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No. 9. Memorial from MIHROON NISSAH BEGUM, widow of the late Shah Sawar Jung, Son of the late Nawab Oomdut Ool Oomrah.
To THE RIGHT HONORABLE GEORGE LORD HARRIS,
Governor in Council, Fort Saint George,

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your humble Memorialist craves permission to bring her present distressed circumstances to the notice of your Lordship in Council, and to entreat that her case may receive the bountiful and benevolent consideration of the Government.

That her late husband was a first class Stipendiary and during his life time, was in the receipt of a stipend of Rupees 10,000 per annum, that his lamented death which occurred on the 24th May 1856 reduced your Memorialist and an Infant Daughter to a very helpless position; that shortly after the demise of her Husband, the Servants of the late Nawab's Sirkar intruded into her privacy, contrary to all previous custom and practice, and carried away all the property in money and sundry other articles, which were detailed and submitted for the information of Government in her former Petitions, two of which your Memorialist now prays to forward.

That in consequence of the irregular proceedings just adverted to, your Memorialist was deprived of her just and legal rights as the Widow and heir to the Estate left by her late Husband, thereby subjecting to her serious and painful inconveniences, and to such a grievous extent, as to complete her to be dependent for maintenance on the bounty of kind friends and furthermore drove her to the necessity of resorting to the ruinous alternative of raising loans of money on the most exorbitant and usurious terms. That when both these means proved ultimately successful, she was forced to endure and undergo, the unspeakable cravings of hunger, and all the horrible feelings attendant on a state of utter destitution. Notwithstanding these inconceivable sufferings, your Memorialist is constantly tormented by the unceasing disputes and contentions of her opponents as claimants to the property and Estate of her late husband, to such a length do they carry their feelings of malevolence, as to leave no means in their power, to exhaust the assets of the said Estate by actions in the Supreme Court at Madras, the expenses of which are deducted from the bulk of the Estate without either party receiving any substantial benefit by such proceedings. That your humble Memorialist had on a former occasion, respectfully submitted a petition praying for the issue of orders for the delivery or restoration of the property carried away from her place of residence, and also for placing the affairs of her late husband into the hands of Arbitrators, but unfortunately for her interests her petition was returned without being submitted for the consideration of your Lordship in Council.

That subsequently the Funds or Assets of the Estates of her late husband, were by an order of the Supreme Court directed to be placed in the custody of an Officer of that Court, by this step your Memorialist expects to be seriously injured, and your Lordship in Council will learn the extent of injury so inflicted by causing proper enquiry to be made into the amount of property, the extent of injury so inflicted by causing proper enquiry to be made into the amount of property, Funds, &c. originally taken from her deceased's house, and the quantity afterwards transferred by the Sirkar Officers to the Supreme Court; it is only by such an enquiry that your Lordship in Council can ascertain the extent of the injury inflicted on your humble Memorialist; that the legal proceedings of her remorseless and unrelenting adversaries have cost your Memorialist, more than that portion of the Estate in question to which she could be entitled to by Law, without a particle thereof remaining, but that portion which may be assigned to her orphan Daughter and even that by law, will be not committed to Memorialist's charge, but continue to remain in the hands of the Court, until the Daughter reaches the year of legal maturity. So that your Memorialist by these heartless family contentions is positively involving herself in debt, and hastening the complete consummation of her ruin for ever.

That under the foregoing grievous and trying circumstances your unfortunate Memorialist is at a loss to conceive how she is to support herself and her Infant Daughter, unless the Government turns with compassion and views her very hard case with benevolent consideration, seeing that she is the Widow of one of the Sons of the late Nawabs of the Carnatic, and that he was a first class stipendiary.

That your Memorialist had transmitted through the prescribed channel, the Chepauk Agent, several Petitions and Appeals addressed to your Lordship in Council, beseeching that the Government to bestow on her and her orphan and Infant Daughter, a monthly stipend out of the lapsed

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Petn, & her infant daughter;*

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pension of her late husband, in the same way that it was generously to others placed in similar position; these humble Appeals of your Memorialist were returned to her with an Endorsement to the following effect, that "the Government Agent is unable to recommend or even to submit these petitions to Government as this case has already been finally decided by Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 31st October 1856, and the Government Agent has no reasons to urge but for the continuance of that order" dated 13th October 1857.

That your humble Memorialist conceives that the grounds on which she has been refused a pension, is the belief, that by the death of her late husband she has been placed in an opulent and wealthy position, but your Memorialist has already explained, how that little hope which she had of enjoying a small competency from her Husband's Estate, is fast dwindling away into nothing by litigation which is being carried in the Supreme Court at Madras by parties bitterly adverse to her interests and legal claims, but your humble Memorialist would crave permission, most respectfully to submit, that independent of the supposed belief that she has been placed in an affluent circumstance by the death of her husband, that supposed fact (which has existence yet) does not constitute a bar to her humble claim to enjoy some portion of the stipend which her late Husband drew from the British Government, for the support of herself and her Infant Daughter,

Rayees all Oomrah Behadoor.
Surfraz Ood Dowlah Behadoor.
Dabeer Ood Dowlah Behadoor.
Cauder Ahmed Khan Genl. Doctor.
Moonshee Ool Moolk Behadoor.
Munsoor Ood Dowlah Behadoor.

situated as herself, and in accordance with the principles laid down by the Honorable the Court of Directors in their Despatch, dated the 11th March, No. 2 of 1846, para: 14. As for riches she possesses none, the little property she did possess having been disposed of, to maintain herself and Daughter, and to meet sundry Law expenses.

The Honorable Court have also humanely ruled, that, when the Widows of Carnatic Stipendiaries are left in a destitute and helpless condition, their cases should receive indulgent consideration, and your humble Memorialist believes, she has satisfactorily shown the misery, distress and mental anxiety she is undergoing and suffering, besides being exposed to the taunts of the parties opposed to her and her Infant Daughter's personal interests, who leave no question of legal doubt untried to bring ruin and disgrace upon them. Therefore and under all the painful circumstances of her case your humble Memorialist, she earnestly and beseechingly implores, that your Lordship in Council, will be generously moved to view the same with compassionate consideration, and graciously bestow on her, her Infant Daughter, and the dependants named in the margin, some pecuniary provision, out of the Stipend of her late husband, which has been declared a lapse to the State, and your Memorialist, shall in consideration of such merciful ruling of your Lordship in Council, ever Pray.

- 1 Suggoo aged 25 years.
- 2 Nowbahar kaneez aged 27 years.
- 3 Phoolbale aged 27 years.
- 4 Haleemah, ,, 32 do.
- 5 Ghoolam Cauder Darogha aged 42 years.
- 6 Ghoolam Ghousc Daroody do. 40 do.
- 7 Ghoolam Hoossain aged 27 years.
- 8 Cundasawmy aged 60 years.
- 9 Asaborddeen do. 40 do.
- 10 Kishten Raj do. 50 do.
- 11 Budrooddeen do. 25 do.
- 12 Dhuncotty, Scavenger, aged 40 years.
- 13 Lutchmee, Washerwomen, aged 40 years.

MADRAS,
14th May 1858.

Seal of Mehrunnissa Begum, Widow of the late Shah Savarjung, son of the late Nawab Oomdutooloomrah Nalob of the Carnatic.

Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 31st August 1858.

To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE GEORGE LORD HARRIS,

Governor in Council, Fort Saint George,

&c. &c. &c.

The humble Memorial of Mihroon Nissah Begum, Widow of the late Shah Sawar Jung, son of Oomdut Ool Oomrah, deceased, Nawab of the Carnatic.

MOST NOBLE LORD,

That with profound respect and regret, Memorialist begs to bring to your Lordship's just consideration that on the 14th May last, she submitted a petition involving her destitution and distress, maintaining a hope that your Lordship in Council will be pleased to take her case into just consideration and bestow on her and her Infant Daughter a suitable allowance out of the Stipend of her said husband, having lapsed to the State, similar to the legal heirs and Collateral branch of the 1st Class Stipendiaries, but owing to her misfortune she was totally deprived of your Lordship's clemency and equity in having on her petition an endowment as per margin.

No. 1315 of 1858.

As decided by them in Extract Minutes of Consultation, Political Department, No. 410 of the 31st October, the Government will await the result of the Suit filed in the Supreme Court by the several parties, claiming to be heirs of the late Shah Sawar Jung. Meanwhile Petitioner's Stipend will remain as it is.

That your Lordship's Memorialist upon observing the said order was involved in distress and regret to such an extent that it is impossible to give a description to; that since the demise of her husband, her state of misery is to such an extreme as it is beyond expression, under these circumstances she respectfully begs to submit her deplorable case and earnestly hopes that your Lordship in Council will, with regard to her condition and her family connexion, and the different Suits, be pleased to condescend and pity on her in granting an adequate allowance out of the Stipend of her late husband.

That adverting to the order of Government Memorialist begs most respectfully to state that her prayer to grant a suitable allowance is adjourned till the decision of the Court, and that meanwhile her Stipend to remain as it is consequently Memorialist begs to add few circumstances with respect to her distressed condition as follows:

Oh Lover of Justice, Memorialist had in the commencement received very little assistance per mensem from the Dewan for the expenses of her provisions, only out of the Estate of her late husband and which was quite insufficient to meet her expenses. The said assistance was stopped to your Memorialist in April 1857, as the money deposited in charge of the Dewan having been sent to the Court, and that since she never knew a cash from the Sirkar of the Dewan; that the amount your Memorialist alluded to above having been insufficient as well to meet the Court costs as her domestic expences, she is indebted to such an extent that she feels difficult to liquidate. Notwithstanding this she has brought upon herself more debt although she at divers times borrowed 36,000 Rupees for the Court costs, &c., and this also was entirely consumed in the Court expences. Whiles so should a final decision be passed in her favor and her legal share be distributed, it will be of no avail as nothing remains to enjoy her share for her benefit, for she is involved in triple debt with reference to her share; so that Memorialist begs to submit that what shall the decision of the Court benefit her and how her future livelihood will be carried on, is well known to your Lordship in Council.

Under the foregoing circumstances Memorialist humbly begs to add that she is now reduced to a state of utter destitution and misery, that she maintains a sanguine hope that your Lordship in Council, will on compassion to herself, be pleased to confer on her a suitable allowance out of the Stipend of her late husband that she may thereby be enabled to live with respect and com-

Political Dept

No 558

Chief Secy. 28 August 1858

Read Petition from } Resenter No 2/92
Mikroon Nipah Begum }

In his letter No 123 of the 10th

Oct 1856, the Chepauk Agent re-

ported he death under date the
23rd May preceding, of Shah Sa-

-war Jung, who, as one of the
Nickah sons of the Nabob,

Omdut ool Omrah, was the

recipient of a yearly stipend
of Rs 10,000, under the provision

of Lord Clive's Minute.

2. On the deceased's death, ready money
to the extent of a lac & some thou-

sand rupees was found in the
house, & secured by the Dewan of

the late Carnatic Sirkar, under
the advice of the Superintendent of Police

who was apprehensive that the pro-
perty might be otherwise plundered.

Several claimed to be the deceased's
heirs. The Mahakamah Court

declared in favour of his widow, the
Petn, & her infant daughter;

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fort, as well during her husband's relations as other Stipendiaries, that should her case notwith-
standing the Widow of the 1st Class Stipendiary meet with an unfavorable reception, she shall
then have to beg from door to door.

Memorialist, moreover in consideration of her said condition begs to add that as your Lord-
ship and the Honorable Court's Despatch, dated May 2nd 1850, are her patron and guide, she
has ventured to address herself, hoping that your Lordship in Council will be pleased to bestow
on her and her Orphan Daughter a suitable allowance respectively.

For which act of charity your Lordship's Memorialist as in duty bound.

MADRAS,
24th July 1858. }

Shall Ever Pray.

No. 10.

ORDER THEREON, No. 558; dated 28th August 1858.

In his letter, No. 123 of the 10th October 1856, the Chepauk Agent reported the death,
under date the 23rd May preceding, of Shah Sawar Jung, who, as one of the Nickah Sons of the
Nabob, Omdut Ool Omrah, was the recipient of a yearly stipend of Rupees 10,000, under the
provisions of Lord Clive's Minute.

2. On the deceased's death, ready money to the extent of a Lac and some thousand Rupees
were found in the house, and secured by the Dewan of the late Carnatic Sirkar, under the advice
of the Superintendent of Police, who was apprehensive that the property would be otherwise
plundered. Several claimed to be the deceased's heirs. The Mahakamah Court declared in
favour of his Widow, the Petitioner, and her infant Daughter; but the matter having been carried
into the Supreme Court, and the Dewan having been required by an order from that tribunal to re-
frain from parting with any portion of the pro-
perty, the Government authorized* that Officer
to disburse temporarily to the Petitioner a
suitable allowance for her subsistence: which
* Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 410,
dated 31st October 1856.

allowance was discontinued by the orders of Government, No. 277, dated 6th April 1857, on
receipt of the Agent's report that the Supreme Court had granted Letters of Administration to
her husband's Estate to the Petitioner.

3. The Dewan having at the same time
enquired what course he should pursue, he was
advised† by the Honorable Company's Solicitor
that he might safely make over the property in
his possession to the Petitioner. This was not
done, however, as the Solicitor in a subsequent
letter, written immediately after the first, an-
nounced that the Court had granted an Injunction to a contrary effect at the Suit of certain parties
who had filed an action against said Petitioner.

4. In a Petition, (No. 1315 of 1858,) dated 14th May last, the Petitioner applied for the
grant of a stipend, as the Widow of a first class stipendiary who had been pensioned on the
cession of the Carnatic. The Government, however, under the false impression that she was still
in the receipt of an allowance through the Dewan, declined to entertain the request, pending the
result of the proceedings that have been instituted in the Supreme Court.

5. It now appears that the Widow is entirely destitute, the Court's injunction not permitting
of any disbursements out of the late Shah Sawar Jung's Estate being made by the custodian
thereof, the Dewan. The Government are therefore disposed to make a provisional allowance to
the deceased's Widow and Daughter, until the issue of the Suit shall be known; to which end the
Agent will report what sums the Dewan used to give out monthly, and what has been the usual
grant made to Widows of stipendiaries of the same rank as Petitioner's late husband.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT.

Chief Secretary.

* E. M. C. No 410

By 31st Oct/56:

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To the Hon'ble Agent at Calcutta

* E. M. C. No 342

By 30th April/57.

From H. C. Solicitor

By 1st May/57

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