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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 6th October 1857.

No. **13** From KHADER HUSSAIN ALLY KHAN MUNSOOR JUNG; to the Chief Secretary of Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st September 1857.

MOST HONORED GENTLEMAN,

With infinite submission and profound respect I beg the liberty to forward a Petition addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council concerning of my Stipend to be granted in full which has been reduced from last Eight years and to renew the pension of my late Wife Fatimah Begum into the name of her two children which I humbly solicit your honor will be graciously pleased to make a due investigation and recommend in behalf of me for which great act of humanity the Almighty God shall prosper your honor and family with long life and prosperity.

(Signed) KHADER HUSSAIN ALLY KHAN MUNSOOR JUNG.

From KHADER HUSSAIN ALLY KHAN MUNSOOR JUNG; to the Right Honorable GEORGE LORD HARRIS, Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated 21st September 1857.

MOST NOBLE LORD,

When the Families and Dependents of the Nawabs Wallajah and Omdut ool Oomrah had pecuniary provisions allowed to them by Lord Clive in 1801, in lieu of their family Jaghires and other considerations, the principle on which their grants were conferred was in the first instance with reference to the rank and social position of the parties, the degree of relationship in which they respectively stood towards the Nawabs above named, and according to these circumstances their pecuniary allowances were fixed, and the next point of consideration was, the expenditure to the State on this account, was to undergo a nominal or moderate reduction. Such were the benevolent inspiration which then influenced the East India Company's Government and which principle for a great number of years, regulated the provisions awarded to the Carnatic Family, but in mere recent years, that liberal and benevolent usage was suddenly and completely set aside, and the rule appeared to be the speedy absorption to the State of the expenditure in question. This melancholy and painful alteration in the humane principles which formerly governed the renewal of Carnatic Stipends, produced, as a natural consequence, great misery and distress among the community that were hitherto supported by the benevolent consideration. Families who were accustomed to receive liberal allowances found themselves on a sudden reduced to extreme poverty and penury. A little enquiry into the matter will convince your Lordship in Council that this is no coggerated picture of the existing state of the case. But it is not the province of humble people to question the rulings of a wise Government; if their humble duty to move the sympathy of the ruling powers, and this humble character I beg leave to approach your Lordship in Council.

On the 20th May 1855, my Wife, the late Fatimah Begum, departed this life, leaving issue a Son then three years old, and an infant Daughter about five months old. The deceased was on the receipt of a monthly Stipend of Rupees 53-14-0. Fakher Oon Nissa Begum, Nickah Daughter of His Highness the Nawab Wallajah and Aunt to the deceased Begum, presented a Petition urging the circumstances of my family, and prayed earnestly for the continuance of her late Niece's Stipend in the name of her children she left behind. She also urged that my personal Stipend of Rupees 87 per mensem was totally insufficient for my proper and decent maintenance, and on those grounds prayed for the grant of her Niece's Stipend for the support of her two children.

It might be considered by your Lordship in Council that this duty in soliciting aid on my behalf, my children, should have more properly devolved upon me, but I most humbly submit as I then unfortunately happened to fall under the displeasure of Government, I thought that such an effort on my part would meet with no success. At the period in question it was also represented by the Serishtadar of Khandans that the two children of the late Fatimah Begum were nourished and maintained exclusively on her monthly pension of Rupees 53-14-0, and the Serishtadar's position in the Sirkar, rendered him fully competent to offer an opinion on the matter. It was moreover reported that the deceased Begum was the Daughter of the late Itizud Ool Moolk, a Son of the Nawab Wallajah.

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Under Minutes of Consultation, dated 19th June 1838, it was resolved to confer on your humble Servant a monthly Allowance of Rupees 274 out of the Stipend of Rupees 416-10½ per mensem enjoyed by late Mother Azeezoon Nissa Begum, for the support of myself and the dependants of my late Mother, this Allowance I always considered a personal one, the only proviso being that I should maintain the dependants of my late Mother, this was the universal belief and understanding of the orders of Government, and as casualties occurred among them, their respective Allowances reverted to me.

Having been called upon suddenly to furnish a List of the dependants of my late Mother I naturally felt alarmed, and this feeling was common to all situated in similar position. It was subsequently discovered that many of the dependants had died, and that I appropriated their respective Allowances to my own use, this circumstance was pronounced a fraud, and under the Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated the 7th November 1848, a reduction of one-third or Rupees 43 was made from my Stipend, as it was termed, of Rupees 130 per mensem, as a penalty for the supposed fraud, this leaving out of the Rupees 87 for the support of myself and family, and dismembering from the Original Grant the sum of 114 Rupees as the total amount of the Allowances of the 36 dependants left by my late Mother, and 43 Rupees as a penalty for the fraud that I was said to have committed.

I beg here to submit my Lord with the most profound sense of respect, that I am totally innocuous of having wilfully committed an intentional fraud on the Government to which I was beholden for my support. The offence of which I stood convicted in the eyes of Government, was nothing more than my belief and understanding of the Original orders, and this belief was participated in by every other Carnatic Stipendiary in a similar position, and was so acted upon. If your Lordship in Council can feel convinced of the truth of this statement, which I am most solemnly assert it to be, then your Lordship will be moved to admit that I have been hardly dealt with. The present condition of the Carnatic Stipendiaries is most deplorable and distressing.

Under all the circumstances of the case and considering that the amount of my offence is nothing more than unintentional misunderstanding or misconception of the true purport of the orders of Government, I beseech your Lordship in Council will be pleased to take my case into your gracious consideration and relax the orders by restoring to me the Stipend of my late Mother, as been restored to the children of my late Aunt Razeah Begum and to the children of my late Uncle Delawar Jung in full, and in the meantime your Lordship in Council will be pleased to renew the Stipend, Rupees 53-14-0 of my late Wife, Fatimah Begum, for the support of her two children. Should I on the other hand be considered to have been morally guilty of a fraud by misappropriating the money of the State, then I beseech your Lordship in Council will consider that I have been sufficiently punished for my offence by the forfeiture of the one-third of my Stipend for the last eight years.

Before concluding I deem it necessary to submit that my Shadee Wife, Khader Oon Nissa Begum, is in the enjoyment of a monthly pension of 90 Rupees in right of her Father, but she has three Sons and two Daughters, or that our joint income Rupees 177 is not near sufficient to maintain our family with that decency and respectability as becoming the descendants of the late Nawabs of the Carnatic. I beseech therefore once more my Lord that you will take into your benevolent and impartial consideration of all the circumstances of my extremely hard case and grant the prayer of this most humble and respectful Appeal to the feelings of your Lordship in Council. An all merciful Providence will bless the administration of your Government, and I beg leave to remain with the most profound respect.

(Signed) KHADER HUSSAIN ALLY KHAN MUNSOOR JUNG.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 838; dated 2nd October 1857.

Ordered that the Petition received with the foregoing address be forwarded to the Government Agent at Chepauk for his report.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No. 838.
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for his report.
The Atty
By Chief Secy.

To the Govd. Agent
at Chepauk. } Disp. g.

207 Aug 57 to 11812
 " 7th Feb/58 - " 25420
 " 12th Feb/39 - " 15816
 " 22nd June/38 - " 7010

Act in the Court of B.C. 1857

Col. D. to Genl. 12th July
 N. 13 of 1858 (Penion)

Replied to 22 October
 11/8

J. D. 1857
 Political 1857. Sept 11

From Whader Buesam
 Ally Khan Munoor Jung

2/21st
 2/22nd Sep. 1857

N. 896
 Ruler

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Forwards a petition
 to the B.C. the Governor
 praying that his
 stipend, which has
 been reduced from the
 last 8 years, may be
 granted to him in
 full - as also to renew
 the pension of his
 late wife in the
 name of her two
 children.
 With an Order