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No. 20. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 23rd August 1858, No. 1445 of G. A.

SIR,

1. In Progressive List, No. 28, part III, sent with my letter, No. 904, dated 18th May 1858, (and sanctioned by Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 374, dated 9th June 1858, para: 2,) was the following entry.

The No. on the Petitioner in the Agency.	Name of the Petitioner and that of his father.	Department and nature of employ.	Monthly Salary.	Whole period of personal and ancestral Service.	Rate of Pension already in receipt of		Rate of Pension entitled to in right of personal and ancestral Service.		Remarks.
					One Third.	One Half.	One Third.	One Half.	
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B. 626	Ekhataz Khan Bahadoor, Grandson of Mahomed Ally Baig.	Head Dusadkhass of the Circus.	200 0 0	0 39 5	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	150 0 0	Vide subsequent list from the Durbar, dated 15th April 1858, No. 1.

2. A communication which reached me immediately after sanction was given, induced me to examine the records and enter at length into the case, and the result is my conviction, that the Sircar records have been tampered with, in order to prove the above Stipendiary to be a maternal grandson of a Sircar Servant, and entitled to Pension under the hereditary service rule. There is one person whom several pointed to as the individual in whose hand writing one of the documents was written; but the result of my own observation was the conviction in my mind that the alterations, &c., in the records could only have been made by a combination of servants who had access to them.

3. I gave Carnatic Stipendiary, No. 3576, Ekataz Khan Bahadoor the fullest opportunity to be aware of all the evidence for and against him: conducting the examination in his presence. Long in an unworthy position as a favorite of the late Nabob, he is very wealthy: has many enemies and no friends; and as it was possible that malice had given rise to the report of fraud, the examination was very openly and carefully conducted, and I informed him that I would be prepared to receive any further proofs as to his relationship. These however, he has not, up to this date, furnished: and, conscious, as he must be, of his position, he will probably never again present himself before me. By an Accident caused by the removal for the purposes of this report, of the repeated sheet List, bearing his name, his name was not printed in List No. 6.

4. If the Honorable the Governor in Council consider his name should be struck out of the List of Stipendiaries, the repeated sheet List will be cancelled, but otherwise, it can be reinserted in the Supplementary List, about to be prepared. Subjoined is an abstract of my proceedings.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 13TH JULY 1858.

Review following Proceedings.

Proceedings 25th June 1858.—Witness Kadir Beg styled Ekataz Khan states Mahomed Ally Beg to be his own Maternal Grandfather, died about 11 years ago; and can be shewn by the records as Kadri Beg drew deceased's arrears.

Proceedings 26th June 1858.—Witness Sidhi Phailwan knows Kadir Beg from his infancy, knows nothing of his father or Grandfather but that Mahomed Ally Beg of the Infantry was his father's eldest brother, and Jani Beg was the younger brother.

Proceedings 26th June. Witness Kadir Beg, son of Jani Beg, states Kadir Beg styled Ekataz Khan is his cousin (Paternal Uncle's son) father brother's son (that his father was Hoossainy Beg who was not a Sircar Servant. That his father had four brothers,)

1. Gholam Ally Beg, a Chuprassi at Government House.
2. Shuifee Beg, Governor's Body Guard.
3. Mahomed Ally Beg was a merchant.
4. Hoossainy Beg was in the Police, does not know his own maternal Grandmother but Mahomed Ally may be the name of Ekataz Khan, he has heard this but does not know it. Kadir Beg's grandfather may have died 13 or 14 year's ago, and witness was then entertained. Kadir Beg's Ekataz Khan's father died in witness' time.

Proceedings 26th June 1858.—Witness, Abdool Kareem Mahomed Ally Beg was witness' own mother's brother, Mahomed Ally Beg was pensioned about 13 or 14 year's ago, and witness was entertained in his room. Mahomed Ally Beg had no son, but had 2 daughters, one daughter had a daughter, and the other died Childless. This one daughter had 3 sons.

1. Kader Beg of the Circus.
2. Raheem Beg of the Police.
3. Raheem Beg no employ.

These 3 people are daughter's sons of Mahomed Ally Beg, and when I styled them daughter's daughter's sons I did so erroneously. Khader Beg's father's name was Hoossany Beg. Khader Beg had 4 uncles.

1. Suffee Beg, Governor's Body Guard.
2. Gholam Beg, Government House Chuprassi.
3. Jani Beg, Nabob's Servant.
4. Mahomed Ally Beg not employed.

Khader Beg's father has a Sister alive, of his maternal Grandfather's people none are alive.

Proceedings 26th June 1858.—Witness Futtah Khatoon was neighbour of Khader Beg's Grandfather till his demise, we lived in Chetty's Bagh. Mahomed Ally Beg died 12 years ago, he was Khader Beg's Grandfather. Khader Beg's mother's name was Hoossain Bee. Mahomed Ally Beg, had only 1 daughter and no other offspring: and well known, there was no other.

Hoossain Bee had 2 sons.

1 Raheem Beg in Police,

2 Khader Beg, in Nabob's Service.

Proceedings 28th June 1858.—Witness Beebee Khanum, widow of deceased Mustaffa Shah, brother Mahomed Ally Beg, died. He stuttered. He had 2 daughters, 1 married to Hoossainy Beg and had 2 sons,

1 Khader Beg,
2 Raheem Beg,

Brother Mahomed Ally Beg, died about 15 years ago, and in front of me is my Nephew, *viz.* Mahomed Ally Beg's daughter's son.

Proceedings 28th June 1858.—Witness Gholam Murtuzza states Khader Beg Ekataz Khan, is grandson of Mahomed Ally Beg, the latter called Khader Beg his grandson.

Proceedings 28th June 1858.—Witness Shaikh Budr Ood Deen states 25 years ago Mahomed Ally Beg brought this person Ekataz Khan, and called him his grandson, 10 years ago saw Ekataz Khan in the Bags, now to-day again saw him.

Proceedings 29th June 1858.—Kiffayat Khan states that he investigated at the time and ordered to be paid arrears of Mahomed Ally Beg to his daughter's son Khader Beg Ekataz Khan.

Proceedings 30th June 1858.—Witness Mahomed Tepoo has only to say what he has heard.

" " " Hakeem Khan, knows nothing of Mahomed Ally Beg.

Proceedings 1st July 1858.—Madar Ool Oomrah looking at the books, observing alterations in them, which occasion doubts, also the signature of Khazim Ally Beg on the order is doubtful.

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Proceedings 1st July 1858.—Witness Syed Khazim, Jamadar, states there were in the 1st Company 2 privates one Mahomed Ally Beg and the other Jany Beg, Jany Beg was killed, and Mahomed Ally Beg was Pensioned and died childless. But Jani Beg had 2 sons, one who became a Faqueer and the other Khader Beg who was in the Body Guard and is now Pensioned. Another brother Mahomed Ally Beg and Jani Beg was in the Police, and another brother was said to be in the Body Guard. Has heard that Ekataz khan is Nephew of Jani Beg and Mahomed Ally Beg, but knows well there were two brothers.

Proceedings 3rd July 1858.—Rae Futteh Chund recognises that the records have been tampered with, had never before seen the letters nor the alterations, and does not recognise the writing, does not know relationship of Mahomed Ally Beg and stated same to Rajah Tej Bham Bahadoor of Dust-i-khass, Hears that various people entertain various opinions as to the relationship of Mahomed Ally Beg.

Rajah Tej Bham, Bahadoor, states that he got the information from Rae Futteh Chund. Gholam Mahmood states that he never wrote and knows nothing of the letter purporting to be from Kazim Ally Beg.

Proceedings 15th July 1858.—In the entires of the Pension Pay Books, amounting to three in Number, in April 1847, May 1847, and June 1847, manifest interpolations and changes to convert Khader Beg from a Nephew to a grandsom.

The three are stated to have been issued on letter of Kazim Ally Beg, Adjutant Jamadar of Body Guard, this is dated only 19th August 1847, and the signature affixed to it is a manifest forgery. Reviewing the whole, I consider that Carnatic Stipendiary, No. 3376, Kadir Beg Ekhataz Khan Bahadoor has not proved that he is a grandson of the late Mahomed Ally Beg, ex-Pensioned Private of Circar Infantry. I consider that he is not a grandson, and resolve to report same to Government, with my opinion that the case is a fraud, the result of some combination amongst officers in charge of records. names unknown

(Signed) E. G. BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 615; dated 17th September 1858.

1. In the foregoing letter the Government Agent at Chepauk furnishes a copy of the proceedings held by him in the case of Ekataz Khan Bahadoor, in reference to his claim to a pension in right of Ancestral Service, which had previously been admitted by the Agent, but which upon a subsequent examination of the Sircar Records and investigation of the case, he saw reason to doubt. He submits, as the result of his enquiry and of his own observation, his conviction that the Records have been tampered with in order to prove this individual to be a maternal grand-son of a Sircar Servant and entitled to a pension on that ground.

2. The Government observe that from the alterations and interpolations found to have been made in the Records, fraud has no doubt been attempted and on this point the Agent seems to be clear and decided. Moreover, if Ekataz Khan, as is stated, has failed to appear before the Agent to substantiate his claim subsequent to his first examination, though he was distinctly informed that the Agent would be prepared to receive any further evidence, as to his relationship which he might be able to produce, it must be accepted as an admission of his inability to do so. Under these circumstances, the Government direct that the pension originally sanctioned in the name of Ekataz Khan, which has not been included in the printed List, No. 6, of Stipendiaries, be cancelled.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Political Department

No 612

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date 17th September 1858.

Read the following
letter from the Government
Agent at Ghazipore.

Dated 25th August 1858. No 1459

In the forgoing letter
the Government Agent at
Ghazipore furnishes a copy of
the proceedings held by him
in the case of Ghulam Khan
Bahadoor in reference to his
claim to a pension in right
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result of his enquiry and of his own observation, has convinced that the Records have been tampered with in order to form this individual to be a maternal grand son of a Sircar servant and entitled to a pension on that ground.

2 The Government observe that from the alterations and interpolations said to have been made in the Records, fraud has no doubt been attempted - and on this point the Agent's seems to be clear and decided. Moreover, if Okalay Thoar, as it stated, has failed to appear before the Agent to substantiate his claim subsequent to his first examination though he was distinctly informed that the Agent would be prepared to receive any further evidence as to his relationship which he might be able to produce, it must be accepted as an admission of his inability to do so - Under these circumstances, the Government direct that the pension originally sanctioned in the name of Okalay Thoar, which has not been included in the printed list N° 6 of Pensioners, be cancelled.

To the Govt Agent for Ratnagiri - Dispatched

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