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No. 2. From SHAJEE OOL MOOLK, NADEEM OOD DOWLAH ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated February 1858.

SIR,

I most respectfully beg to state that, on 19th October 1857, I transmitted a Petition addressed to the Right Honorable Governor in Council regarding some of my own claims, to the Government Agent, for transmission to the Honorable Government; but contrary to my expectations the Petition with an endorsement thereon from the Government Agent himself was sent back without forwarding it to the Honorable Government; consequently I hope that you will lay it with this letter before his Lordship in Council for his favorable consideration.

That the Petition in question involves two of my claims, the one on matters regarding the monthly and annual expenses, the other touching the Estates left to me during the life time of His Highness, deceased, by Will; as regards my claim in the first instance, it has no concern whatever with His Highness' Sirkar, but that with Her Highness Khyree Oon Nissa Begum Sibah. The reason on the latter point I beg to state that all matters both monthly and annual of my own expences were, from my youth; *i. e.*, from the day I was affiliated by His late Highness' mother without sustaining any decrease, continued in my name till the eve of her life.

That subsequent to her demise His Highness, deceased, fixed her allowance amounting to 12,000 Rupees per mensem upon his Consort Khyree Oon Nissa Begum Sibah, on condition that this amount was not altogether allowed for herself but that all things connected with it ought to remain unavoided at the same time. The truth of this statement will be manifest to the Honorable Government upon enquiry from the Dewan of the Durbar, who having received a Hookoom Namah from His Highness in favor of the preceding matter ; so that all matters connected with the disbursements of the said amount are worth while of being computed therein ; and that at all events Her Highness Khyree Oon Nissa Begum Sibah has no power to put a stop to, or decrease them. Nevertheless the said Begum Sibah subsequent to His Highness' mournful occurrence has through the instigation of some mischievous characters reduced the said my annual expence of 551 Rupees 3 Annas and 9 Pice, and monthly expence of 60 Rupees connected with her allowance till it is now totally lost. I remonstrated with her but to no effect. That in consequence of my attempts in the Sirkar having proved quite abortive I beg to state that if this my claim be seriously judged into it will be obvious that it solely lies on the Begum Sibah within whose allowance of 12,000 Rupees per mensem my monthly and annual matters are included and that it is not on the other hand agreeable to the Endorsement of the Government Agent involving the groundlessness of my claim having had a connexion with His Highness' Sirkar.

Adverting to my second claim referring to the grant of such of the Estates as His Highness during his life time put me in possession of, and that consequent to the Government Agent viewing it absurd owing to its not having been proved from positive evidence I beg to add that I have already marked to refer my claim to the Dewan of the Durbar, as the only source, by whose name His Highness transmitted Hookoom Namahs, at the time he granted the lands alluded to in my Petition, to his Lordship in Council, to ascertain its truth. The Documents in question are carefully preserved in the Sirkar Dufter; that moreover I beg to enclose the reply received from the Dewan to my letter, dated 23rd Jamady Ool Ovul 1274 Hijry, regarding the Hookoom Namahs in question. That if the Honorable Government enquire into the truth of my claim from the Dewan it will then be confirmed and that it will be at the same time ascertained from the Hookoom Namahs that the lands in question belonged to me. That notwithstanding my allusions in my Petition to the Dewany Dufter; my claims to be regarded groundless without a least glance into their truth is certainly unjustifiable.

Under such proceedings I earnestly hope that you will be pleased to lay my Petition before his Lordship in Council and subsequent to an assertion of my claims from the Dufter to let me have an order as well for the continuance of the expences alluded to, as the grant of such lands as were bestowed by His Highness the late Ghoolam Mahomed Ghouse Khan Bahadoor, Nabob of the Carnatic.

For which act of goodness I shall ever be grateful [redacted]

Honorable Government.

From SHAJEE OOL MOOLK, NADEEM OOD DOWLAH; to E. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk, dated 19th October 1857.

HONORED SIR,

I herewith beg to enclose an address to the Right Honorable Lord George Harris, Governor of Fort Saint George, which I have written with the fervent hope that your honor (a most benign and equitable Gentleman of the present time) will be so graciously pleased as to submit it to the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council with your recommendation on the subject, and kindly get me a favourable reply thereof, as your honor had done me regarding my Stipend which act of benevolence will be ever gratefully remembered by me till my existence.

From SHAJEE OOL MOOLK, NADEEM OOD DOWLAH; to the Right Honorable LORD GEORGE HARRIS, Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated 19th October 1857.

MY LORD,

With profound respect and submission I beg the liberty of bringing few of my most distressed circumstances touching the deprivation of my due rights, to your Lordship's indulgent consideration, earnestly hoping that you will be pleased to administer justice and place my claim upon a favorable light.

That Her Highness the Princess Enayet Oon Nissah Begum Saiba, deceased, the mother of the late Ghoolam Mahomed Ghouse Khan Bahadoor, Nabob of the Carnatic, had, since the day of my birth affiliated me, and having called me from my Parents' house into hers, supported me, so that my maintenance entirely devolved upon the said Begum Saiba; that I had enjoyed pecuniary assistance and daily meals notwithstanding other means as well monthly as annually for my expenditure. This assistance was accordingly continued on me by the late Nabob subsequent to the demise of the said Begum Saiba, without any decrease whatever, and had likewise been continued for 2 months even after the mournful occurrence of the Nabob himself but subsequently a decrease in such assistance was gradually speculated, *i. e.*, the supply of the daily meals twice both morning and evening from the Kitchen was the 1st thing discontinued, next every means concerned monthly and annually was afterwards precluded, and at length in last Mohorum every thing was discontinued.

The matters of any consequence I beg to submit to your Lordship's consideration are as follows.

That His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic had purchased the Garden of Meer Moobaruck Oollah Khan *alias* Meeram Saib, lying close to Mohamed Baugh, and included a portion thereof into the letter, and the part was granted to me when Mohtamamid Dowlah was at day (name of an Office). For instance a Hookoom Namah regarding its bestowal was transmitted to Madarool Oomrah Dewan of the Durbar; that a few days another Hookoom Namah was also sent to him to give me as much land as is requisite out of the said portion of the Garden recently purchased, owing to the insufficiency of the place I resided in when Surpaz Ood Dowlah was at day (name of an Office). The Hookoom Namahs in question are now in the Dewan's records. The lands granted to me were in my possession till the demise of His Highness, inasmuch as I hewed down some useless trees situated in the Garden and laid foundation of a House, and had likewise left the portion of the land connected into the Garden upon contract; these tracts of land were confiscated by the Dewan after the occurrence of His Highness' death, I objected him, he replied that they will be returned.

I moreover beg to bring to your Lordship's consideration that these 2 claims are in all respect right and authentic and earnestly hope that your Lordship will out of your favor and compassion be pleased to ascertain them from the records, and the Hookoom Namahs, and issue order to grant me the means of assistance discontinued, and to put me in possession of the properties thus confiscated.

For which act of indulgence I will ever be grateful for your Lordship.

No. 2722 of 1857.

The Agency cannot forward this communication, because to claim the share of the Nabob's meals, now that he is dead, is not a claim that can be admitted and because there is no documentary evidence of any grant of the land alluded to.

GOVT. AGENT'S OFFICE, (Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,

From SHAJEE OOL MOOLK; to MADR OOL OOMRAH BEHADOOR, dated 23rd Jamady Ool Ovel 1274 Hijree.

SIR,

I most respectfully beg to state that you will be pleased to transmit copy of the Hookoom Namahs sent to you by His late Highness, regarding the grant of the land newly purchased from the garden of the late Moobauruk Oollah Khan, and infinitely oblige.

Dated 24th Jamady Ool Ovel 1274, Hijree.

The Hookoom Namah of Huzruth Nawab Saheb, deceased, regarding the delivery of the land recently purchased from the property of Rajah Ausim Khan, deceased, in your name, is placed in the Sirkar records. That in consequence of the Sirkar records not having been at present in my charge but in that of the Government Agent, Chepauk I am unable to send the copy thereof requested; otherwise I would have done so.

(Signed) MADAR OOL OOMRAH,
Dewan of the Durbar of His Highness the Nawab of the Carnatic.

No. 492 OF 1858.

As Petitioner encloses an alleged copy of a letter from the Dewan purporting to certify the existence of a certain written order of the late Nabob in favour of Petitioner's claim, the Government refer the matter to the Agent for further enquiry.

By Order,

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
12th March 1858.

No. 3. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esquire, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 17th August 1858, No. 1422 of G. A.

SIR,

In the order of Government, No. 492 of 1858, on the petition herewith re-enclosed, I have the honor to subjoin Copy of a letter from the Dewan of the Durbar, and one from Her Highness Nabob Khyre Oon Nissa Begum, and to report on the two claims the petitioner makes for Food and a piece of ground.

2. On the subject of Food, I find the first entry on the records to bear date the 13th January 1858, (6th Suffer 1264) where it is mentioned that Rupees 4 per day were allotted for preparing petitioners food in two meals: the money was not given, only the food, and the cost varied as rice rose in price or fell. At the date of the Nabob's demise it was costing Rupees 5½ a day owing to the dearth; after which, by the orders in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 18, dated 17th January 1856, it was abolished:

3. As petitioner is not a relative in the sense of the orders, he has not the same claim for consideration as the persons whose cases were submitted in my letters, Nos. 753, 1214 and 1248, under dates the 14th April & 13th and 16th July 1858, on the allowances and house Rents of Mooktar Oon Nissa Begum and other relatives.

4. On the subject of the Ground, I have the honor to report that in the records I find one of the Nabob's Private Secretaries in a letter to the Dewan, dated 18th June 1854, (21st Ramzan 1270) by order of the Nabob commanding the petitioner to receive, for a house, as much of that ground as he may wish for, and on the same date the Dewan repeats that order to the Steward of Her Highness Nabob Khyre Oon Nissa Begum. But there is nothing on record to show what this petitioner did choose of the ground.

From MADAR OOL OOMRAH, DEWAN of the Durbar; to E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent, Chepauk, dated 30th October 1857.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 22nd Instant, forwarding the accompanying enclosures, I beg to state, it is true that Her late Highness Enayetoon Nissa Begum, Mother of the late

Nabob, had adopted Shajeeool Moolk from his infancy and supported him every way. When she died His late Highness desired food should be given him from His own kitchen to about Rupees 200 per month, which was accordingly issued, and gave him monthly from the Hoozoor Meersamany Department Rupees 175, as pocket money (or to eat fruits.) Subsequently His Highness discontinuing the last sum fixed monthly Rupees 250 from the Davedy of Her Highness Khyroon Nissa Begum, and when he married, continued to him Rupees 700 per month from the Davedy alluded to. When a retrenchment had taken place Rupees 75 were reduced from the 700 and he enjoyed Rupees 625 until the death of the late Nabob. Besides this the said Shajeeool Moolk used to receive grain, &c., monthly, and also annually for the Fatiahs, &c., from the Davedy of the Begum. The food he received from the late Nabob's own kitchen was discontinued as per order of Government, from February 1856, and the grain, &c., alluded to was also discontinued by the Begum.

I further beg to observe that, it is true His late Highness had purchased a piece of ground to attach it to Mahomed Bagh, but instead of doing so presented it to Shajeeool Moolk, who requested the piece to build a house on it. When the late Nabob died the Begum finding that no house was built on it, observed to the Darogha that the late Nabob had not presented the land as a gift to Shajeeool Moolk but only allowed him to build on it, and that as no house was erected he should take it into his possession, which the Darogha has done. Her Highness had twice verbally requested me to desire Shajeeool Moolk to leave Her garden, to which I replied, that such was not advisable for he dwells there ever since the life time of the late Nabob, and she was silent on the subject. Shajeeool Moolk has now addressed a petition to the Right Honorable the Governor soliciting that all the assistance, granted him, as aforesaid, by the Davedy of Her Highness, should be recontinued, and the land in question would also be granted to him.

My Dear Sir,

After presenting my compliments, I have the honor to inform you that I received your letter of the 18th March 1858, in its reply I apprise you that the claim of Shajeeool Moolk Bahadoor regarding his food, is not worthwhile of hearing ; for the late Nabob, through his kindness fixed for him, food out of his own meal. After the death of the Nabob, I too, out of pity, accommodated him monthly in that respect, and when a handsome pension was granted to him then I stopped the food, that I used to give him ; therefore the claim of the said Bahadoor is unreasonable.

The next claim of Shajeeool Moolk Bahadoor for the piece of ground situated in Mohomed Baugh, as it was granted to him, is without any proof or document ; because it is evident from the Record Papers produced by the said Bahadoor, that the said ground was allowed to him merely to reside by erecting a house thereon : but it was not presented to him ; therefore you will clearly answer him that his claim is an unjust one.

It is a long time since that the said Bahadoor has taken away a Canopy belonging to me (the preparation list of which I have hereby enclosed,) and in spite of his acknowledgement before Madarool Omrah Bahadoor, and of my repeated request, he has not yet given it to me ; wherefore now you will be pleased to take the said Canopy from him and to send it to me ; if he were not to give the said Canopy, you will be kind enough, to oblige me, by deducting and sending to me the sum of its cost (as per list enclosed)——the amount of 5,000 Rupees of his pay which is deposited from my money that I may be cleared by discharging my mother-in-law's debts.

Dated 19th July 1858.

No. 4. Order thereon, No. 555 ; dated 26th August 1858.

As it is shewn by the Dewan's Statement, that the plot of ground referred to was purchased by the late Nabob and made over in gift to the Petitioner, Shajee Ool Moolk, who asked it of His Highness, as being a suitable spot to build a dwelling house upon, the Agent will point out to Her Highness Kyre Oon Nissa Begum, the propriety of leaving the Petitioner in undisturbed possession.

2. The allowance which the late Nabob granted Petitioner partly in money and partly in kind has, it is observed, been already discontinued and cannot be restored.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No. 555.

Read Petition of Shajee ool Mook Petitioner and Annexed — Recd under 16 July 1858
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Pol. Gr. to Eng. 25th Nov. No. 22 of 1858 Paras 26 & 27

POLITICAL 1858 DEPARTMENT.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR,

Government Agent at Chepauk.

To

S. Tycroft Esquire

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Dated 17th August 1858

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No. 1422

Reenclosing the petition No. 492 of 1858 of Shajeeoolmo & stating that as he is not a relative in the sense of the orders he has not the same claim as those whose cases were submitted, moreover states that the Records do not

not show what this petitioner did choose of the ground & subjoins letters from the Dewan & from Her Highness on the subject.

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