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Government of Madras.

Political **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 474 Press ~~Mis.~~

Dated 22-6-~~19~~1837

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No. 25. Petition from the Surviving Heirs of the late MEERZA MAHOMED AMEENOODEEN SAHIB, a Carnatic Stipendiary; to the Right Honorable Lord GEORGE HARRIS, Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

The humble Petition of Rahemoon Nissa Begum, the eldest, Katha Jathoon Nissa Begum, the younger, and Habeeboon Nissa Begum, the youngest daughters of the late Meerza Mahomed Ameenoodeen Sahib, a Carnatic Stipendiary.

HUMBLY SHEWETH.

1. With greatest veneration and respect your Petitioners most humbly beg leave to state that their father Meerza Mahomed Ameenoodeen Sahib, who was on receipt of a Pension of 350 Rupees per mensem from the Honorable Company, paid the debt of nature on the 27th September 1856, leaving behind him a family marginally indicated.

SURVIVING HEIRS.	*Age.*	
1*st Daughter Rahemoon Nissa Begum*.....	30	*above.*
2*d do. Kadjathoon Nissa Begum*....	26	*do.*
3*d do. Habeeboon Nissa Begum*.....	20	*do.*
NICKA WIFE.		
Moobaurackoon Nissa.....	45	*do.*
HERUMS.		
Hermuth Bano, alias Cithlogon.....	48	*do.*
Ramuth Bano, alias Gantha.....	32	*do.*

Your Petitioners to their utmost grief and misfortune are given to understand that on the report of their father's death being communicated to the Government Agent by the Dewan of the Durbar, he, referring the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 17th January 1853, has passed an Order to the Durbar on the 1st October 1856, that the Pension of the deceased should lapse to the State as he was not of the family of Wallajah, but a distant relation of the King of Delhi.

2. There appears no good grounds to justify the Agent in having disposed of the matter so summarily without consulting the Government thereon, on the strength of the said Minute, for it would appear from the tenor of the document that the Government have not invested the Agent with authority to dispose of himself all cases regarding Carnatic Stipends on the death of their holders, but they wish for the avoiding of correspondence with them on those cases which from the very conditions of grants do not require their consultation. But the Agent applied it to the case of your Petitioners' father, which does not come under the said Category, your Petitioners therefore most humbly appeal to your Lordship in Council with a sanguine hope that your Lordship would take an impartial view of the case hereunder set forth.

Istly. It is an undeniable fact that your Petitioners' father was not of the family of Wallajah, but his connection with the King of Delhi was not distant as asserted by the Agent, he was the grandson of Aurungzebe Aulumgheer Patcha.

During the disturbance of Goolam Cauder, Son of Zabit Khan, the eldest brother of your Petitioners' father Meerza Ally Bukt, one of the grandsons of Aurungzebe Aulumgheer Patcha, quitted Delhi, and after a year's stay at Lucknow, he came down to Madras, and met with a cordial reception from the Nabob Oomdatool Omrah, who had induced him to send for his family, and your Petioners' father bearing the expenses of the journey, your Petitioners' father on which occasion, came down from Delhi with his brother's family. He having then been of a very tender age, the said Nabob took him under his protection.

At the transfer of the Carnatic to the British, a small Pension of 100 Rupees was fixed upon him in consideration of his having then been very young and a bachelor.

After the attainment of his proper age and being he represented to Government on the 12th March 1820, about the insufficiency of his Pension, and his attempt having been backed by a recommendatory letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, and at the recommendation of the Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends, dated 28th March 1825, was pleased to pass a Minute, dated 6th May 1825, raising his salary to 350 Rupees per mensem as allowed to his brothers, taking nto consideration the circumstances set forth in the said Petition.

2dly. When your Petitioners' father was granted Pension on the 29th September 1801, his two brothers Meerza Hoomajoo Bukt, Meerza Ally Bukt were pensioned 350 Rupees each, and at a subsequent period, Pensions of 400 Rupees each are allowed to his other two brothers Sooltan Mahomed Tazooddeen and Mahomed Keemaloodeen. At the death of Meerza Ally Bukt, a Pension of 200 Rupees was granted in the name of his widow Abeeda Begum for the support of his family, and a portion whereof after her death was transferred to her grandsons agreeably to the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 21st October 1834. After the death of Sooltan Mahomed Tazooddeen, a Pension was allowed to his family maintenance and that the family of Meerza Feroze Ally, a member of that family and a Pensioner of 24 Rupees, was granted a Pension of 20 Rupees by Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 11th July 1834. After the death of Mahomed Kemaloodeen *alias* Meerza Ezut Bukt, his full Pension of 400 Rupees was transferred to his brother Meerza Elahi Bukt as would appear from His Highness the Nabob's letter to the Right Honorable the Governor, dated 11th August 1821, and his reply thereon, dated 21th August 1821, and on his demise Rupees 272 was fixed upon his Son Sooltan Bukt.

It would appear from the above circumstances that the liberality of Government was extended to the three generations of your Petitioners' father's brothers, whereas your Petitioners' father was the original Stipendiary.

3. Your Petitioners most respectfully beg to add that the Pensions of their husbands being very scanty all their expenses were borne by their father, and since his death they are reduced to a greater degree of poverty imaginable. The Nicka wife, and Herums of your Petitioners' father are left without any means of support and that they are experiencing all the direful effects of poverty.

4. In submitting the above facts to your serious consideration your Petitioners beg most deferentially to request that your Lordship in Council with your usual generosity be pleased to grant a suitable allowance out of their fathers' Pension for the maintenance of your poor Petitioners, the Nicka wife and the Herums of the deceased, or allow an increase to the present scanty Pension of your Petitioners' husbands, from the consideration of a similar indulgence having been experienced by the family of late Delaver Jung; the husbands of whose grand-daughters were granted an increase to their Pensions, by right of their wives.

Your Petitioners beg herewith to send 3 copies of a Petition to the Honorable the Court of Directors, and should your Petition prove unfortunate in obtaining the favourable views of your Lordship to this their humble appeal, they earnestly request for their transmittal to the Honorable Court. For which act of kindness, your Petitioners shall as in duty bound Ever pray

6*th June* 1857. علامت حبیب النسا بیگم

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, No. 174; dated 22nd June 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Petition and one copy of the Memorial to the Honorable the Court of Directors be forwarded to the Government Agent at Chepauk for his report.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

To

The Honorable the Court of Directors

The humble Petition of Mahomed Hyder

Begum the eldest Nathoy Sahib Begum

Begum the youngest and Fakeerun Begum

Begum the youngest daughter of the late Mahomed Ameenoodeen Sahib Comandar Begum

Humbly Sheweth

That with the greatest humiliation and respect your Petitioners beseech leave humbly to state that their father Mahomed Ameenoodeen Sahib who was on terms of a pension of 350 Rs per mensem from the Honble Compy provided by Survivorship Heirs

Daughter of Ameenoodeen Sahib Begum 25 Rs

Son Indigestion Sahib Begum 25 Rs

Son Fakeerun Sahib Begum 25 Rs

Nickawish

Mahomed Reza Sahib 45 Rs

Heirs

Fourth Sons share Children of the late Fourth Sons share of the 32 Rs

died on the 27th September 1836 leaving behind him a family strangely circumstanced

Your Petitioners to whom utmost gratitude and portions are given to understand that on the report of their father's death being communicated to the Government of India by the Nizam of the Deccan, he requested to the Resident at Hyderabad Minister of Consultation dated 17th January 1833 transferred an order to the Durbar on the 1st October 1836 that the pension of the deceased should cease to the State reserving not of the family of Mahomed but distant relation of the King of Delhi.

2d There appears no good grounds to justify the Nizam in withholding the pension after the decease of the original grantee without consulting

Government thereon on the strength of the said Minute [illegible] would appear from the tenor of the document that the Govt. [illegible] invested the Agent with Authority to dispose of himself [illegible] regarding Carnatic Stipends on the death of their holders but they wished for the avoiding of correspondence with them on those cases which from the very conditions of grants do not require their Consultation. But the Agent applied it to the case of your Petitioners father, which does not come under the said category but my attempts of remonstrance with the Local Government the Agent would your Petitioner presume proves unsuccessful; your Petitioner have therefore very little hope left in this Govt. they are induced to submit this humble appeal to your Hons. Court without awaiting the decision of the Local Govt. entertaining a sanguine hope that your would take an impartial view of the case hereunder set forth.

It is an undeniable fact that your Petr. father was not of the family of Wallajah but his connection with the King of Delhi was very distant as asserted by the Agent. He was the grandson of Nurungzebs Sultaneen Patcha.—

During the disturbances of Goolam Caudur Son of Ghabit Khan the eldest brother of your Petrs. father Mirza Ally Bukt, [illegible] the grandsons of Nurungzebs Sultaneen Patcha, quitted Delhi and after a few years stay at Lucknow he came down to Madras and met with a cordial reception from the Nabob Omdatool Omrah who had induced him to send for his family and your Petrs. father bearing the expenses of journey. Your Petrs. father on which occasion came down from Delhi with his brothers family. He having then been of a very tender age the said Nabob took him under his [illegible] At the transfer of the Carnatic to the British a small pension of 100 Pr was fixed upon him in consideration of his having then been very young and a bachelor.—

After the attainment of his proper age, and being married he [illegible]

represented to Govt on the 12th March 1820 about the mid[illegible] possession [illegible] attempts having been baffled by a Recommendatory [illegible] from Sir Hyderjung the Nabob of Carnatic and at the Recommendation [illegible] of the Pay Master of Carnatic Stipends dated 25th March 1825 the Govt was pleased to grant a Minute dated 6th May 1825 ordaining his salary to 250 Pr per Annum as allowed to his brothers, taking into consideration the circumstances set forth in the said petition and [illegible] Pr your Petrs father was granted pension on the 29th [illegible] his two brothers Mirza Hoosain 200 Bukt & Mirza Ally Bukt were pensioned at 250 Pr each and data subsequent period pensions of 200 Pr are allowed to each of his other 2 brothers Sultan Mahomed Sayood dcsd and Mahomed Hussain deceased & the death of Mirza Bukt a pension of 200 Pr was granted in the name of his widow Mundee Begum for the support of his family and a portion whereof after her death was transferred to her grandson agreeable to the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 21 October 1834. After the decease [illegible] a pension was allowed to her [illegible] family maintenance and that the family of Mirza Hoosain [illegible] a Member of such family and a Pensioner of 24 Pr was granted a pension of 20 Pr by Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 11 July 1834. After the death of Mahomed Hamadee alias Mirza Ayaz Bukt his full pension of 400 Pr was transferred to his brother Mirza Elahi Bukt as would appear from Sir Hyderjungs the Nabobs letter to the Right Honorable [illegible] dated 11th Sept 1821 and his Majesty thereon dated 24 August 1824 and his arrears Pr 292 was fixed upon his son Sultan Bukt.

It would appear from the above circumstances that the Clemency of Government was extended to the three generations of your Petrs father's brothers, whereas your Petitioners father was the original Petitioner—

[illegible] Petitioners must respectfully [illegible] that the [illegible]
of their Husbands being very scanty, all their Efforts were
borne by their Father, and since his death they are reduced to a
great degree of Poverty unsupportable. The Sisters Wife
and Heiress of your late Father are left without any
Means of Support and that they are Experiencing all the Terrible
Effects of Poverty.

4 In Submitting the above facts to your serious
Consideration Your Petrs beg most Respectfully to Regard
that your Honble Court with its usual Generosity grant
a Suitable Allowance out of their Father's Estate &c for the
Maintenance of your Poor Petrs the Sisters wife and the
Heiress of the deceased, or Allow an increase to the present
Small pension of your Petrs Husbands from the Consider-
ation of a Limited Indigence having been Represented by
the Family of Late Nilcans Esqr the Husband of the
Grand daughters were granted an increase to their pension
by Right of their Wives.

And as in duty bound Your Petrs shall ever
Pray &c

6th June 1854

Witness

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Political Letters Rec.d
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from the surviving heirs of
the late Nurjee Mahomed
Fernandeen Sahiba a Per-
sian Stipendiary

Rec.d
6th June 1837

Bombay
Consultation } No 522

Represent that on the decease
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Regard that Government ordered
that the pension of Rs 350 the
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a grant of a suitable allow
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recommend to the Hon