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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 495 Press ~~Mis.~~

Dated 24.6. ~~19~~ 1857

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No. 6. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to E. MALTBY Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th June 1857, No. 167 of G. A.

SIR,

I beg of you to bring to the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that a Persian letter was returned to me from the Bombay Government, purporting to bear my signature: and that another in Hindustani was returned to me by Mr. Edmonstone from Calcutta purporting to bear my signature.

The contents of the two letters are alike of trivial importance, and the Servants of the Agency state, and at once stated, they were manifest forgeries, but to myself who never before the receipt of these scrutinized my own signature, so wonderful seems the resemblance that had the signatures been presented to me by themselves, I might readily have acknowledged them as mine, and if on any Document not emanating from me, I might have supposed that my signature had been accidentally obtained and words added to them. But my ways in business, &c., are totally opposed to such a supposition, my signature has been Lithographed as on Act XIV of 1856;—also during the past few years two or three hundred thousand of my signatures on Petitions and Letters, and Countersignatures on their Stipend Receipts. &c., now more than 2000 monthly, have been in the hands of these people, and their opportunities of imitation or of transferring on a Lithograph have been of the widest possible extent. Their success in this unimportant effort may tempt to others of much greater moment and I have reported the case and sent the Letters to the Commissioner of Police, and told all the reasons for considering them to be forgeries, but I ask the Right Honorable the Governor in Council permission to offer a reward for the discovery of the fabricator of these letters.

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, No. 495; dated 24th June 1857.

The Chepauk Agent does not specify the reward which he wishes to be offered, and the opinion of the Commissioner of Police to whom the matter has been handed over for enquiry is not shown. If that Officer's investigation leads him to concur in the proposal for publishing a reward, Government will take the subject again into consideration.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No. 495

The Petition of Catherine
Brophy Widow of Edward Brophy
late of the 88th Regt. of Foot
Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner was married to the said Edward Brophy at Dublin on the 29th day of September 1851 by the Revd. Thomas Wall Roman Catholic Priest of the Parish of St. Andrew Dublin as appears by the Certificate of Marriage hereunto annexed

That your Petitioner's said Husband died at Dublin on the 8th day of June 1857 as appears by the Certificate of Death hereunto annexed

That your Petitioner is now left destitute and without any means of support

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays that your Excellency will be graciously pleased to grant her a Pension for the support of herself and her Children

And your Petitioner will ever pray &c.

her
Catherine × Brophy
mark

Witness to the signature
Thomas Ryan
Dublin

Ex. Pleasants
St. John's, 1857