1858.

Ordered that the above Petition be referred to the Government of India, and that intimation of the same be made to Mrs. Burke, the Petitioner.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 138. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be dispatched.

From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to Major R. STRACHEY, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, dated 12th October 1858, No. 2127.

SIR,

By desire of the Madras Government, I have the honor to submit for enquiry and orders, the accompanying address from Mrs. Sophia Burke, widow of the late L. R. Burke, Registrar of the Surveyor General's Office at Calcutta, claiming certain arrears of salary due to her late husband, which she states, amounting to Sicca Rupees 878-7-1, do not appear to have been ever paid over by the Office to the Administrator of his Estate. From one of the enclosures,* it would appear that Mr. Burke died in 1829; and in her Petition, the widow describes herself to be upwards of seventy-five years of age, infirm in health, and utterly dependent on the bounty of others. Under these circumstances, this Government have thought it right to forward her application.

Dated 13th September 1858, with enclosures.

* Vide letter from Mr. W. H. Scott, to Captain Thuillier, dated 31st January 1858, (No. 2.)

Madras 13 Sept 1858

To

J. Bycroft Esq
Chief Sec to Govt
Fort St George

The humble petition of
Sophia Burke, Widow
of the late L.R. Burke
Registrar Surveyor Genl's
Office Calcutta.

Most Respectfully Sheweth.

That Petitioner craves
the liberty of submitting for the favor-
able Consideration of Government,
the subjoined Copies of Correspondence

1.	From	Capt A.L. Thuillier Offg Chief Engr & Secy to Govt to Lieut Col H.D. Robertson Chief Engr &c dated Calcutta 9th Feby 1855 No 177	
2.	"	W.P. Scott Esq in charge Chief Engrs Field Office to Capt A.L. Thuillier dated Delhi 31st Jany 1855.	
3.	"	A. Ivor Esq Registrar to the Govt of Bengal to the Chief Engr & Secy to the Govt of Bengal dated Calcutta 5th May 1849	
4.	"	Capt J.D. Herbert Offg Secy to Govt to A. Ivor Esq Registrar to the Govt of Bengal dated 5th May 1849 No 178.	
5.	"	Lieut C.H. Connell Asst Engr to Govt's Buildings dated Fort St. George 23rd July 1855.	

marginally noted, from the Chief Engineer's Office, Fort St George in reply to her Communication to Lieut Col H.D. Robertson, Chief Engineer, dated 6th October 1856, wherein petitioner claimed a certain amount of pension, and due by the late Mateus Pension stands, to her late husband as his Claim, by a subsequent Application to Government, dated 26 February 1856, was graciously granted; and the sum of Company's Rupees 380-13-4, responded to her by the Civil Auditor

Audited Vide, Order of Government
dated 16 March 1836.

That petitioner by
Endeavouring to realize this troubled
money, Had Quite unexpectedly obtained some Credible information
regarding the Estate of the said
L. R. Burke deceased: which,
as may be observed from the
Correspondence attached, hitherto
been disposed of by Administration,
it is most probable that same
Effects, may be standing to his
Credit. It is likewise Petitioners
noticed that the said deceased's
Salary Emoluments Amounting to
Sicca Rupees 8978. 7. 1, dated March
appear to have been claimable
made over to the Administrator,
a Life Receipt called for, seems
not to have been duly granted:
Nor does any subsequent Correspondence Corroborate the Payment
of the same, Neither Enquiries
been made of it. Petitioner
petitioner to conjecture that the
Amount, Viz, Sicca Rupees 8978. 7. 1,
may still be in deposit in the
Office, or may have become
the property of Government for it
is Evident that no Claims have
hitherto been made by any
individual. Consequently Petitioner
most Earnestly implores that
Government will be pleased to
Authorize an investigation into the

matter

matter as also to call for a Copy
of the "Statement of Account" of the
disposal of the Estate of the said
L. R. Burke deceased.

That petitioner having
had no provision secured for
her future support, by her late husband, had become entirely dependent on the sympathy of friends
for Strangers and shelter: and
the hope here to mention that the
Amount of Rupees 330. 13. 4 before
stated as having been refunded by
the Civil Auditor, would just adequately
to enable her to discharge pressing
demands, Contracted during a period
of more than 3 Years of total
destitution and but a trifle remained
to furnish her with a little Clothes.
Since that upwards of two years have
Elapsed; and this left to the sympathetic
and generous heart to conceive the
miserable Existence that petitioner
still drags on; being more than 75
Years of age, deserted, infirm and
in want of such Comforts as her
advanced age naturally requires.

This wretched situation,
urges petitioner to cast herself once
more on the generosity of Government
and Earnestly and humbly beseeches,
that in the Event of there being any
residue of the Estate of her deceased
husband; her prayer for the restoration
of the same may be graciously granted
to her for which act of benevolence
petitioner as in duty bound
shall Ever Pray

Sophia Burke

Enclosures attached
Copies sheet 1 to 10

Letter D/27
October 1837

Surveyor Genl's Office
Calcutta 9th July 1838

No 177

To
Lieut Col G. E. Faber
Chief Engineer
Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 851, dated 2 November 1837, with its accompaniments from Messrs Sophia Burke, & Co claiming Company's Rupees 380 - 13 - 10 from the late & Messrs Burke, Boyd & Co due to the late Mr L. R. Burke, Registered in this Office, and to communicate the 31st October from Mr Scott Exchange Secretary Office (Fort) Madras requesting to be informed whether the late Mr L. R. Burke, deceased left any Estate in this Country

I have &c
(Sd) A. L. Hamilton Capt
Dy Surveyor Genl of India
& Exchange Surveyor's Office

True Copy

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(Copies)

Bengal Council Collection
Calcutta 5th May 1829

To Captain H. L. Thuillier
Dep. Secy. Govt. &
Chief Secy. Board of
Calcutta

Sir,

With reference to your
letter No 157, of the 18th Ult. and
its accompaniments, I have the honor
to state for the information of the
late of the L.R. Burke Registrar Govt.
Council Office, died on the 13th April
1829 and Administration to his
Intestate Estate, I shall be glad to receive from
the Accountant General copies of Court Roll
cited in the margin -

Beyond these
particulars, the Records in this office
afford no information regarding the
Burke's birth place, relations or the
exact date of death - I may however mention
that he left a son Mr Charles Hyde
Burke, and a brother Mr Marcellus
Burke; both of whom were in the
Revenue Survey Department, and are
now Government Pensioners - The
former is at present at Madras
and the latter at Madras -

I have &c
(Sd) W. H. Scott Secy
Bengal Board of Revenue
Estate L.R. Burke

Copy -

Hon. Mr. Ross Esq
Registrar of
Administration &
Estate of L.R.
Burke dec'd to the
Calcutta Court of
Admin. to the Secy Bd
5 May 1829 & Copy
Mr Scott's letter
to the Secy Bd
7 May 1829 -

No 178

103.

(Copy)

From Captain J. D. Herbert
Asst to Secy Govt

To
The Registrar of Administration to the
Estate of the late L.R. Burke

Sir,

I have been directed to transmit to you
herewith for your information, a letter from the
Secy Board of Revenue dated the 5th Instant,
(in your office), and to request that you will inform me what
amount of stamp duty will be chargeable on the
Administration Bond to be executed by
the parties applying for Letters of
Administration to the Estate of the late
L.R. Burke deceased -

I have &c
(Sd) J. D. Herbert
Asst to Secy Govt

Regr's Office Govt House
Calcutta 5th May 1829

(Copy)
Bengal Council Office
7th May 1829

No 178

From J. H. Ross Esq
Registrar of Administration
to the Estate of the late
L.R. Burke deceased

To
Captain J. D. Herbert
Asst to Secy Govt

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the
5th Instant, with its enclosure from the Secy Board of Revenue,
dated 4th March, intimating that the Estate of the late Mr Burke's Accounts
to the 28th February 1829 amount to Sicca Rupees Seven Hundred and
twenty two, one anna and seven pies, and that
a Stamp of Seven Rupees will be required to
accompany the Bond, to be executed by the
parties, (two in number) applying for Letters of
Administration, and a Receipt for the Stamp
duty on Mr Burke's Accounts for Bengal
Establishment, Amounting to Rupees (Sicca)
one hundred and fifty six, seven annas
and one pie, will be required by

the

the 6th & 7th of these regts, to be
the Name shall be formed & to
Year

Islands &c
1st Lt Mackellar
Capt & Adt 2nd Regt
Ceylon

Barbadoes
1st Lt H. Scott Recharge
Ens & Qr M. Dist Office

Barbadoes
1st Lt H. Shillibeer Capt
Dep Insp Gen Hosp St Ma
Recharge Army Med Office

Barbadoes
1st Lt Cameron Inv H.
Capt 1st Bn 8th Regiment

(No 5)

Lt Malcolm Barker

Mr Kirkpatrick to
desire letter to the Chief Engineer
dated 29th October 1854—

Chief Engineers Office
Fort St. George
28th February 1855

Lieut Colonel
Malcolm Barker

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No. 2126

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 12th September 1858 -

Read the following Petition
from Mrs S. Burke Widow of
the late L. R. Burke Esqr. Surveyor
General's Office Calcutta -
(Here enter 13th September 1858 ck)

No. 2136 -

Ordered that the
above petition be forwarded
referred
~~for enquiry and report~~ to the
Govt of India, and that intimation of this Order be made
to the Petitioner. Mrs. Burke the petitioner

Copy to Mrs Burke Dep^t 13
& Copies to Govt of India -

P.W. 1858 Dept
Consn 12th Octr
No 2136.

From
Offg Secy to Govt
Mrs S. P. Burke
Widow of the late
L. R. Burke Esqr
Surveyor General's Office
Calcutta

Dated 13th Sept 1858
Recd 14th Sept 1858 -

S.S. No 2126. 12th October 1858.

Under the Rules (Appendix (A) and
Consolidated Orders (Home Dept.) and
Bengal Circular No. 1 of 1858) this
Petition should be addressed to the
Secretary to the Government of India
in the Home Department, and not to
the Government of Bengal. The
Petitioner should be informed accordingly
and the Petition returned to her
for transmission to the Secretary
to the Government of India in the
Home Department.

Copy forwarded accordingly to
the Petitioner with a letter
stating that the Petition has been
returned for transmission to the
Secretary to the Government of India
in the Home Department.

Copy to Govt of India Home Dept
No 1136.

Copy to Mrs Burke
Dep^t 25 Oct.

Public Works Dept,

No 2127

To

Major R. Strachey,

Offg Sec.y Govt of India,

Sir,

By desire of the Madras Govt, I have the honor to submit for enquiry and orders, the accompanying address from Mrs. Sophia Bourke, widow of the late L.t R. Bourke, Registrar of the Surveyor Genl's Office at Calcutta, claiming certain arrears of salary due to her late husband, which she states, amounting to Sicca Rupees 878.7.1, do not appear to have been ever paid over by the office to the Administratrix of his estate. From one of the enclosures, it would appear that Mr. Bourke died in 1829; and in her petition,

dated 13th Sept 1858, with enclosures

* vide letter from Mr. H. Scott to Capt Thuillier, dated 31st Jany 1855 - (No 2).

Public Works Dept.
Cons. 12 Oct. 1858.

No 2128.

Lieut Col Thuillier &c &c;

12 Oct. 1858.

Copy of the above with the Memorial from Mrs. Sophia Bourke, and the Extract from Mr. Scott's letter of the 31st Jany 1855 referred to, forwarded to the Secretary to the Govt of India, Military Department, for information.

Lieut Col &c &c

Chief Engineer

Fort St. George

Military Dept.

Cons. 25 Oct. 1858.

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Copy Sup. 25 Oct.

the widow describes herself to be upwards of seventy five years of age, infirm in health, and utterly dependent on the bounty of others — Under these circumstances this Board would recommend her application

Fort St. George
12th Oct. 1808

Public Works 1858 Deptt.
Cons 12th October

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To The Offg. Secretary to
the Govt. of India.
dy 12th October 58.

From the Govt. of India d/ 27th Nov/58
& No 3030 in Com. 11 Dec/58

Submitting for enquiry
and orders an application
from Mrs Burke claiming
certain arrears of salary due
to her late husband employ
ed in the Surveyor Generals
office at Calcutta.

№ 139.

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