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No. 10. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 24th June 1858, No. 1119 of P. C. S.

SIR,

In my letter, No. 576, dated 16th March last, I styled one of the persons enumerated therein, by the name and title of Budrood Deen Hoossain Khan Bahadoor, such being the name and the two Titles by which he has hitherto designated himself and been designated in Society. But Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 221, dated 27th March 1858, merely used the Title of Khan, and, as is the practice of this Office, a Seal for his Stipend Receipt was ordered to be engraved with that same name and title which Government had employed.

2. On this however he wrote to me claiming the Title also of Bahadoor, and being then aware from the Carnatic Sircar Records that they did not contain any mention of the grant to this person of any Title, by the Nabobs of the Carnatic, I asked him to mention his authority for using the Title of Bahadoor which he was claiming. He then indicated the Carnatic Nabob as the source of this honor, and he has since pointed out that both the Carnatic Sircar Officers and those of the Madras Government have been in the practice of so addressing him.

3. I have told him in the mean time to draw his Stipend by the name in which it was granted, and that I would submit his claim to Government, which I now do, furnishing in the following copy of a letter to the applicant, the result of the inquiries instituted to trace the grant, viz.

No. 1095 of P. C. S.

GOVERNMENT AGENT'S OFFICE,

21st June 1858.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFUOR,

Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends.

To

Mahomed Budrood Deen Hoosain Saib,

SIR,

“ In reply to your communication of the 31st May 1858, I have the honor to inform you
“ that repeated careful search of the books do not contain the record of any Title granted to you
“ by any of the Nabobs of the Carnatic deceased, nor are you mentioned by name in any way.

“ There is a Treasury entry shewing that Rupees 25 were paid to his His Highness the
“ Nabob, to prepare the Seals of the brothers of Badshah Begum, but the information ends there,
“ and, if you claim that such must refer to you, there is nothing to show for what Seals were to
“ be prepared; nor that any such were prepared nor that you were one of the brothers for
“ whom the Nabob intended to prepare a Seal: nor for what rank or dignity or purpose such
“ preparation was intended; and on such a vague entry any remote cousin could claim for any
“ Title whether a Jungi, Bahadoor, Dowlai, a Mulki, Jahi or even Nawabi.

“ I may add that the Nabobs of the Carnatic having conducted their affairs in all the forma-
“ lity which Sovereigns in India are accustomed to exercise, the records of the Dar-Ool-In-
“ sha-i-Farsi, whose duties pertained to all matters of etiquette, are in perfect order and these
“ not containing any mention of any grant to you, are proof that no such grant, as you claim,
“ was ever made: and I may add that I have submitted the subject of your claim to several
“ Officers all of whom with one exception concur in opinion that there is no proof that any Title
“ was bestowed on you, and further consider that there was no such bestowal.

Such also is my own opinion.

I have, &c. &c..

GOVERNMENT AGENT'S OFFICE }
21st June 1858. }

(Signed) E. G. BALFOUR,

Government Agent.

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4. It is not necessary for me to apologize here for occupying the time of Government, with this matter, because the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is aware that the claim which this gentleman now makes to be styled "*Bahadoor*" is as important (if indeed not more so) in his estimation as the claim of a Native of Europe to the more ennobling of the Orders of Knighthood; the Sirkar Records do not mention its grant, and as the Madras Government have not power to grant Titles, I ask the favour of a decision on this claim.

5. I would add that I find the Officers and Departments of the Carnatic Sircar were kept complete, all in perfect order, all their matters conducted with formality and regularity and the accuracy with which the records were kept does not permit me to believe that there was ever granted any Title to this gentleman and obliges me to mention that whatever may have been intended by the Nabob no grant to him ever took place of this or any other title. His name will not be found in the List sent with my letters, No. 987, though his brother's name is there recorded. The Ex-Officers of the Sircar who each consider that there is no proof of the Grant of a Title and are of opinion that a Title was not bestowed on him, are named on the

*1 *Rajah Hoolass Rae, Dya Bahadoor.*

2 *Streenevassah Row.*

3 *Rajah Girgharee Lall, Kreet wunt Bahadoor.*

4 *Rajah Eshwur Doss, Dya wunt Bahadoor.*

margin* and Rajah Tej Bhan Bahadoor is the Ex-Officer who regards the mention of intention to engrave a Seal as proof of a Title having been granted. This Gentleman however allows that it is not proved to whom a Title he considers to have been

granted, was that of a Jung, or a Khan, or a Bahadoor, or a Dowlah, or a Mulk, or a Jah, or a Nawab, to any one or all of which, any or all the brothers, cousins, &c., of the late Badshah Begum might now, were Rajah Tej Bhan Bahadoor's view correct, lay claim.

6. I have the honor to add that, whatever may have been intended, there is no proof that a Title was granted to Mahomed Budrood Deen Hoossain, Sahib. and that, in my opinion, there was not any Title granted.

No. 11. From MAHOMED BUDROOD DEEN HOOSSAIN KHAN, BAHADOOR :
to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 28th
June 1858.

HONORED SIR,

I most respectfully take the liberty to enclose the address to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council and request earnestly that you will be pleased to lay the same before His Lordship in Council with your kind support for the goodness of the cause of my claim and obtain for me a favorable order of Government thereon.

From MAHOMED BUDROOD DEEN HOOSSAIN KHAN, BAHADOOR; to the Right
Honorable GEORGE FRANCIS LORD HARRIS, Governor in Council, Fort
Saint George, dated 28th June 1858,

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP IN COUNCIL,

1. With profound respect and submission, I most humbly beg leave to represent to your Lordship in Council that the Government Agent in sending to me a Plan for the preparation of a Seal to affix henceforward on my Pension or Stipend Bill which was conferred on me as per Extract Minutes of Consultation of 27th March last, that Officer omitted the Title of Bahadoor, which was bestowed on me by the late Nabob Azeem Ood Dowlah of the Carnatic, and which

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continued to this day for the last 40 years quite undisturbedly. It occurs to me to represent that this Title notwithstanding of its long duration, the Agent now omitted this Title while he himself previous to this up to the very late period continued to address in all of his letters to me and my Stipend Bills in a full name, i. e. "Budrood Deen Hoossain Khan Bahadoor," besides of his having continued to write so in all of his communications to Government also, as could be seen even in his letter to Government under date the 16th March last.

2. Subsequently as that Gentleman omitted my above said Title, I was obliged to address him on the subject, adding to his notice the following grounds, viz.

1st. That a Seal with a full inscription as "Budrood Deen Hoossain Khan Bahadoor," was granted to me by His Highness the late Nabob Azeem Ood Dowlah in Hijri 1234 in about the 10th year of my age as I was related to him as brother-in-law, which Title ever since I continued to affix on all of my former Stipend Receipts so long as I have latterly sold my Stipend then and those receipts after thus being affixed with my above said Seal, obtained also the Seal and signature of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic of the time together with the signature of the Government Agent for the time being and then the payments were made in every successive month from the Government Treasury, and the present Agent also have often so signed in such receipts of mine.

2nd. In proof of this assertion of mine and to establish my claim for the said Title, I have forwarded four of the several letters which I have received from the Nabob's Sircar on various occasions, in all of which as could be seen even to this moment, that it is addressed in my full name together with the Title of "Bahadoor."

3rd. Besides this it could be still plainly established on a reference to the Nabob's Treasury Diary of the year in which the Seal was prepared and granted to me, that a certain sum of Money was paid out of the Nabob's Treasury as per Orders of His Highness for the preparation of the Seal in question and that it also bears the same year in its inscriptions. And

4th. It is evident that there was no usage or necessity to grant a Seal to any one from the Nabob's Sircar unless some Title is conferred upon.

3. It is left to your Lordship in Council alone to consider how far the Government Agent is justified in doing away with my Title which was continued to me for my being a nearest relation to the then Nabob and one of the relative members or kinsmen of the Nabob's family, while mere servants and others of a low birth are styled Bahadoors, &c., and under such circumstances what I could reply to satisfy the query of the Government Agent, as he proposed in the concluding part of para: 2 of his letter to me, dated 21st June Instant, No. 1095, whose copy is herein enclosed for your Lordship in Council's perusal. That Gentleman again, in para: 3 of the same letter, adds that he consulted with several Officers of Sircar, and found that all of them with the exception of one, are of the same opinion as himself, that I had never enjoyed the Title of Bahadoor, nor I am entitled to it. Here I beg to observe that his reference on the subject was at present would have been with those persons who were since of late recently styled Officers; but if had really referred the question to any of the old and long standing Officers of the Sircar, he could have obtained an authentic and a correct information. To convince your Lordship in Council of the bitter ill will which some of the recent Officers of the Sircar have against me, I take the liberty to represent that on the occasion when I went to the present Agent to establish my right for a Pension as the brother of the late Padshah Begum, I have produced certain letters addressed to my late father by the late Nabob Azeem-ood-Dowlah, for the purpose of marrying my above said Sister, the late Padshah Begum, these letters were written by His Highness, then Meer Moonshee Rajah Khooshee Lall, and which bore the own signature together with the Seal of the said Meer Moonshee; these letters, I have produced to the Agent to prove my relationship, but when referred to the Sircar records they were found in such a disorderly state that the cor-

responding sheets were entirely screened from the Agent by the above advertised ill-willed Men, such being the case how could the Government Agent expect a correct information as regard to me from *biased people*.

4. Under these circumstances, I most earnestly solicit that your Lordship in Council will be pleased to take the foregoing circumstances into your serious consideration and render me justice by issuing orders to the Government Agent to retain for me the Title "Bahadoor" as usual. For which act of justice, I shall, as in duty bound, ever Pray.

(Copy of the letter referred to given above in the Chepauk Agents.)

No. 12.

ORDER THEREON, No. 424; dated 5th July 1858.

The Government observe that the omission of the Title of Bahadour in the mention of Mahomed Budrood Deen Hoossain Khan's name in the margin of para: 2, Extract Minutes of Consultation, 27th March last, was undesigned. He will draw his Stipend as Mahomed Budrood Deen Hoossain Khan Bahadour, according to the name by which he has hitherto been designated in Society and was styled by the Agent himself in his letter of the 16th March last.

His brother will also draw his Stipend as Mahomed Zaheeroo Deen Hoossain Khan Bahadur, the omission of the latter Title in the margin of the same Extract Minutes Consultation having been unintentional.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

*Read Letter - Govt Agent at Chepauk - d^d 24 June 1880.
Madrass & Burwood from H. S. S. Chaudhury - 28 Aug. 88.*

The Govt. observe that the omission of
the title of Bahadur in the mention
of Mahomed Kishoo Deen Hoossein
Khan's name in the margin of page
2 of No. 27 Invoice last was unde-
signed. He will show his signature
as Mahomed Kishoo Deen ~~Khan~~
Hoossein Khan Bahadur according
to the name by which he has hitherto
been designated in Society and
was styled by himself and himself.

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Team Surgeon F. G. BALFOUR,

Government Agent at Cherpauk.

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Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Dated 24th June 1858

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Under circumstances we then mentioned solicits the favor of a decision on the class, in effect by Mahomed Budondo Dzen Wolopain, (Abilities) Pylod, "Dalthadov".

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