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Political DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 2nd March 1858.

No. 27. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 17th February 1858, No. 454 of P. C. S.

SIR,

In Para: 9 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 230, dated 19th March 1857, it was particularly enjoined that I should make all the 1855 Carnatic Stipendiaries aware of the terms on which their allowances had been granted.

2. This was effected by issuing through the Dewan of the Durbar, along with their first Stipend receipts, which also were sent through him, Extracts from the orders, applicable to their several cases. These Notices were meant to have been sealed and returned for record by the Stipendiaries, but in all cases, the Stipendiaries did not so return them.

3. The operation alluded to not having been effected by the Agency direct, doubts in some cases have existed as to whether each new Stipendiary had actually received the notice applicable to his or her particular case, or whether they were not purposely refraining from returning them, reserving themselves for future litigation on pretence of ignorance. There was also one omission on our part, in sending an incomplete paper.

4. Partly to get rid of all such doubts, as also, in accordance with a plan resolved on by me, of issuing notices and taking fresh securities on the beginning of each year, on the issue in February of the Stipend receipts for January, I re-issued, to each person, in duplicate, copy of the order affecting his or her case, one copy to be retained by the Stipendiary and the other to be sealed and returned for record.

5. This order to return one copy for record has shown that some few persons were holding back preparatory to petitioning on the first casualty, and from their remarks when so returning them I gather that even now some petitions will be presented to Government, on the subject, and so, with a view to enable Government to reply to any such petitions that may be sent direct, I have the honor to enclose one copy of the notice applicable to each of the three classes of 1855 Stipendiaries, *A.* the immediate Family; *B.* the dependents of Nabob the late Saeed Oon Nissa Begum, and *C.* Servants, Retainers, &c., of the Nabob Gholam Mahomed Ghouse Khan Bahadoor.

A.

MEMORANDUM.

The Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends has the honor by order to intimate to

that the income now granted, has been so, on the following conditions, *viz.*

"The Governor General in Council requests that the following Rule be adopted, and declared to the Grantee as that which will govern the transmission of each pension upon the death of the person, upon whom it is now about to be settled; *viz.*, that, upon the demise of a Stipendiary, if a man, it shall be for the Government of Madras to consider whether any, and what descendants or relations of the deceased were supported by the Stipend, and to assign to them reduced allowances, not exceeding in the aggregate a moiety of that which was enjoyed by the first recipient. Further, that upon the death of any person thus admitted to become a Stipendiary, his descendants and relations shall be dealt with in like manner; the whole of them receiving in the aggregate not more than a moiety of the Stipend, which had been fixed upon him and that upon the death of any of those to whom this last and farther reduced rate of pension shall be awarded, no claim shall be recognized in his descendants to a continuance of an allowance on any scale whatever; and lastly, that in the cases of women of the family to whom Stipends may now be granted, it shall be for the Government of Madras to enquire, upon the

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"death of any of them, whether any and what relations of the deceased were supported from the Stipend, and to give to such as may be judged worthy of consideration, life pensions, the aggregate of which shall not exceed a moiety of that which was accorded to the deceased, but that the transmission shall stop here, and that there shall be no second inheritance of any portion of the Stipend." *Vide.*—Para: 13 of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 8th September, No. 4614 of 1856, received in Extract Minutes Consultation of the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras in Council, No. 230, dated 19th March 1857.

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. *Vide.*—Para: 9, of Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 230, dated 19th March 1857.

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,

Government Agent at Chepauk,

GOVERNMENT AGENT'S OFFICE, }
20th March 1857. }

and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends.

B.

EXTRACT MINUTES OF CONSULTATION, dated 29th November 1856, No. 471.

Para: 6.— "The entire sum will at first amount to Rupees 2,250 + 749 = 2,999 or in round numbers Rupees 3,000 per mensem, being only one-fourth of the amount enjoyed by the Begum. Of this, the grants which make up the sum of Rupees 749, will fall in on lapse."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

The above applies to the relatives to whom allowances were made on the demise of H. H. the Nabob the late Saeed Oon Nissa Begum.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,

Government Agent at Chepauk,

and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends.

C.

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.

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No. 28.

ORDER THEREON, No. 147; dated 2nd March 1858.

The Government approve the proceedings of the Chepauk Agent as reported in the above letter.

They think, however, that the Notice given to the relatives of Her Highness the late Saeed Oon Nissa Begum might have been more explicit than it is in Memo. B. Each of the above persons whose pensions jointly amount to Rupees 749 per mensem, should have been distinctly informed that his or her Stipend, the amount being specified, was a life grant only, that it would lapse absolutely on his or her demise and would under no circumstances be continued wholly or in part to his or her heirs.

Likewise as with the other Pensioners that these allowances would be liable to suspension or withdrawal for misconduct. These Notices should still be given.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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