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No. 13. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 25th September 1858, No. 1606 of G. A.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the accompanying Petition to the address of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, from Mooneer Ood Dowlah Bahadoor, Nicka Son of the Nawaub Azeem Ood Dowlah, praying for a loan of 7,000 Rupees, which he will repay from his Stipend by monthly instalments of 200 Rupees.

For more than 20 years, Government have not acceded to any such loans. I am also of opinion that if this Noble were free from debt, his request might possibly be considered, if there were any urgency in his wants. But as there is no urgency in a mere intention to marry off his Children, and as he is greatly involved, while I do not think it would be for his own personal advantage for Government to be interfering in his affairs, compliance with this request would certainly re-institute a practice from which in former times a very great deal of trouble arose alike to Government and to others.

From MOONEER OOD DOWLAH BAHADOOR; to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated 16th September 1858.

MY LORD,

It is with much regret and disappointment, I have received the intimation, that the prayer of the Memorial of my Brother and myself for an increase to our allowances has been rejected by the Honorable the Court of Directors, as conveyed to me in Extract from Minutes of Consultation, No. 590 of the 9th Instant: though we had hoped the requirements of our position as regards high birth and connexion would entitle us to favorable consideration.

Although I deem it advisable to reserve my claim upon the British Government for a future occasion, yet I feel it necessary to reiterate the fact of my being encircled with a large family and household, besides numerous dependants not only of my own, but also those of my late mother's; and consequently the insufficiency of my allowance to maintain them in a manner that would become the Son of a Nabob.

I have a number of children grown up to the marriage state, whom under my present circumstances, it is quite out my power to provide for or consummate their respective Nuptials, without incurring the unavoidable risk of overloading myself with debt from Sircars, and undergoing heavy loss from paying exorbitant interest on such loans, which in addition to the debt of my late mother (I am bound to discharge) will inevitably tend to involve me in ruin, the forfeiture of my honor and respectability and ultimately reduce me to the level of the least favoured of my class.

Under these circumstances, I earnestly and respectfully solicit your Lordship in Council will be graciously pleased to authorize the disbursement to me of Rupees 7,000 as a Loan from the Government Treasury, to enable me to celebrate the Nuptials of my children: and to refund the advance in question, I will bind myself to a deduction of Rupees 200 monthly out of my Stipend, until the whole sum is liquidated. This sum, after mature consideration, I found to be absolutely necessary for the required purpose, though I was anxious to bring the expenses of the occasion under the solicited amount.

I have been encouraged to make this solicitation from a hope that when the Government were pleased to make similar grants to several of the Members of the family of Nabob Wallajah as per margin,* it would be disposed to view my case with the same favorable consideration.

* *Syfood Dowlah Bahadoor.*
Mootahar Ally Khan Bahadoor.
Hiasoowal Mooik and others.

Had His Highness the late Nabob been in existence, the Government would not have been troubled with this requisition, as he held out a promise, during his life time, that he would defray

the whole of the expenses attending the marriages of my children as was the custom of the Sircar, but as death has taken His Highness away from the world, I am bound to look upon Government for the solicited assistance, taking into consideration that I am one of the immediate Members of the family of the late Nabob, and consequently from my present position cannot expect to have those promises realized, and the Honorable Court having unfortunately also taken an unfavorable view of my Memorial.

I trust from all what I have stated, His Lordship in Council will be pleased to accede to my solicitation, as a special case.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 645 ; dated 4th October 1858.

The Agent will inform Mooneer Ood Dowlah Bahadoor that the Government decline to comply with his request.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Fort St. George,
4th October 1858.

To the Govt. Agent at Chepauk - Despatch