

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 846

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To

The Honorable the Court of Directors of the
East India Company

The Humble Petition of Muneer ood
Dowlah Bahadoor and Athaba
rood Dowlah Bahadoor sons of
His late Highness the Nabob
Azeem ood Dowlah Bahadoor

Respectfully Sheweth,

That in common with Azeem oon Nissa Begum,
mother of Prusheed ood Dowlah Bahadoor, and Shadee
wife of His Highness Nabob Azeem ood Dowlah, who was
in the receipt of Rupees 2,000 per mensem from one fifth
share of the Prevenues of the Carnatic, Your Petitioners mo-
ther Dowlut oon Nissa Begum, though only nicka wife
of His deceased Highness, was granted the enjoyment of a
similar allowance, His Highness thus manifesting the
equal estimation in which he held both wives, nor in the
other arrangements for the maintenance of their comfort
and position was any distinction made by His Highness.

That on the death of Your Petitioners father
and during the occupancy of the Carnatic. Musnud by
His Highness the Nabob Azim Jah, the same allowance
was continued to Your Petitioners mother and the same
arrangements for the support of her rank and dignity
were scrupulously preserved. So solicitous was His
Highness that no difference should be apparent in

the treatment of Your Petitioners mother and that of Azeem son Nissa Begum, that His Highness undertook and defrayed out of the Circar purse, in the case of Your Petitioners and that of their two sisters, all the expenses attendant on the due performance of all the rites and ceremonies enjoined on their religionists before the attainment of the age of puberty - observances which involved the expenditure of a large amount of money, and which Your Petitioners mother could never have carried out but for the assistance so liberally extended to her by His Highness the Nabob.

That after the death of His Highness the Nabob Azum Jah, and during the regency of His Highness the Prince Azum Jah Bahadur, the same allowance of Rupees 2,000 per mensem each was continued to both the widows of His Highness Azum ood Dowlah Bahadur. Your Petitioners and their sisters having arrived at the proper age the Prince Azum Jah expended no smaller a sum than one lac of Rupees on the marriage ceremony.

That these monthly allowances were similarly continued on the accession to the Musnud of His Highness Gholam Mahomed Ghouse Khan Bahadur, when the liberality which marked the treatment of Your Petitioners mother by His Highness' predecessors, did not undergo the smallest relaxation. All the expenses incidental to the circumstances which surrounded her, and which her own circumscribed means would not permit of her undertaking herself, were cheerfully borne by the Circar. In seasons of affliction and pecuniary difficulty which the maintenance of a necessarily large establishment did not place it in her power always to obviate - the Circar purse was ever ready to afford them assistance and relief. all her wants and necessities were suitably attended to, and His Highness even promised that the Circar should defray the marriage expenses of the children of Your Petitioners and of their two sisters -

sisters - a promise which but for his sudden and lamentable demise would ere now have been fulfilled.

That Azeem son Nissa Begum having died during the lifetime of His Highness the Nabob Gholam Mahomed Ghouse Khan Bahadur, of the allowance enjoyed by her, and which it must be remembered was participated in by her son Rusheed ood Dowlah Bahadur, and his sister, the sum of Rupees 1,000 monthly was bestowed on Rusheed ood Dowlah by His Highness and £100 on his sister, the residue Rupees 600 having reverted to the Circar.

That His Highness the late Nabob departed this life in October 1855, and Your Petitioners mother having died on the 26th January 1856, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council of Madras was pleased on the representation of the Agent at Chepauk to continue to them and their sisters respectively the sums received by them hitherto from the allowance of their late mother, vizt: Rupees 571 each to Your two Petitioners, and Rupees 286 each to their two sisters.

That Your Petitioners desire to represent to Your Honorable Court the utter inadequacy of these allowances, for their due maintenance and support, considering the changes that have taken place in the affairs of the Musnud, and to request that Your Honorable Court may be pleased to increase the same consistently with the requirements of the position which their high birth and connections entitle them to occupy.

That Your Petitioners beg to represent in the first place that the allowances enjoyed by their late mother and Azeem son Nissa Begum, were never looked upon as intended to afford the means of a separate subsistence from the Circar household. Both these princesses lived under the protection of His Highness

Azeem

Aggeem ood Dowlah Bahadoor while in receipt of the same, and if the idea cannot be entertained that the representative of a royal house would allow his consort so paltry a sum for the maintenance of herself and children, the same argument will apply in the case of Your Petitioner's mother who was treated by His Highness with the same liberality. Up to the date of the demise of His Highness Gholam Mohamed Ghouse Khan Bahadoor Your Petitioner and their mother were not permitted, as Your Petitioner have already shewn, to fall back on their own resources for support.

That while thus pressing upon the attention of Your Honorable Court, the total insufficiency for their decent support, of the allowances assigned by the local Government, Your Petitioner solicit permission to add that by the arrangements now in process of completion with respect to the affairs of the Carnatic Musnud, Your Honorable Court have increased the allowance of their brother Prusheed ood Dowlah Bahadoor, which was fixed at Rupees 1000 by His Highness the late Nabob to Rs 2000 monthly, and while thus enabling him to keep up his former dignity, the claim to similar treatment of Your Petitioner has been overlooked by the Governor in Council of Madras whom they have repeatedly memorialised on the subject. Your Petitioner admit that the continuation of a portion of the allowance to them of their late mother was not appealed against at the time of its being so continued, but they beg to be allowed to state that this circumstance is attributable to the fact that the allowance was made at a period when not the remotest idea was entertained of the contemplated extinction of the Carnatic Sovereignty, and the last sentence of the remark of Government when so conferring it, gave them

the hope of future augmentation, but now that all chance of relief elsewhere is threatened with annihilation, Your Petitioner cannot too forcibly impress upon Your Honorable Court the extreme hardship of their case if the present decision of the local Government should be allowed to remain final.

That while on the one hand Your Petitioner desire to remind Your Honorable Court of the great solicitude of their late father that his children, whether by shadee or nicha should be looked upon as compiers, as unequivocally apparent in the equal provision made for their ^{mother} during his lifetime, the Mahomedan Law too allowing of no distinction between shadee and nicha wives and their offspring; on the other hand they cannot but contemplate with feelings of pain and deep humiliation, how much they would suffer in the eyes of their community if the treatment extended to them were viewed in comparison with that meted out to Prusheed ood Dowlah Bahadoor. While the allowance granted to the one has been doubled, that awarded to

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Do Daughters Do	5,000	affluence and in a
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		the respect of his neigh-
		bours, Your Petitioner
		have hardly enough
		to purchase a bare subsistence and are not certain that
		this great alteration in their affairs will not compel them
		to beg where they have been hitherto accustomed to dispense

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charity. Your Petitioners are confident that the strict sense of justice and liberality entertained by your Honorable Court will induce you to take a more favorable view of their case than the local Government have done.

That in conclusion Your Petitioners beg to represent to Your Honorable Court that they have large families to maintain, and are surrounded by a household of dependents including those of their late mother whom in honor they are bound to protect; that they have grown up children whom under present circumstances it is quite out of their power to provide for or give in marriage; not even having the means wherewith to liquidate the large debt incurred by their mother, and which they are bound to discharge; and when they represent to Your Honorable Court that if no augmentation is made to their present allowances they would forfeit honor, respectability and may be liberty, and descend to the level of the least favored of their class, they respectfully solicit that Your Honorable Court, who possess the power to divert from them these direful calamities, would bestow on their prayer their kind and gracious consideration.

Your Petitioners are aware of the indebtedness of the Circar, but when the sum of about six lacs of Rupees is to be set apart annually for the payment of Carnatic stipends and pensions, and even certain of the servants of the Circar are to have their full allowances extended to them, they venture humbly to hope that the considerations they have advanced above would weigh with Your Honorable Court in deciding how far a comparatively small addition to it which a suitable increase to their allowances would involve, should be allowed to

to turn the scale against Your Petitioners, who are connected by blood with the Nabobs of the Carnatic.

And Your Petitioners as in duty bound

Shall Ever Remain

Madras.
15th April 1857



N^o 100 of G. A.

Government Agents Office,
17th April 1857

From, Surgeon E. G. Balfour
Government Agent at Choptank

To, J. Tyroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir, I have the honor to request that the

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| 1. From Moonee Doolah Bahadur and
Hibbar Doolah Bahadur, jointly
Memorial in Triplicate to the Honorable
the Court of Directors. | documents as per mar-
gin received in subjoin-
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Honorable the Gover- |
| 2. Letter to the address of the Right Hon-
orable the Governor in Council. | |

not in Council.

2. As the case of these two brothers
Moonee Doolah Bahadur and Hibbar Doolah
Bahadur has already been twice be-

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| -1856 25 th February Gov ^t Agents letter N ^o 17. | fore Government in |
| -13 th March Extract Minutes of Coun ^{cil} - 79. | the correspondence as |
| -26 th September Gov ^t Agents letter - 64. | per margin, it is only |
| -11 th October Extract Minutes of Coun ^{cil} - 31. | necessary on the pre- |
| -8 th November Gov ^t Agents letter - 109. | sent occasion, to allude briefly to the claim |
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But while the mother of Rushood ood Dowlah Bahadoor was a relative of the Wallajah family and was married by the Shadic Ceremony to His Highness the Nabob Azem ood Dowlah Bahadoor, the mother of Memorialists, was a dancing girl and married by the Nickah ceremony.

I have the honor to be, Geo^t Agents Office,
Sir, 17th April 1857

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Government Agent

To, Government Agent
J. Tyroff Esq^r
Chief Secretary to Gov^r
Fort St. Louis

We beg to remain
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(A true Copy)

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Government Agent

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From,

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For 1st Sept at 10th 1857

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Submitting a Memorial
in duplicate to the Honorable the
Court of Directors with a letter
to the effect of the 22nd Sept 1857.
The Honorable Council re-
solved with the original letter
from the Honorable the Court of
Directors, praying for an
-mentation of their present
-stances with the Government
-ment should remain thereon.
With an Order

St. George's 22nd July 1857

St. George's 22nd July 1857

The Memorialists having been partly
considered and finally dispo-

ly-acted on the correspondence
referred to in the 2nd June of the
1st foregoing letter, the Court has
now only to direct that the
Memorial now submitted be for-
warded to the Honorable the Court
of Directors in the ordinary course
with the remark that they see
nothing in the circumstances
which advanced to induce them
to alter the decision already
passed.

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