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No. 37. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 13th October 1857, No 262 of P. C. S.

SIR,

I wish to represent to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the Agency has had a great deal of trouble with the family of Kauzim Beg, who were Pensioned under the administration of Sir Thomas Munro, as per orders on the margin,* the amount then granted was Rupees 20-0-0, and during the whole time of His Highness the late Nabob it was to me a matter of constant anxiety as to whether this family were or not alive, as it seemed to me highly improbable that, in a large family, some of them elderly people, no death should occur during a period of 30 or 40 years. So soon as the orders in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 19th of January, gave the Agency the direct control over the Stipendiaries, I requested the Vakeels of the female Members of the family to furnish proof of their existence. This, the family as a body pertinaciously abstained from doing, and when I furnished the blank existence Certificate for them to fill up they sent me the joint Petition contents as per margin.† On receipt of this Petition I endorsed it as follows, "No. 1040 of 1857, can they name any respectable person who will certify, the Agency will accept such though not a Pensioner." After this one of the Brothers Ussud Ally Beg, repeatedly and with much gesticulation and in a manner to make it appear to the many hundred people present that the family were being treated with injustice by the Agency declared that there was not a single man in the whole of this great City who had ever seen or was personally cognisant of the existence of his Mother and Sisters. His manner was such as, but for management, might have excited commotion. Subsequently, however, Petition, No. 1201, of the 13th July 1857, bearing the Signature of the five women of the family, furnishing the names of 10 men who were acquainted by report or otherwise of their existence was received. I summoned 6 individuals before me, one individual, No. 677, Carnatic Stipendiary, Gholam Zine Ool Abdeen, acknowledged to be personally aware of the existence of Buratee Bee; and to have heard of that Hussana Bee, and Teepoo Bee and Mahomedy Khanum and Jana Bee. Another individual Mahomed Barakut Oollah is a Servant of the Carnatic Sircar, is the Son of that one of the women named Buratee Bee, and acknowledged to have seen the whole of them personally. Another individual Abdool Mucdadur, the Son of that women called Hussana Bee, acknowledges to be personally aware of all their existence, but stated that they appeared only before the following individuals, *viz.*,

Kader Beg,
Ussud Ally Beg,
Mahomed Burkut Oollah, and
Rahmut Oollah,

but his Mother Hoossna Bee also appeared before a person named Meer Kumber Ally, and that

* *Extract from the Minutes of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, dated 10th April* 1821.
„ „ *23rd May* 1826.

† *We the humble family of the late Kazim Beg, Pensioners of Government, respectively represent to Edward Balfour Esq., Government Agent, that except the 2 Sons who have given evidence in her favour not another individual amongst the Pensioners of Government are aware or can give evidence of the existence of Mahomedy Khanum, Nickah Widow of the late Kazim Beg. Also as to Jana Bee, Buratee Bee and Teepoo Bee and Hoossana Bee, daughters of the late Kazim Beg, with the exception their 2 Brothers who have given evidence regarding them there is not another individual Pensioner of Government who are aware of or can testify as to their existence. Accordingly we the 7 individuals who compose the family of the late Kazim Beg, declare and write that if amongst us 7 any one die or disappear we will immediately give information of the same to the Office of the Government Agent at Chepauk and if contrary to our declaration anything contrary occur then the Government Agent at Chepauk is empowered to resume the Pension of the whole of the family of the late Kazim Beg, we therefore furnish this Petition as a declaration for the acceptance of the Government Agent at Chepauk, dated 20th of June* 1857.

Burattee Bee, appeared before a person named Zine Ool Abdeen; and that with these exceptions, these 5 women were Gosha to all the world. This Statement is contrary to the evidence of Boorham Beg, and Ussud Ally Beg and Khader Beg, who state that Burattee Bee, is not Gosha to Kadir Hoossain and that Jana Bee, is not Gosha to Boorham Beg. Boorham Beg stated that Mahomedy Khanum is the only one of the women who appears before him and that only one daughter of the late Kazim Beg, has any offspring, although 2 men, *viz.* Mahomed Burkut and Abdool Mucdadur, had called themselves the offspring of 2 of the women. Ussud Ally Beg, the brother of the women, acknowledged that all that was previously mentioned in Petition, and all he had repeatedly stated regarding the impossibility of finding people to prove the existence of his Mother and Sisters was false, and that he had stated these falsehoods merely to support the false representation in the 1st Petition. Khader Beg, the elder Brother, and quite an intelligent man, acknowledges that it was he that caused the 1st Petition to be written, asserting that nobody knew them, because 2 witnesses were required for each, and the Mazhur contains no names of any individual, who is personally aware of the existence of his Mother or Sister. Khader Beg likewise refused to answer several questions put to him.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council will observe from this that the whole family have told falsehoods in writing, and falsehoods verbally, and that Ussud Ally Beg endeavoured in the presence of a concourse of people to compel the Agency to issue their receipts without furnishing Certificates of their existence. I am not satisfied of the existence of these women and they do not seem disposed to produce evidence of their existence, although in the Agency we recognize that if they be indeed alive, and indeed the children of Kazim Beg, there can be no difficulty whatever in this great City to get any evidence which they choose; I have the honor to recommend that the Stipends of Carnatic Stipendiary, No. 978, Khader Beg, and No. 977, Ussud Ally Beg, lapse to the State as a punishment for the falsehoods which they told and that the Stipends of the women, as per margin,* remain suspended until they furnish satisfactory evidence.

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* *No.* 972 *Tippoo Bee*.....	2	5	4
„ 973 *Hussana Beeby*.....	2	5	4
„ 974 *Buratee Beeby*.....	2	5	4
„ 975 *Mahomedy Khanum*.....	2	5	4
„ 976 *Jamnah Beeby*.....	2	5	4

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,

Government Agent.

No. 38.

ORDER THEREON, No. 900; dated 19th October 1857.

Until satisfactory evidence is produced regarding the existence of the 5 Women, mentioned in this letter, Government authorise the suspension of their Allowances. The Pensions of Carnatic Stipendiaries, No. 977 and No. 978, will also be suspended until further orders.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No 900

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Fort St George, 19 October 1857.

To the Accountant at Madras. Dispd 20th
" Accountant General } Dispd 29th
" Civil Auditor }

Public Consultation No 3

POLITICAL 1857 DEPARTMENT.

Read letter to Govt 12th July
No 13 of 1858 (Pol) 26-

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR,

Government Agent at Chepauk.

To,

C. Maltby Esquire

Acting Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Dated 13th October 1857

Received 16 — — 1857

No 995. No. 262-

Recommending the lapse of the stipends of Carnatic Stipendiaries No 978 Khader Beg and No 977 Ahmed Ally Beg of the family of Khadir Beg for having told falsehoods both verbally and in writing and that the stipends of the 5 women named within be sus-

suspended until they furnish satisfactory explanation-

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