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No. 1. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to E. MALTBY Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 29th June 1857,, No. 157 of P. C. S.

SIR,

I write in continuation of my letters, No. 80 & 91, dated 23rd Ultimo, and 3rd Instant, on the case of Carnatic Stipendiary, No. 2112, Mohtamim ood Dowlah Bahadoor, commonly known as the Nabob's Hakeem.

2. I have the honor to explain that, in the Carnatic Sircar, it was ever the invariable practice, to record the name of every new servant on a slip of paper; to which, in the case of people of rank, is given the name of *Ism Nareesee* (or name writing) and, in the case of humble people. it is called Chihra or Descriptive Roll and contains their description.

3. The "Name writing" slips are authenticated by the sign manual of the *Nabob*, and the Descriptive Rolls, by the Nabob's private Seal, and signature of the principal Officer of the Department, in which the individual is entertained: of the accuracy of these papers there is not the possibility of doubt, and the several dates which mark the dates on which the respective individuals were entertained, &c.

4. The "Ism Naveesee" of Carnatic Stipendiary, No. 2112, Mohtamim ood Dowlah Bahadoor, is dated the 21*st Zee kaida* 1249, *Hijree* (or 1st April 1834, A. D·) and the date of his being pensioned, was *the 4th Rujjub* 1273 (or 1st March 1857); he had thus served, according to our calendar, 23 years, and, according to the Hijree, 24 years.

5. It is in evidence before me that a Subordinate Officer of his Department brought the date of his entry into service to his notice on doing which he was commanded by the Hakeem to insert the same date as that of Hazik-yar-Khan: which date I find to be *the 24th Rubbee oossanee* 1240, (or 16th December 1824, A. D.)

6. After receiving evidence, here I asked the Stipendiary for any explanation he would wish to give and I append his letter received in reply as well as the letter's which the Dewan of the Durbar sent to me on my refering the Hakeen's letter to him. I also subjoin Copy of the evidence on this case.

7. I have the honor to report, as my opinion, that the Hakeen has been guilty of fraud.

8. I have the honor to recommend the appplication of the order in para : 3 of Extract Minutes of Consultation. No. 239, of 22nd July 1844, the chief orders relating to frauds being as per margin. In accordance with the Order in para : 9, of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 230 of 19th March 1857, the following Memorandum was furnished to every Carnatic Stipendiary.

1844 *22nd July, Extract Minutes of Consultation, para :* 3.
1846 *23rd June, No.* 253, *Extract Minutes of Consultation.*
1847 *14th April, Honorable Court's Letter, No.* 3, *para :* 7, 18 *and* 19.
1848 *18th January, Honorable Court's Letter.*
1848 *19th January, Extract Minutes of Consultation, No.* 121.
,, *18th October, Extract Minutes of Consultation, No.* 846.
,, *7th November, Extract Minutes of Consultation, No.* 523.
1849 *18th July, Honorable Court's Letter, paras :* 46 *and* 91.
1851 *5th March, Honorable Court's Letter, para :* 23.

MEMORANDUM.

"The Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends informs that the Stipend now granted by the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras in Council has been granted for life only, and will not be continued to heirs wholly or in part under any circumstances whatever. Also that as the allowance has been conferred only from the pure bounty of Government, it will be subject to be at any time suspended, or withdrawn altogether, should misconduct, in the opinion of Government, render such a measure deserved."

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,
Government Agent at Chepauk
and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends.

On the subject of the Service of Carnatic Stipendiary, No. 2777, Mohtamim ood Dowlah Bahadoor, 1857 3rd June.

Chindoo Lall, Mushriff of the Itiba Cutcherry of the Buksheegherry; I have been a Mushrif since August 1844; I am a servant since 4th Mahorum 1238, I am employed in the Itiba Cutcherry since August 1844; The Itiba Cutcherry was formerly under the Control of the Mudad Kharch Department and on its being made in dependent *on 5th Rujjub* 1260 (August 1844 the) Ismnaveesee Chittees were all transferred from the Mudad-Kherch to the Itiba-Cutcherry, whose Meer was Mohtamim ood Dowlah Bahadoor. These Chittees were sent with a letter to the Meer, who delivered them over to me. I produce the letter and the Ismnaveesee Chittees of Mohtamim ood Dowlah Bahadoor.

Letter dated 8th Zeehaj 1260 addressed to Azum Yar Jung Bahadoor, Meer of the Itiba, signed Abdool Wahab Madar ool Mahaum of the Durbar, purports sending 28 Signed Ismnaveesee with a list of the same.

List produced, 1st Name is that of Azum Yar Jung.

Isem Naveesee seen yesterday reproduced, bearing the seal of Moomtaz ool Oomrah, the then Dewan. Also the Baiz of the Naib-i-Mookhtar, and the words 21st of Zeekaida 1249 Hijree, Monthly salary Arcot Rs. 30. Also

from 15th Rujjub	1260	increase of	Co's. Rs.	205
„ 26th „	1261	„	„	15
„ 2nd Rubeeool Awual	1264	„	„	100
„ 4th Rubeeoos Sani	1262	decrease of	„	100
„ 20th Shawal	1263	„	„	50

These entries being in the writing of the Dowlah.

It is the custom of the Sircar on a Servant being entertained to write the Chihra or Ism Navesee, and the date on either is the date of entry into Service.

3rd June 1857. Explained by E Balfour to Chundoo Lall

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Returned 1 Ism Naveese.

1 Letter.

1 List.

Shemboo Persad, Ex-Serishtadar of Meer Samani of Fouj, now in charge of the records of that Department.

I produce the two papers which you saw and initialled yesterday.

Papers produced.

(Paper No. 1 This paper is to the effect of Mohtamim ood Dowlah having become a servant on the 21st Jemadee ool Awill 1240 contains the words, agreeably to the Orders of the Dewan Sahib, the 21st Jemadee ool Awull 1244 is the date of service of Kadar Ahmud Khan Bahadoor, and bears date sent on the 25th October 1855.

This is in the hand writing of Chendoo Lall. Acknowledged so by Chendoo Lall, who is present. I produce this from my records I received it from Chendoo Lall, Chendoo Lall present states, I stated to Mohtamim ood Dowlah that, by the Ism Naveesee, his service was as I have written on this note, (writing 21st Zeekada 1249) the Dowlah ordered me to write the same date as that of Hazik Yar Khan.

I produce Ism Naveesee of Hazik Yar Khan (produced and bears date 21th Rubbee oos sanee 1240, Salary, Arcot Rs 30, also the Baiz of Nabob Azeem Jahi-Mookhtar.) On Examining the two, it is clear that these two were not entertained on the same day. I told the Dowlah so. He Commanded me to make the entry. I went and told the Dewan: The Dewan told me to make the entry as the Dowlah said. The Dowlah said that he entered the Begum's service then.

Shemboo Persad again present. I produce the paper you saw and initialled yesterday marked No 2 contains the words "5th Rubbee oos Sanee 1240 Hijree, it is in the hand writing of Mohitamim ood Dowlah Bahadur. I sent asking him for the date of his service, he sent me the paper

No 1 and I entered accordingly. Afterwards he sent me that in his own writing. I know that it is his handwriting. I had only his recent Ism Navesee on his transfer to your Department.

I had not the old one.

I produce the new one dated 1st January 1851, when he came into my Department.

Mudar ool Oomorah Bahadoor. The Ism Naveesee now put into my hands, is that of Mahtamim ood Dowlah, it shows that he became a Sircar servant on the date there given. The date given is 21st Zeekaid 1249. He was entertained on that date. I now examine the Original List form which I framed my report and List. The Original List bears the seal of Mohtamim ood Dowlah Bahadoor. It is his List, it bears the date of his entry into the service of 21st Jemadee ool Awul 1240. It was copied accordingly, this is an in incorrect date. He entered the service on the date of the Ism Naveesee.

There is no other individual, to my knowledge, whose service with the Begum has been reckoned Sircar service, many asked but I refused their request. The Begum's service was only a private service and had nothing to do with the Sircar.

Senkar Rao Sherishtadar. I am in charge of the records of Madad Kharch.

I produce two papers.

No. 1. This one is an Order entertaining certain servants in the Sircar.

No. 2. Is the List received with above, it bears the name Hakeem Kadir Ahmed Khan Rs. 30. It was his first entry into Sircar service, it bears date 24th Zeehaj 1249, and the service is ordered from 1st April 1834.

Evidence recorded 3rd June 1857.

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to Carnatic Stipendiary No. 2777, MOTAMIM OOD DOWLAH BAHADOOR, dated 2nd June 1857, No. 85.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will state the date of your first entertainment in the service of His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic. Should you wish to have Extracts from the records they will be supplied to you.

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

From MOTAMOOD DOWLAH BAHADOOR; to E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent Chepauk, dated 8th June 1857.

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 2nd and received on the 3rd Instant, I have the honor to inform you that my dependence upon His Highness the Nabob Auzum Jah, is since the year 1235 Hizry; who appreciating my qualifications in the Medical and other sciences entrusted me with the execution of his orders relating to Medical Department of the Circar, rendering me every assistance needful; but my first entertainment in his service took place in 1240 Hizry; and my name was then registered in the Books of the Circar of Her Highness the late Nabob Layoodeen Nissa Begum, the Mother of the said Nabob, fixing on me a monthly allowance of 30 Rs. for Madut Khurch; and which records were considered at that time and until the Regency of the Prince Azeem Jah Bahadoor as those of the Nabob's Circar.

I embrace this opportunity to mention that the said Nabob, being pleased at my experience and skill in Medical matters, and my successful attendance upon his late Uncle Moomtazool Oomrah while very sick, enlisted me in His service in 1240 Hizry, but as there were no funds then available in His Circar, he requested his Mother to pay me monthly 30 Rs. from her Circar for some time, and who continued accordingly.

From this fact it is evident that I was the servant of the Nabob and not of the said Begum Sahiba, for in the Year 1249 the Begum Sahiba caused my name to be inserted in the Books of the ate Nabob's Sircar. My service if reckoned from my first dependence upon the Nabob Auzum Jah Bahadoor amounts to upwards of 40 years, if from my first entertainment in his service to 33 years and some months; and, if from the date of the register of my name in the Books of the Circar of the late Nabob, to 24 years and some months.

The circumstance under which I was necessitated to mention in the "List of service" my entertainment from 1240, omitting the other periods, is because that at the time when the information was required I required from the Dewan of the Durbar, through Chendoo Laul, the Mooshriff in the Medical Department, as to what year of the 3 periods should be mentioned on the List; I was thereon informed through the said Official, that 1240 should be shewn as the date of entertainment; I accordingly inserted the said year in a bit of paper and forwarded the same to the Mooshriff in the Commissary General's Office, desiring him through its bearer, to enquire again rom the said Chendoo Laul, and take a written document from him containing his own Statement and then insert the date in the List; it was done accordingly.

Under these circumstances, I beg to say that if you were to call for the document in question, obtained by the Mooshriff from Chendoo Laul, who expressed the opinion of the Dewan as to the insertion of the year 1240 as the year of my entertainment and which is still in the records of the Commissary General's Office no doubt, it would render you every satisfaction. It is manifest that my claim is not wholly founded upon the grounds of my service, but the high and important Offices, I have held in the Sirkar of the late Nabob, which I am fully confident, are the stronger claims for my being considered as a Chief Officer, and a full Pension being settled upon me.

(Signed) MOOTAM OOD DOWLAH Bahadoor,

From MUDAR OOL OMRAH, Dewan of the Durbar, to E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent, Chepauk, dated Chepauk Palace, 18th July 1857.

Sir,

In re-transmitting the accompanying Petition from Mahtamim ood Dowlah, forwarded by you on the 2nd Instant, I beg to state, that his Father having been much respected by the late Nabob Auzum Jah, Her Highness the late Saeed oon Nissa Begum and Enayet oon Nissa Begum, and he being their Medical Adviser, the Begum was pleased to entertain the Petitioner in her Establishment in the year 1210 Hizree in consideration of his attendance on her brother Moomtazool Oomrah Bahadoor during his illness; but the Prince Azeem Jah had his name entered in the Mudud Khurch Department of the Sirkar in 1219 Hijree. I am not aware of his having been appointed by the Nabob Auzum Jah Bahadoor to execute His orders in the Medical Department, or that for want of Funds at the Sirkar he was entertained in his Mother's Establishment. Although the records of the Sirkar and those of the Nabob Saeed oon Nissa Begum were reckoned to be one during the life time of Nabob Auzum Jah and the Regency of Prince Azeem Jah, yet they were separated in the life time of the late Nabob. I did not tell Chendoo Laul to insert in the Sirkar List the date of Petitioner's entertainment in the Davedy of Her late Highness and if he had mentioned to that effect to the Petitioner it was improper. When Rajah Girdharry Laul and Venkatasawmy, Writer, &c.. solicited that their dates of Entertainment in the Establishment of the Nabob Saeed oon Nissa Begum would be inserted in the Sirkar list, I totally declined complying with their request; while so how could I have acted contrary to the Petitioner.

(Signed) مدار الامرا

(Signed) MUDAR OOL OMRAH,

Dewan of the Durbar.

True Copies,

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,

Government Agent.

Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 14*th July* 1857.

No. 2. **Order thereon, No. 527; dated 8th July 1857.**

Dr. Balfour, in the above communication, reports his opinion that Carnatic Stipendiary No. 2112, Mohtamin-ood-Dowlah, commonly called the "*Nabob's Hakeem,*" and head of the Department termed *Madud Khurch* or Commissariat, has been guilty of wilful misrepresentation, in certifying that his service extends over a period of 33 years, he well knowing that it amounts to 24 only.

2. The Government are unable to concur with the Agent in deeming this charge established. They proceed to review the evidence, premising, first, that as Mohtamin-ood-Dowlah claimed the bounty of Government as a *Chief Officer* of the Sircar, no motive is apparent for the alleged misstatement, because in such cases the dignity and importance of the Office are the only points for consideration. The length of service of the incumbent is not material.

3. It is proved by the records that in the Nabob's Lists, the entertainment of Mohtamin-ood-Dowlah as *Hakeem* to His Highness, is noted as having taken place on the 1st of April 1834. The Dowlah, under circumstances presently to be noticed, dates the same nine years earlier and certified accordingly. A subordinate in his Department, one *Chundoo Laul*, states before the Agent that, on discovering the discrepancy, he remonstrated with *the Hakeem* but without effect; that he then reported the matter to the *Dewan*, who directed him to do as *the Hakeem* bid him. Now as the latter was prepared with an explanation of the difference, there is nothing suspicious in the facts here asserted, even if they are to be accepted as true. But the Dewan has denied having had any conversation with the witness, and the rest of his Statement is wholly uncorroborated.

4. On the other hand, the Government have no hesitation in accepting *the Hakeem's* clear and straightforward explanation. He states that he was first, in succession to his father and grandfather, consulted at the Palace in *Hijri* 1235, or nearly forty years ago. Five years subsequently he was formally brought on to the establishment, being entered at 30 Rupees a month in the *Madud Khurch* Department of Her Highness Syeed-oon-Nissa Begum, the mother of the Nabob (Azeem Jah) then on the Musnud. He attended professionally not only on Her Highness but on her son; and it was only because there was no vacancy in the Sircar of the Nabob that he was not entered in the Books there till some years subsequently or *Hijri* 1249. All this appears to the Government to be worthy of credit, strengthened as it is by the Statement of the Dewan, that during the life time of the late Nabob's father, and *his* long minority, the records of the Sircar proper and those of Her Highness Syeed-oon-Nissa were reckoned as forming one set. It is true the Dewan is unable to speak as to the arrangement, spoken of by *the Hakeem*, between the Nabob Azeem Jah and His Highness' mother, but such may very well have subsisted without his being immediately cognizant of it, the subject matter being the services of the confidential Physician to both.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No. 324 Political Dep.t

Extract Mins: of Coun.: Dated 8th July 1857.

Read Letter from the Govt. agent & Paymaster of Stipends, at Chepauk, dated 29th June/57. No. 157.

Dr. Balfour, in the above communication, reports his opinion that Carna-tic Stipendiary No 2112, Mohtamin-ood Dowlah, commonly called the "Nabob's Nabeera", and head of the Dep.t termed Madad Khurch or Commissariat, has been guilty of ~~fraud~~ gross misrepresentation in certifying that his service extends over a period of 33 years, he well knowing that it amounts to 24 only.

2. The Govt are unable to concur with the agent in deeming this charge esta-blished (against his character & respectable connections by the late Nabob). They proceed to review the evidence, pre-mising, first, that as Mootahmin-ood Dowlah claimed the bounty of Govt as a Civil Officer in the Nikas, no mo-tive is apparent for the alleged ~~false~~ misstatement, because in such cases the dignity & importance of the office are the only points for consideration. The length of service of the incumbent is not material.

3. It is proved by the records that on the Nabob's birth, the entertainment of Nuktamiz ood Dowlah as Nasheen to his Highness, is noted as to have taken place on the 1st of April 1834. The Dowlah, under circumstances presently to be noticed, dates he came nine years earlier and certificate accordingly. A subordinate in his Delpt, one Chundoo Lal, states before the Agent that, on the evening the discovery, he communicated with the Dowlah but without effect; that he then reported the matter to the Dewan, who directed him to do as the Dowlah bid him.

Now as the Taken was prepared with an explanation of the differences, there is nothing suspicious in the facts here asserted, even if they are to be accepted as true. But the Dewan has denied having had any conversation with the witness, and the rest of his statement is wholly uncorroborated.

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first, in succession to his father & grandfather, consulted at the Palace in Hijree 1235, or nearly forty years ago. Nine years subsequently he was formally brought on to the Establishment, being entered at 30 Rs a month in the Mustad Khanah Dept of Her Highness Syud ood Nissa Begum, the mother of the Nabob (Azeem Jah) then on the Musnud. He attended professionally not only on Her Highness but on her son; and it was only because there was no vacancy in the Sirkar of the Nabob that he was not entered in the books three till some years subsequently or Hijree 1249.

All this appears to the Govt to be worthy of credit, strengthened as it is by the statement of the Dewan, that during the lifetime of the late Nabob's father, and his long minority the records of the Sirkar property & those of Her Highness Syad ood Nissa were reckoned as forming one debt. It is true the Dewan is unable to speak as to the arrangement spoken of by the Dowlah, between the Nabob Azeem Jah & His Highness'

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D. L. C.
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To the Com Agent at Plesank Disp'd 16th