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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 15th December 1857.

No. 1. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st November 1857, No. 335 of G. A.

SIR,

I beg of you to submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that, as it is unadvisable at the present moment for any bodies of men combining together to appear in the streets, and, as Ahmed oon Nissa Begum, to whom Rupees 3,000 per mensem was, as per margin, granted for their support, is exempted under the recent Act and Act II of 1844, from the Jurisdiction of British Courts, I have, under the circumstances therein detailed, addressed to her the letter of which copy is subjoined, and hope she will so arrange as to prevent the recurrence of such scenes.

Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 29th November, No. 471 1856.

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to AHMED OON NISSA BEGUM, dated 21st November 1857, No. 364 of G. A.

MADAM,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that, this morning, between the hours of 9 & 10 A. M., while on my road to Office, I encountered a body of about 15 or 20 men, some of them aging in years, some in full dress uniform as soldiers, and some in undress, whose exclamations when they recognised me, making me aware that it was I only whom they were in search of, I drew up. Without listening to any statement of theirs, I earnestly remonstrated with them on their imprudence in moving through the public streets in such a large body and when they told me that they were coming to see me and that another body had gone on before to my house, I still further remonstrated with them, bid one of them run to remove the men from my dwelling; told all to disperse and return separately to their houses, desiring one to appear in the afternoon at my place of business. I regret to add that in the afternoon, not one person, as I desired, but they all again came in a body and their urgency seems to have arisen from the occurrence in the Shady Mahal of yesterday. When a man, on whose body a Coroner's inquest has been held, suddenly expired a short time after beseeching for four annas for his food, stating that none had been cooked in his house for four days, and from the body resigning and threatening to resign unless paid, as people now, will not allow them credit. From the representation of the one I have just listened to, I have felt it my duty to inform them that he and his Comrades are in error in seeking payment of their old arrears from you, you not being the heir to Her Highness the Nabob Begum and I hope you will not be troubled with such a demand again: and I have told the same to be made known to all his Comrades, as also to warn them all against practising the acts of today of appearing in bodies together. At the same time it would appear from the statement made, which indeed was previously reported to me, that certain old servants of the Nabob Begum have arrears left unpaid by you, since they were committed to your kindness and care, and I write with the object of asking the favor of your so managing as to avoid the origin of scenes in the public streets such as to-day have witnessed.

(Signed) E. G. BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

(A True Copy.)

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

No. 2. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 26th November 1857, No. 339 of G. A.

SIR,

I have the honor, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, to

subjoin copy of the reply which Ahmud Oon Nissa Begum, has given to my communication to her address, copy of which was sent with my letter No. 335, dated 21st Instant.

2. The letters of the 12th and 23rd March last, which the Lady refers to, were forwarded in my communication, No. 84 of 3rd, and replied to in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 313 of 23rd April 1857.

3. In applying at all to Ahmud Oon Nissa Begum, the Agency may perhaps be erring, from not clearly apprehending this Lady's position with regard to the old servants of Her Highness the late Nabob Saeed Oon Nissa Begum, and it would be a great assistance, in disposing of representations, to be favored with instructions for guidance, as to receiving complaints of servants who regard themselves as, and entitled to consideration from the Rupees 2250 *per mensem granted in para: 6 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 471 of 29th November last, for the support of the servants of Her Highness the late Nabob Saeed Oon Nissa Begum, and from which amount this lady is "bound to support all having claims upon the deceased Begum."

**Erroneously written Rupees 3,000 in letter No. 335 of 21st Instant.*

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

To the Government Agent at Chepauk.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st Instant and in reply, I beg to refer you to my letters to your address under dates the 12th and 23rd March last.

SHADY MAHEL, *25th November* 1857.

(Signed) نواب آحد انسا بیگم

(A True Copy.)

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

No. 3. ORDER THEREON, No. 1031; dated 9th December 1857.

The Government Agent at Chepauk submits copy of a correspondence which has passed between himself and Ahmed Oon Nissa Begum respecting a number of men, some of them in full dress uniform, who moved through the Public Streets in a large body on the 21st Ultimo, and beset the Agent, both on the road and at his own Office on that day.

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5th November 1857, *despatched* *11th November* 1857.

3. Reference, it is observed, has lately been made to the Supreme Government for their instructions, whether the entertainment of this Guard be contrary to their policy and orders, or whether its retention at the Prince's private Cost for the period of his life may be permitted. This should be communicated to the Prince by the Agent who should at the same time inform him that the Government cannot allow these assemblages in the Public Streets, and that unless he pays his Soldiers the wages due to them month by month until the question regarding his retention of them be settled, the Government will themselves undertake the payment which will be deducted from His Highness' own Stipend.

4. The Government can give no orders on the general question asked by Dr. Balfour in his second letter. With the Troops referred to in the preceding paragraphs Ahmed-Oon-Nissa Begum has no concern. If she be wanting in due regard to such other of her late Grand-mother's dependants as have claims upon her for support, the Agent may bring the circumstances to the notice of Government, stating who the parties are, and what is the nature of Ahmed-Oon-Nissa Begum's conduct towards them.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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No. 1031

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
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