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No. 25. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th April 1858, No. 686 of G. A.

SIR,

The Dewan of the Durbar is the Custodian of the late Nabob's property, here, and exercises authority over the Sircar Servants, still in charge at Out-Stations.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 23rd July, No. 567 of 1857, ordered such servants as were in charge of property, to continue in charge thereof until further orders.

3. On this, I wrote two letters, one to the Officers serving in localities where Sircar property existed; and one to the Durbar, telling the Government Officers the order alluded to, and the Dewan not to give any, charge to any one of the property in their possessions. (See letters dated 22nd August, No. 243, and 26th August, No. 110 of 1857, appended.)

4. On the 30th Ultimo, Colonel Boulderson informed me that the Dewan of the Durbar was to bring up Sircar Elephants, to add to the splendour of the marriage of Auzum Oon Nissa Begum's Daughter; and that persons or a person intended to arrest them. The following day, I mentioned to the Dewan the danger he was incurring by so doing, and was followed in this; by Mr. Teed, who, with myself, earnestly explained the necessity of his neither giving nor lending nor using any portion of Sircar property. And, to prevent the possibility of any mistake, I afterwards addressed to the Dewan my letter of the 31st Ultimo, and on the 1st Instant, I sent copies of it to Her Highness Khyree Oon Nissa Begum and to Auzum Oon Nissa Begum.

5. Prior to this, Auzum Oon Nissa Begum had been in communication, through the Agency, with the Commissioner of Police, and the letters which passed, as well as all since then, are appended.

I apologise for occupying the time of Government with such voluminous papers, but Auzum Oon Nissa Begum's pressing wish, that I should do so, and her evident disinclination to regard any answer as final, but that which Government may give, may plead as my excuse.

6. I would offer as my opinion that under the present position of affairs it does not seem to me advisable that Government should issue any order to the Dewan of the Durbar to lend or part with any Sircar property whatever. I would add that it is not politic, either, to allow Auzum Oon Nissa Begum, or any member of the Family to use, or obtain the means of display which the use of Sircar property would afford.

7. I would likewise submit that this lady was a dancing girl, and came to Madras, about 11 years ago, as one of a Band of Dancing girls, who came in the Train of Her Highness Khyre Oon Nissa Begum, when a bride. But about fifteen months after her arrival, the late Nabob married her by the Nickah ceremony.

8. Her disposition is inclined to be parsimonious; and, during and since her deceased husband's lifetime, she has saved very largely, say to the extent of five lacs of Rupees, and she has therefore the most ample means of spending, on her daughter's marriage, all that a person in private life is required to spend, and does not require to borrow from others, even if it were prudent or politic for any one to be permitted to employ the vast display which the use of all the Sircar retinue would admit of.

9. The letter from Auzum Oon Nissa Begum of the 5th (yesterday) was received only in the after-noon, and as she wants the retinue for to-night, there has not been time to copy out all the documents, which, in the form of drafts and originals, will explain why the present irregular manner is followed, in sending them up, in this holiday time.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends; to the Collector of North Arcot, dated 22nd August 1857, No. 243 of G. A.

SIR,

I have the honor to subjoin, for your information, copy of para: 16 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, No. 567 of 23rd Ultimo.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends; to *MADAR OOL OOMRAH* BAHADOOR, Dewan of the Durbar, dated 26th August 1857, No. 110.

SIR,

You will warn every person in charge of any property of the late Nabob, not to sell or lend or dispose of any part of it whatever; and I would suggest that yourself most carefully attend to these points; every body in charge should be warned not to allow the smallest portion to be out of his possession for one moment.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends; to MADAR OOL OOMRAH BAHADOOR, Dewan of the Durbar, dated 2nd September 1857, No. 254.

SIR,

With reference to the orders in para: 16 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, of 23rd July, which I had the honor on the 22nd Ultimo, to forward a copy, and the lists of the same which, I forwarded for information, with my letter, No. 239 of the 15th Ultimo, I request the favour of your intimating to all such servants to make application to this Office should they desire to claim pensions for Ancestral Service.

I likewise request you to favour me with the names of the servants who having hitherto been, will continue on the same rate of pay as before retain charge of the property stating in column lines, (1) Name, (2) Official, (3) Service, (4) Salary, and in the remarks the description of the property of which he is in charge. I also suggest that each servant so in charge, prepare and send to you at the earliest possible date, a minute detailed inventory of every article, property now in his care of giving in Columns its (1) Name, (2) Condition and (3) Estimated value.

From AUZUM OON NISSA BEGUM; to E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk, dated 12th March 1858.

Auzum Oon Nissa Begum presents her compliments to the Government Agent at Chepauk and begs to state that the ceremony of the Marriage of her daughter with the Son of His Highness the Prince Auzumjah Bahadar, and Cousin of His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic will be celebrated from the 1st to 10th Proximo.

She requests that the Government Agent will be so good as to beg the favour of Lieutenant Colonel Boulderson to adopt the usual mensures in allowing the procession of ceremonies to pass with the Circar's retinue, such as Elephants and Camels, &c., from her present residence to Shady Mahal.

She further wishes to allude to the Government Agent's knowledge of the attempts of His late Highness for the enhancement of her honor and dignity. His late Highness performed the Muktub and Fasting ceremony of her daughter will princely splendour, and had a warm desire to use every possible exertion to celebrate her nuptials with a greater pomp than that of his own. Had he now been alive, he would undoubtedly have solicited the assistance of Government, and done every thing in his power towards celebrating the marriage of this daughter on whom his whole affection was concentrated, with that honor and dignity appertaining to a Princess.

May God preserve the success and prosperity, and prolong the duration of this paternal Government, who out of benevolent feelings and in consideration of the Royal dignity of the late Nabob, is always willing to maintain the honor of his widows, and that they are even so attentive and indulgent towards them, that they are proud to say that the absence of the Nabob is not so calamitous as it otherwise would be, and that they are withheld from the abyss of sorrow and disappointment they would have sunk in. This beyond all doubt contribute to uphold the good name of the Government and the Government Agent.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends; to Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police, dated 13th March 1858, No. 569 of G. A.

SIR,

I have the honor to subjoin copy of paras; 1 and 2, and letter dated 12th Instant, for Auzum *OonNissa Begum.*

Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 9th April 1858.

From Colonel J. C. BOLDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to E. G. BALFOUR Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk, dated 15th March 1858, No. 190;

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th Instant, No. 569, and request, with reference to the subject thereof, that you will bring to the notice of Auzim Oon Nissa Begum, the order of Government under date 11th July 1851, No. 272, Political Department Having done so, I request you will inform me the nature and extent of the procession for which she requests that arrangements be made.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to AUZUM OON NISSA BEGUM, dated 17th March 1858, No. 583 of G. A.

MADAM,

I have the honor to enclose a communication received from the Commissioner of Police, with reference to your letter of the 12th Instant, and to enclose also the Extract Minutes Consultation, which that Officer alludes to.

From AUZUM OON NISSA BEGUM; to E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk, dated 22nd March 1858.

Auzum Oon Nissa Begum, presents her compliments to the Government Agent at Chepauk, and acknowledges the receipt of his letter, No. 583 of 17th Instant, with enclosures marginally noted, and returned herewith as requested.

Letter of the late Superintendent of Police to Government.
Order of Government thereon.
Letter of Colonel Boulderson.

The Begum begs to observe that it affords her no pleasure or desire to deal in an undertaking which may be found inconsistent with the order of Government, or interfere with the convenience of the Public, but as she finds that after the custom of the Mahomedans, there exists an unavoidable necessity for the conduct of processions during marriage ceremonies she could not but help acting up to it. Although a great show and amusement is attached when processions move through a greater and more circuitous distance than is actually necessary, yet she in her present arrangements, has no such intention, but that the processions should move from Rushkn Iram, her residence, to that of the Bridegroom at Shaddy Mahal, through a way that would not only be a shortest distance, but that afford less opportunity for the convenience of the public being interfered with. She has therefore arranged to conduct processions at times indicated below by Salem Choultry and along the Street of Theroorateesrarum Petta, a measure, which she considers, will be found less objectionable by the Commissioner of Police, inasmuch as the European Gentry are not in any part of the route at the times.

The Begum further begs to observe that it is her earnest desire to have all her late husband's Circar retinue, now existing, at the processions, and that she thinks that it is not in variance with the order of Government under acknowledgment, to have Camels and Elephants on the occasions in question, as in September 1853, two years after the said order, Mr. Elliot, then Superintendent of Police, allowed the use of Camels and Elephants at the processions on the occasion of the marriage of the own Sister of the present Bridegroom.

On the 6th April 1858, between 8 and 12 P. M.
„ 7th „ „ „ do. and do.
„ 10th „ „ „ 8 P. M. to 3 in the dawn.
„ 12th „ „ „ do. do.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police, dated 23rd March 1858, No. 626 of G. A.

SIR,

With reference to your letter, No. 190, dated 15th Instant, I have the honor to transmit the enclosure, received in reply from Auzum Oon Nissa Begum.

From Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk, *dated 25th March 1858, No. 232.*

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd Instant, together with an Enclosure from the Begum Auzum Oon Nissa; I understand she has arranged *to conduct four*

processions on certain days between certain hours named in her Memo :along the streets which lead from her residence through Therodvateswarum Pettah, to Triplicane, accompanied with Elephants and Camels.

2. Her proposal seems to me comes within the meaning of the Government order, dated 11th July 1851, on the subject of the processions of the Members of the Nabob's family, and the Police Officers will be informed that the use of Camels and Elephants is, for the occasion, specially sanctioned.

3. I beg you however, with my compliments, to point out to the Begum, that her House is situated close to the Club, where sick Officers frequently reside, and that it is desirable therefore that there should be as little noise as possible of drums, &c., in that neighbourhood.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to AUZEEM OON NISSA BEGUM, dated 26th March 1858, No. 652 of G. A.

MADAM,

I have the honor to forward a communication for the Commissioner of Police in reply to her letter of the 22nd Instant.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk and Pay Master of Carnatic Stipends; to MADAR OOL OOMRAH BAHADOOR, Dewan of the Durbar, dated 31st March 1858, No. 677 of G. A.

SIR,

Although I mentioned verbally today what was communicated to me last night, I think it advisable now to add that Colonel Boulderson, the Commissioner of Police was the gentleman who informed me of your intention to bring up Circar Elephants to Madras, to add to the Marriage Ceremony of Auzum Oon Nissa Begum's daughter.

I have repeatedly, verbally, and once in writing, suggested to you, in a friendly way, that of all the property in your own charge and in Custody of other Circar Servants not a particle of it should be lent to any person whatever; and I would add now that were I in charge, except preserving the property from the injury, keeping it in order, and doing all I could to preserve it, for the benefit of those concerned, I would do nothing else, neither using it myself nor allowing any other person to do so. With regard to the present lending of Elephants, and in addition to the risk mentioned to me, which I communicate of their being arrested for debt claims, these Animals could not be brought here but at a considerable increased expense, which I think should be avoided unless authority to defray the same be given.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to Her Highness Nabob KHYRE OON NISSA BEGUM, dated 1st April 1858, No. 680 of G. A.

MADAM,

I have the honor to subjoin copy of a letter which actuated solely by her friendly feelings, I considered it a kindness to address to Madar Ool Oomrah Bahadoor.

From AUZUM OON NISSA BEGUM; to E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk, dated 1st April 1858.

Azum Oon Nissa Begum presents her compliments to the Chepauk Agent, and begs to inform that after the death of His Highness her late husband, there had been a practice to allow her the use of any furniture from the Circar, on occasions requiring them, by the Dewan of the Durbar. She is aware that on a recent occasion when Her Highness Khyre Oon Nissa Begum, had made her requisition to the Dewan for the use of some of the said furniture, the Dewan started certain objections to its being complied with, but he was in return checked by the Agent, and the use of the furniture permitted.

When there thus appeared no objection, the Dewan on the requisition of the Begum, issued out orders to the different Department for allowing furniture, &c., for the marriage of her daughter, and that upon this consideration, she has made grand arrangements for the Wedding and which the Agent is perfectly aware will commence tomorrow, and while the furniture being partially removed to her garden, she is surprized to hear this morning that the Dewan has objected to the remainder being passed out, she need not say much as the Agent is perfectly aware that if the objection of the Dewan be allowed to prevail, what disgrace will that act bring her and the name of her husband into. Is it possible for her to procure furniture or retinue elsewhere?

Reposing entirely upon the Agent for protection against the said hardship, the Begum earnestly requests that he will be pleased to issue immediate order to the Dewan to allow her the remaining furniture and the whole of the retinue* of her husband's Circar. If the Agent think that this is a matter of reference to Government she trusts that he will be so kind as to obtain an immediate order from the Government that all the supplies from the Circar may reach her Garden by tomorrow evening, otherwise, what would be the consequence, she need not point out as there must be preparation made on day after tomorrow for 500 persons.

* *Elephants, Camels, &c.,*

The Begum expresses her deep sense of obligation for the kind interference of the Agent in obtaining the sanction of the Commissioner of Police for the use of Elephants and Camels, and an addition of this favour will place her under an infinite debt of gratitude.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to AUZUM OON NISSA BEGUM, dated 2nd April 1858.

MADAME,

I have sent to Madar Ool Oomrah Bahadoor, with my opinion, your letter of last night.

E. B.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to MADAR OOL OOMRAH BAHADOOR, dated 2nd April 1858.

MY DEAR SIR,

I enclose a letter from Auzum Oon Nissa Begum, received last night. My opinion, as a friendly disposed person, was given on Wednesday, and it is only because the Begum is unaware of your true position, that can account for her writing in this way.

From AUZUM OON NISSA BEGUM; to E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk, dated 2nd April 1858.

Auzum Oon Nissa Begum presents her compliments to the Government Agent at Chepauk, and I begs to acknowledge the receipt of his letter of the 1st Instant, annexing the copy of his communication to the Dewan of the Durbar, last evening.

The Begum begs to observe that she supposes that the Agent, when being actuated in his present communication to the Dewan, he was not acquainted of the circumstances then prevailed and which are in full length stated in her letter to the Agent of the 1st Instant, she humbly trusts that the Agent in consideration, of the said circumstances, will be graciously pleased to issue immediate order to the the Dewan to allow her the remaining furniture. She begs to assure the Agent that she shall hold herself responsible for any injury being done to the furniture and that at the close of the Wedding, she shall safely return them to the Circar.

The Begum begs to add that when she had requested the Government Agent to obtain the sanction of the Commissioner of Police for the whole of the Circar retinue being used at the Processions, she wishes to move about, he had most willingly and without any objection as to her intentions, undertook the task and obtained her the grant of her request. And that since so much have been done towards that branch of arrangements and the publicity having been made about it throughout, she regrets it would cause her no slight disgrace if the thing turns otherwise.

She thinks that it is upon the report spread out by some who are hostilie to her, that "the Elephants would be arrested for debt claims," that the Agent was obliged to have recourse to the

allusion he has made in the letter under reference. When there appears no Judgement of the Supreme Court either against His late Highness or his property, or his Servants in official documents, what reason could there be for apprehension being entertained ? In proof of which, the Circar property was often allowed to different individuals from the Circar for ceremonious occasions, up to last month, and that not a particle of it did on any occasion go to the purpose to confirm the present apprehension. The Agent may be well aware, she thinks, that there are some individuals who have become inimical to her for her having hit upon the present match for her daughter in spite of several other suitors, and as she was told that they are endeavouring to do her mischief in the present occasion.

As regards the expenses for bringing Elephants, &c. she is prepared to defray the whole expenses on that account.

Under these circumstances, she trusts the Government Agent will protect her from being sunk in the Ocean of disgrace by his immediate order to the Dewan to bring the Elephants and give the whole retinue of the Circar for the Processions.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to AUZUM OON NISSA BEGUM, dated 2nd April 1856.

MADAME,

I very much regret to inform you that I have to do with the Sircar property and cannot assist you in your present desires. I would add that there seems some misapprehension in the statement in the second para : of the letter under reply, as there has not been any application made to the Commissioner of Police for the whole of the Sircar retinue which I have seen nor any intention of the same in any letter, and I can only suppose that somewhat of an incorrect translation has been given to the contents of the letters.

From MADAR OOL OOMRAH, Dewan of the Durbar; to Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends, dated 5th April 1858.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am extremely obliged for the kind advice given by you in your letter of yesterday's date for my welfare, and beg to enclose a copy of that letter as requested.

(COPY.)

MY DEAR SIR, *Madras 4th April* 1858.

Your letter to me of this date is written as if the Begum and yourself think that you are not in charge of the Sircar property. You have the sole care, charge and responsibility of all the property, and as you know, I do not interfere; have not interfered; and will not interfere in any way further than to offer you my opinion in a kind friendly way.

I have been very sorry indeed that you have been troubled with Shah Sawar Jung's property, and that you have had trouble also from the Soucar's Bills; and I should be very sorry indeed to find you involving yourself in further troubles from yourself using, or allowing any other person to use any part of the Nabob's property. After the very earnest manner in which myself and Mr. Teed, on Wednesday last, warned you of the necessity of strictly acting as above, as I have no control over you nor power to order you to do a thing, I am left to express my extreme regret that you should be so little acquainted with the Cost of law Suits and great risk you are running, as to act differently and still wish to act differently to what Mr. Teed and myself advised.

E. B.

From AUZUM OON NISSA BEGUM; to E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk, dated 6th April 1856.

Auzum Oon Nissa Begum presents her compliment to the Government Agent at Chepauk, and in reply to his Demi Official letter, dated 2nd April, she regrets to observe that if the advice

which he has given in his letter to the Dewan of the 31st March had been known to her at the very commencement instead of his waiting as at present till he himself has attained permission of the Commissioner of Police for the Processions accompained by the whole of the Circar Retinue upon her two letters to him, dated 12th and 22nd Ultimo, her hopes of getting the whole of the Retinue, as is mentioned in the above letters, would not have been raised, nor would she have given a publicity to the contemplated grand processions.

She is however led to request that the Agent will with as little delay as possible, submit to the Government for their favorable consideration the whole of the correspondence as noted in the margin,* as well as this letter since the first process, sion will be conducted tomorrow night.

* *Letter of Auzum Oon Nissa Begum, to the Government Agent, dated 12th March* 1858.
Agent's Answer, dated 17th March, with its Enclosures.
Auzum Oon Nissa Begum, to the Govt. Agent, dated 22nd March 1858.
Agent's Answer, dated 26th March, no Enclosure.
Auzum Oon Nissa Begum's letter, to the Agent, dated 1st and 2nd April 1858.
Agent's Letter, to the Begum, dated 1st April 1858.
Agent's Demi official reply, dated 2nd March 1858.

She may also add that she as sent a letter yesterday with her Seal affixed to the Dewan in which she has clearly stated that she would herself be responsible for any risk which the above Official might incur by allowing the use of the Circar Retinue.

In conclusion she begs to state that though she was disappointed in obtaining the remaining furniture for the ceremony of the 3rd Instant, she fully hopes that by this reference to the Government, she may not meet with similar disappointment for future, more important ceremonies during the wedding which will end on the 12th Instant.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, No. 242; dated 9th April 1858.

The Government observe that the property of the late Nawaub has been placed under the charge of the Dewan, and it must rest with that Officer to determine whether he will incur the responsibilities that may possibly follow if he should either use, or permit others to use, any part of the property.

2. The original papers received with the Agent's letter will be returned.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Lieut
Smith arrived
Chehâh.

In orders.

His ordinance to see
the last evening.
Nothing noted
to be done for the
night however.

Reported to the
Colonel by Capt Nash
why Colonel the

Political Department.

No. 212

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 9th April 1858.

Read the following letter from the Govt to Agent at Chepauk
Nungambaker 6th April 1858.
No 686

The Government observe that the Inquiry of the late Perambakam Case, which was conducted under the charge of the Revenue Board, was not carried on with that diligence & determination which the importance of the case & the Character of the accused & of the witnesses called for.

hand of the property.

2- The original papers received with the Agents letter will be returned.

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Orig Enclosures Returned 23d April

Political Letter to Bengal 21st Sept. No 22 of 1858

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No. 242

Extract Mins. Cons.

Dated 9th April 1858

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