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Read the following letters.

No. 14. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st May 1858, No. 933 of G. A.

Sir,

In para: 3 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 313, dated 14th Instant, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, when alluding to the Dewan's List, No. 3, and to its having been accepted by Government, "as the criterion whereby to decide the pretensions of parties "claiming to be Chief Officers," adds that "two of the indivi- "duals* named in that List are dead, and on the death of one "of them Auzum Ool Oomrah, his Office of Meer-i-Asham and "the privilege of occupying a seat around the throne was con- "ferred upon (Etesham Ood Dowlah) himself." That "it seems from the Dewan's List of "15th September last, that this was the case. That Etesham Ood Dowlah argues that he is "therefore entitled to be ranked and pensioned as a Chief Officer."

* *Auzum Ool Omrah.*
Bukhsi Ool Moolk.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council takes the Statement of Etesham Ood Dowlah to be correct, and I am then asked whether the other individual, Bukshi Ool Moolk Bahadoor, "was on his decease succeeded in his Office and seat about the throne by any one, and "if so who his successor was?"

3. With reference to the above order, I have the honor to mention that it is shown by the Sircar Records that the last deceased Bukshee Ool Moolk Bahadoor, died on the 1st December 1850, and was succeeded in his pay and Office by the now pensioned Ex-Bukshi Ool Moolk, on the 7th of that month.

4. When, on the 27th April 1845, Servants generally were, for the first time, allotted places, from the throne, the deceased Bukshi Ool Moolk was placed number two in the general allotment; but, subsequently, when the servants were re-arranged as per their classes of Civil and Military, the deceased became, No. 1, of his Military class; and on his demise, his Successor the surviving pensioned Ex-Bukshi obtained the first place. The plan bears no date, but it is ascertained to have been drawn up in or after the year 1852, and there is no doubt amongst the Officers as to its accuracy.

5. The succession as Meer-i-Asham from Auzum Ool Oomrah Bahadoor, to Etesham Ool Dowlah Bahadoor, however, was wholly dissimilar to the above, and the Statement which as I gather Etisham Ood Dowlah Bahadoor has made to Government, *viz.*, that he succeeded Auzum Ool Oomrah, has conveyed to Government a most erroneous impression from his not stating the whole facts of the case, *viz.*, that he succeeded to the humblest one of three Offices held by the deceased Auzum Ool Oomrah Bahadoor, as follows:

6. The late Auzum Ool Oomrah Bahadoor, died on the 15th May 1850.

7. At the date of his demise he held three (3) appointments, the names and salaries of which were as follows:

1st. Meer-i-Mylas Dewanee Mal, on a salary of Rupees 350 from the 1st of August 1844. This was his appointment of the highest dignity.

2nd. Meer Saman-i-Hoozoor, on a salary of Rupees 475. Date of appointment from 13th October 1844. This was the Office of second dignity.

3rd. Meer-i-Asham, on a salary of Rupees Fifty, nominated from the 8th September 1844. Salary was fixed as Rupees 100, 1st April 1840, and reduced to Rupees 50, on 1st October 1847. This was the Office of third dignity.

8. By the general List of 27th April 1845, above alluded to, Auzum Ool Oomrah Bahadoor, had the fourth place next the throne, but he was then the 3rd Civil Officer.

9. His name is not in the plan, supposed to have been framed on or subsequent to 1853, therefore he must have died prior to the construction of that List. But, in the plan framed on or after 1853; the name of Etesham Ood Dowlah Bahadoor appear, as No. 8, of the Civil List.

10. After the demise of Auzum Ool Oomrah Bahadoor, his Offices Nos. 1 and 2, were delivered over (on the 30th May 1850) to Mudar Ool Oomrah Bahadoor and Raes Ool Oomrah Bahadoor, the two Dewans of the Durbar. And by the same order the third Office of Meer-i-Asham was bestowed on Etesham Ood Dowlah Bahadoor, to whom was nominated the salary of Rupees 50 per mensem, on the 1st June 1850, a salary which was subsequently increased to Rupees 100 per month on the 11th August 1851.

11. In reviewing the above the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will observe that the case of the two Bukshi Ool Moolks is not similar to that of Auzum Ool Oomrah and Etesham Ood Dowlah.

12. The deceased Bukshi Ool Moolk was succeeded by the pensioned Bukshi Ool Moolk in one office with the same pay and rank.

13. The deceased Auzum Ool Oomrah Bahadoor was the third Civil Officer next the throne, he held three appointments with a total of salaries of Rupees 875 per mensem, *viz.*, one of Rupees 475, one of Rupees 350 and one of Rupees 50 per mensem, the humblest in rank and emoluments of all which, *viz.*, that of Rupees 50 per mensem, was granted to Etesham Ood Dowlah Bahadoor, who in 1853 or sometime between 1850 and 1853, we find holding the 8th place next the throne.

14. To me who have gone from step to step in the Records, the above seems a clear Statement, but the strange names and stranger Offices may cause an appearance of difficulty, and there may even be such; but if so, I will be ready to submit any further explanation required.

15. I have already given my opinion on the claim submitted by Etesham Ood Dowlah Bahadoor, in paras: 11 and 49 of my letter, No. 319, dated 6th November 1857, and would only now add that this further investigation has not strengthened his claim.

16. I would offer as my opinion that the List of Chief Officers already sanctioned by Government is not, as the Right Honorable the Governor in Council knows, such I would have framed, but I recommend the resolution of Government as per margin,* already so publicly announced being now strictly adhered to.

* *Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 1075 of 24th December 1857, Para: 4. Ordered that the following endorsement be communicated to the other parties, whose names are excluded from the List of Chief Officers, as now finally sanctioned by Government.*

"*Government having fully considered the case of the Petitioner see no reason to recognize him as Chief Officer nor to admit him to full Pension,*" and *Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 195 of 20th March 1858.* "*The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the revised List of Chief Officers submitted by the Agent with his letter of the 27th January last.*"

"*He will inform the Dewan that no more names can be added to the List.*"

Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 15th June 1858.

No. 15. From ETHESHAM OOD DOWLAH BAHADOOR, ETHESHAM JUNG; to the Right Honorable G. F. R. LORD HARRIS, Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated 29th May 1858.

The humble Petition of Ethesham Ood Dowlah Bahadoor, Ethesham Jung.

Respectfully Sheweth,

1. That in continuation of his Petition to Government, dated 16th January last, and having heard that the Government Agent has lately made a lengthened report on the claim preferred by him in that Petition, your Petitioner most deferentially begs to submit the following observations.

2. According to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 24th December last, the recognition, by Government as Chief Officers of the 17 persons therein named, was solely upon the consideration of their having had seats around the Musnud, but not of the eminence of their Offices or the largeness of their allowances or any other particular; for, it is obvious, that if Government had all these points in view, then out of those 17, they would not have acknowledged, to be Chief Officers, the Moonuffuz-i-Ahcam (who enjoyed a small salary of Rupees 50 per mensem) and Mooftee Yoosoof Ally Khan and Mooftee Habeeboollah Khan, (who were under the authority of the Khazee of the Mahcamah) all of whom neither had Commissions nor were the Heads of Offices nor had any other pecularities.

3. Consequent on the demise of one of those 17 Officers, *viz.*, Auzum Ool Oomra, your Petitioner obtained one of his three Offices, *i. e.*, of Meer-i-Ahsham, as well as one of the 17 seats around the Musnud. Your Petitioner, therefore, in his Petition alluded to, claimed that under the considerations expressed in the above Minute, he is entitled to admission in the List of Chief Officers. Consequently, your Petitioner hopes your Lordship in Council will be pleased only to ascertain whether, in consequence of Auzum Ool Oomra's death, he did or did not obtain a seat out of those 17 around the throne. Your Petitioner is also persuaded to think that the consideration of the other particulars connected with his Office, will be regarded as equally unnecessary with those of the above 17 persons.

4. Although your Petitioner in Para: 6, of his said Petition, submitted some of the particulars and illustrations of the importance of his Office, and of his being a Chief Officer, and is now also prepared to prove the same by several other evidences, yet as he is led to consider by Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 24th December, that your Lordship in Council does not require all this, he takes the liberty only to establish the fact of his having had one of the 17 seats around the Musund, which constitutes the fundamental point of that Minute.

5. From Sketch No. 3, sent by the Dewan of the Durbar, it would appear that 8 Civil and 4 Military, in all 12 Officers, occupied 12 numbered seats forming two lines in front of the throne, and 5 other Officers, such as the Khazee, &c., had 5 other seats without number on the right side of the Musnud. On the death of Auzum Ool Oomra, who had the 4th seat in the line of Civil Officers, the 5 Officers below him were promoted to higher seats, and the 8th seat that was thus vacant was allotted to your Petitioner, which fact is obvious from the Dewan's letter to the Government Agent, dated 18th September 1857. Thus on perusing all these documents, your Lordship in Council will observe that your Petitioner had no other than one of the 17 seats, the occupants of which alone have been recognised as Chief Officers in the above Extract.

6. Your Petitioner further respectfully begs to submit that though your Lordship in Council will doubtless be inclined to consider why, in Sketch No. 3, only 12 seats have been numbered and 5 not, and whether the occupants of the former have any preference over those of the latter,

A full Pension -

your Petitioner would explain this as far as his knowledge goes. The foremost object of the late Nabob was that only the 12 Civil and Military Officers should sit around the Musnud, and the Sketches Nos. 1 and 2, would be found to corroborate with this wish of the Nabob. Although, by Sketch No. 3, five other Officers were allowed to sit around the Musnud, contrary to the Nabob's wish with a view to please them, yet no numbers were fixed for their seats. From this, your Lordship in Council will conceive what degree of preference the 12 occupants of the numbered seats had over the other 5 who had seats without any number.

7. Here your Petitioner thinks it necessary to remark that while, in consequence of Auzum Ool Oomra's demise the 8th seat was allotted to him, out of the 12 numbered seats, in the line of Civil Officers, it is astonishing that the 5 occupants of seats that had no numbers should have been regarded as Chief Officers, though their sitting around the Musnud was contrary to the late Nabob's original object, and that your Petitioner should have been deprived of the bounty of Government, notwithstanding his having had the 8th seat out of the 12 numbered seats.

8. In conclusion, your Petitioner most respectfully begs to submit that he is fully satisfied and assured that after ascertaining the fact of his having had the 8th seat of those 17 seats, the occupants of which have been recognised as Chief Officers by the above Minute, your Lordship in Council will never be disposed to allow his degradation amongst his equals, but will kindly and graciously be pleased to order him to be treated as one of the Chief Officers.

For which act of kindness and justice, your Petitioner as in duty bound, Shall Ever Pray.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, No. 379 ; dated 14th June 1858.

It appears from the above letter that of the two Officers entered in the Dewan's List, No. 3, as having had seats around the throne, and who have since died, *viz.*

Bukshee Ool Moolk and Auzum Ool Omrah, the first had been succeeded in his Office, and in a seat about the throne by another Bukshee who is in receipt of full Pension.

2. Auzum Ool Omrah held three Offices, one on a salary of Rupees 475 per mensem, one of Rupees 350, and one of Rupees 500. These on his demise were conferred on three different individuals.

3. The two parties holding the appointments of Rupees 475 and Rupees 350, are among those who have been recognized as Chief Officers and admitted to full Pension. They had been in enjoyment of seats above the Throne during Auzum Ool Oomrah's life.

4. Auzum Ool Oomrah was succeeded in the 3rd Office by Itesham Ool Dowlah, whose Salary was raised from Rupees 50 to Rupees 100 by the Nawaub, and who as it appears from Dr. Balfour's present report, para: 13, "sometime between 1850 and 1853 held the 8th place next the Throne."

5. Under these circumstances Itesham Ood Dowlah seems to have made good his Title to be treated as a Chief Officer, as having occupied one of the seats about the Throne shown in the Dewan's Plan, No. 3, in succession to one of the parties therein entered. The Government therefore resolve to admit him as such to full Pension and they request that the Agent will submit a supplemental List, with the necessary particulars for incorporation with the General List of Chief Officers, No. 2.

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petitions, Nos. 162 and 391 of 1858.

"Petitioner's claim cannot be admitted."

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

the dilatory Bukshi ask Khoda was succeeded by another Bukshi ask Khoda - This man draws full pension -

Anjuman ask Omrah held three offices - I need not enlarge this statement - one of R475 per mensem - one of 350 - and one of R50 -

He was succeeded in the two first of these offices respectively by two men who have their pensions or full pay -

In the third a Post of lower duty he was succeeded by Sheikan ood Dowlah - whose pay was temporarily increased from R50 to R100 monthly, and who sometime between 1850-1853 held the 8th place next the throne - vide post-para 13 -

The Government have now to decide - whether Sheikan ood Dowlah is to be relinquished as Chief Office and pensioned or full pay - or not -

JP

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I think it is probable that this man did not succeed Dara Shikoh - which was fixed around

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 14 June 1858

From Govt Agent at Chepauk 21 May 1856.
Petition of Ehtesham ood Dowlah Bd - Ehtesham Jung - 29 May 1858
No 358.

It appears from the above letter that of the two Officers entered in the Dewan's list No 3 as having had seats around the Throne, and who have since died - viz

Buksheer ool Moolk and - Auzum ool Oomrah - the first had been suc-ceeded in his Office & in a seat about the Throne by another Buk-shee who is in receipt of full Pension -

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... that appointment of his salary & his conclusion - but ... that he had a seat ... it appears very doubtful ... whether ... previous ...

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Dr Balfour does not deny that the person Ehtesham ud Doulah succeeded to a vacancy among the 17 persons whom the late Nawab considered chief officers. On that occasion he doubled his salary & appointed him to the seat No 8.

EMC. 24 Dec No 1075, the Govt lay down the rule for wh. they may ... decide on claims of this nature - viz that they recognize the list of 17 persons rec.d from the Dewan No 3. In that list No 8 is the late Auzum ool Oomrah - Ehtesham ood Doulah was nominated his successor to his seat & to one of his 3 offices with an augmented salary. It is not a question of relative rank & salary as compared with other chief officers but of the late Nawab's accord of dignity to ... - It will be observed fr. the Dewan's list that of the 17 places round the musnud 12 are numbered - ... are not numbered. The present applicant has one of the former No 8 & I think has made out a very complete case to be recognized as a ch. officer WE

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532 = 3
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2. Angnan ool Omrah
held three offices - one
on a salary of R 475.
per annum - one of
R 350 and one of R
50 - Thus on his demise
were conferred on three
different individuals -

3. The two parties holding
the appointments of R
an among themselves
475 & R 350 - have been
recognized as Chief
Officers and admitted
to full Session - They had

4 - Angnan ool Omrah
was succeeded in the
third office by Ketchan
ool Dowlah whose salary
was raised from R 50
to R 100 by the Government
and who as it appears
from Dr Butlers
present report R 13

been in enjoyment of
seats about the throne
during Angnan ool
Omrahs life.

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with the necessary
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in corporation with the
Journal Bill of Chief
Officer No 2.

Ordered that the following endorsement be
passed on Petitions Nos ~~160~~ 162 & 391 of 1858.

Petitioners claim cannot be admitted.

JP

for Royal assent both & may
thereafter be laid upon the table

Copy to the Govt Agent at Chittagong — Desp. 14 : Mt.

Endorsement on the Petn of Chas Edwards dated 16 Feby 58. No 162 } Desp. 16th
do — do — Joint Petition of Sobhan Khan &c. with 3 enclosures — Mt.
Shafood Dowlah &c.
Mahomed Saheb Ally Khan &c.
Mooshairab Khan Bahadoor
Khiemat Khan &c. } A/S Gray No 394 } Desp. 15 June
with one Enc: } Mt.

Dr. A. Brome

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