No. 1. From SHIAK DADEEN and six others; to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated 22nd September 1857.

The humble Petition of Shaik Dadeen, Kareemodeen, Hajee Hameedbage, Goolamdeestageer, Syed Facooradeen, Mohomadaly and Syed Meen.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That your Petitioners including seven others were discharged the service by the Dewan of Durbar and out of 14 servants seven persons were paid with the arrears of wages and also Gratuities and your Petitioners were paid off the arrears of wages with the exception of gratuities. And when Petitioners applied Government Agent the enclosed Petition, was replied thus. "The orders of Government did not include Petitioners." This answer of course compel Petitioners to beg for relief, hoping that they may be blest with the same privilege as their companion servants indiscriminately.

For which act of charity your poor Petitioners shall as in duty bound ever pray.

No. 2154 of 1857.

The Agent will state under what order Petitioners claims are excluded.

By order.

Fort Saint George, *2nd October* 1857.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Depy. Secy. to Government.

No. 2. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk, to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 5th October 1857, No. 287 of G. A.

SIR,

With reference to order of Government, No. 2154 of 1857, I have the honor to report to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that Petitioners were discharged by the order in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 18, dated 17th January 1856, para: 3; and as they were not in employ when Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 332 of 4th October 1856, was received, the order in para: 4 thereof could not apply to them.

* *Herewith returned.*

I have the honor to mention that if it be the wish of Government that these and all other men discharged under orders of Government, since the demise of His Highness the late Nabob Gholam Mahomed Ghouse Khan Bahadoor shall be entitled to gratuities and pensions, like to others serving when the order of October 1856 was issued, a special order seems necessary.

(Signed) E. BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

No. 3. ORDER THEREON, No. 960; dated 12th November 1857.

On the 2nd October last, Government referred to the Agent a Petition from Shaik Dadeen and six others, who complained that they had been discharged without Gratuities. Dr. Balfour's endorsement was "the orders of Government did not include Petitioners," and this he was requested to explain.

2. The Agent now states that the Petitioners were reduced under the directions of Government in Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 18, dated 17th January 1856, and that the General Order conferring Pensions and Gratuities on parties discharged from the Service of the late Nabob is not of earlier date than the 4th October 1856, consequently the Petitioners' claims have been held inadmissable.

3. The Government do not concur in this opinion. They observe that the General Order above referred to is founded upon Para: 10 of the letter from the Government of India, No. 4780, dated the 17th September 1856, by which this Government was authorized to assign to the Servants and Retainers of the Nabob, the same rates of Pension and Gratuity as had been laid down in the case of the same class of people at Tanjore. All Servants of a certain standing were declared entitled to this bounty, and the Governor-in-Council considers that the fact of some few having been discharged before the remainder is no bar to the just claims of those few. He accordingly resolves to instruct the Agent to submit for sanction a list of the Pensions and Gratuities awardable to these Petitioners under the various rules and constructions that have been passed, and to do the same in the case of any other parties who may have been similarly excluded.

4. The discharge of Petitioners themselves took place, it is remarked, under the following circumstances. The Agent on the 20th December 1855 proposed considerable reductions in the late Nabob's Establishment. In reply it was intimated* to him that Government were not prepared to go into the question at that time, but that there would be no objection to the curtailment of certain expenses such as "the Circus," and "the Payments enumerated in the List B, in Dr. Balfour's letter." This List among other items, contained the names of the menial Servants who *personally* attended on the Nabob, and who of course have especial claim to consideration. They are not many in number, and include the present Claimants.

**Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 18, dated 17th January 1856.*

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Political Dept

No 960

Read Petition from Shaik Sadeen & 6 others
Read the following Letters
from the Govt Agent at Chepauk

E&R. C. under date 12 Nov 1857
Agent's letter of 4th Oct 57.
Govt letter No 287
Dated 5th Oct 57

On the 2d October last Govt referred to the Agent a petition from Shaik Sadeen & six others, who complained that they had been discharged without gratuities. Dr Balfour's endorsement was "The orders of Govt did not include Petitioners"; and this he was requested to explain.

2. The Agent now states that the petitioners were reduced under the directions of Govt in E&R. No 18 Dated 17th January 56, and that the general orders conferring pensions & gratuities on parties discharged from the service of the late Nabob is not of earlier date than the 4th October 56. Consequently the Petitioners' claims have been held inadmissible.

3. The Govt do not concur in this opinion.

They observe that the general order above referred to is bounded upon Para 10 of the letters from the Govt of India No 4780 of the 17th Sept/56, by which this Govt was authorized to assign to the servants & retainers of the Nabob the same rates of pension & gratuity as had been laid down in the case of the same class of people at Tanjore. All servants of a certain standing were declared entitled to this bounty, and the G. in C. considers that the fact of some few having been discharged before the remainder is no bar to the just claims of those few. He accordingly resolves to instruct the Agent to submit for sanction a list of the pensions & gratuities awardable to these petitioners under the various rules & constructions that have been passed, and to do the same in the case of any other parties who may have been similarly

calculated.

4. The circumstances of Petitioners themselves both please, it is remarked, under the following circumstances. The Agent on the 6th Decr/55 proposed considerable reductions in the late Nabob's establishment. In reply it was intimated to him that Govt were not prepared to go into the question at that time, but that there would be no objection to the entertainment of certain expenses such as "the Circars", and "the payments enumerated in "the list B in Dr Balfour's letter". This list among other items, contained the names of the menial servants who personally attended on the Nabob. They are not many in number, and include the present claimants.

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To the Govt Agent at Pelamcotta

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Extracts & Encls: of Cons

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I have the honor to transmit herewith Extracts & Enclosures of Correspondence noted in the accompanying list, which I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of India.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant