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No. 29. From the Secretary to the Government of India; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 3d of July 1857, No. 2837.

Foreign Department. SIR,

With reference to the Memorial from certain of the Servants of the late Nawab of the Carnatic, transmitted with my letter, No. 1624, dated 14th April last, I am directed by the Governor General in Council to forward the accompanying copy of another Memorial from some of the same parties.

(Signed) G. F. EDMONSTONE,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From KUREEM MAHOMED KHAN, BAHADOOR, &c.; to the Right Honorable C. J. Lord CANNING, Governor General of India and Council, &c., &c., &c., dated 23rd May 1857.

The humble Memorial of Curremooddem Ahmud Khan Bahadoor, &c., the Servants of His late Highness the Nawab of the Carnatic.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP IN COUNCIL,

That on the 12th March last, your Memorialists had under the signature of Curremooddeen Ahmud Khan, &c., the honor of submitting to the notice of your Lordship in Council a Memorial of their deplorable circumstances in fervent hope of meeting with redress through the unbounded favors and impartial justice of your Lordship in Council.

Dr. Balfour, the Government Agent at Chepauk, on the 13th Instant, brought the said Memorial to his Office and enquiring after the name of Curremooddeen Ahmud Khan, Bahadoor, (a relation of your Memorialists whose name your Memorialists inserted in the Memorial merely to avert the disgrace incurring to them by the conduct of the said Government Agent, as the party mentioned in the following para: 4, suffered) your Memorialists sent two persons to his Office to answer the matter, your Memorialists are now informed by the functionaries of his Office that the said Memorial has been returned to Government with a report of its being an anonymous and false one. This of course is more astonishing, and your Memorialists regret to say that, though there has been some difference in the name, but was it not incumbent to him, that an investigation should be made respecting the authenticity of the subject or claim.

Although your Lordship in Council justly despatched to the Madras Government the Memorial of your Memorialists for the sake of proper enquiry, but your Memorialists can expect no justice from this Government, because the Government always used to refer all addresses of such nature to the Government Agent for the decision, who seems to be against your Memorialists, and it is quite surprising that your Memorialists' claims are transferred for justice to the opponent and the decision is passed according to his opinion.

It is also very odd that the said Government Agent returned with preposterous and awkward reasons all the addresses your Memorialists sent to him for submission to the Madras Government, as if he was himself the Governor, and disgraced and ill-treated some of your Memorialists on the occasion of their making an address to the Government of this Presidency, which being sent to him for enquiry, he called all the Petitioners to his Office. The report he made thereof to the Government is not known, nor the answer from Government has been furnished to your Memorialists though 4 months have been elapsed since the date of their submission.

Under these circumstances and the nature of the proceedings being such, your Lordship in Council will justly feel at the point that where your Memorialists should have to refer and call for justice and how can they mention their names in the address and suffer disgrace in public by the hands of the Government Agent as above alluded to. The result of your Memorialists' claim is that the Madras Government having entirely left the matter of appointment of Pensions upon the decision and opinion of the Government Agent ? without the interference of the Dewan of the Durbar, who is well acquainted with the circumstances of every servant of the Durbar, your Memorialists

beg to say that errors take place in the designation of Pensions through the ignorance with the state of every individual and the self conceitedness of the Government Agent and righteous persons forfeit their rights and *vice versa*, and moreover that the Pensions are not allotted according to the proper rule of Pension established by the Honorable Government. Here your Memorialists can add that the regulation of Government shews that the respectable Officers should be pensioned, and the Boys of minor age may receive full Pensions up to the time of their reaching to the age of 18; but alas, most of the respectable Commissioned and Chief Officers and Boys of minor age along with some of the real Pensioners of the Durbar of His late Highness Nawab of the Carnatic called Bakars, *i. e.*, Pensioners for whom it is regulated that they should all enjoy with Pensions are deprived of their Pensions severally. The cause whereof cannot be ascertained any thing else but the cruelty and injustice of the Government Agent.

In conclusion your Memorialists humbly beg to implore your Lordship in Council will be gracious enough to give a patient perusal to their former and to this their Memorial and mercifully nominate a most noble and merciful European Officer for the investigation of their claims, or your Lordship in Council will at once be pleased to enquire from the Dewan of the Durbar of His late Highness about the respectable and righteous Officers and Servants of the Durbar; whereby your Lordship in Council will no doubt receive an actual report, and your Memorialists the respectable Officers of the Durbar of His late Highness who are unreasonably deprived of their proper rights would meet with recognizance, for which act of equity and impartial justice your Memorialists as in duty bound.

(Signed) KUREEM MAHOMED KHAN BAHADOOR, &c.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) G. F. EDMONSTONE,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON No. 597; dated 1st August 1857.

Ordered to be forwarded to the Government Agent at Chepauk, for any remarks he may desire to offer on the representation contained in the present Memorial, in reference to his letter of the 30th April 1857, No. 109.

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No 597

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Fort St George
1st August 1857

To the Govt Agent at Chepauk. Desp'd 5th