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No. 15. From Nawaub GHOUSEAH BEGUM, Daughter of the late Nawaub AUZUM JAH BAUDOOR; to the Right Honorable GEORGE LORD HARRIS, Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated 18th December 1858.

MOST NOBLE LORD,

In continuation of my humble and respectful Appeal to your Lordship in Council, regarding the House and Garden styled the "Auzum Baugh" in which I am now residing, and have resided, for the last eight years, I crave permission to address your Lordship in Council on the subject of certain precious Jewels, Silver Articles, Clothes, &c., which my late Brother His Highness Ghoolam Mahomed Ghouse Khan, the Nawaub of the Carnatic, took from me, and which according to his written promise to me, he engaged to return to me in twice their value.

I therefore most deferentially beseech your Lordship in Council will be pleased to direct the Commissioners for the Affairs of the late Nawaub of the Carnatic, to enquire into and adjust the claims and demands which I have to prefer against the Estate of my late Brother, according to the List herewith accompanying.

Besides His Highness' written acknowledgment of having taken the said precious Jewels, Silver Articles, Valuable Cloths and Sundry Furniture, &c., my claim is entered in the Dauklah n the Dufter Records, and I was further assured, that I need not entertain any apprehensions about the validity of my claim, which is recognized as a just one, and that I will be repaid the value in money. My Lord, I have several letters from my late Brother regarding all the above said Jewels and Articles which my Brother took from me. Subsequent to the demise of my Brother, the Nawaub of the Carnatic, the List of Articles which His late Highness took from me, was registered through the Dewan of the Durbar, as one of the claims for future settlement and adjustment by the Madras Government.

Now that your Lordship in Council has under contemplation the early adjustment of the Nawaub's personal affairs, I most humbly solicit, that my helpless position as a Lady and Dependant on the bounty of the British Government, will receive the protection and countenance of your Lordship in Council, and I once more entreat that this, my case, may be submitted for the early and impartial consideration of the Commissioners for the Affairs of the late Nawaub of the Carnatic.

For this act of gracious consideration I shall always entertain the most profound sense of gratitude and respect for your Lordship in Council.

Referred for the report of the Government Agent at Chepauk.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, *22nd December* 1857.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 16. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 23rd November 1858, No. 1860 of G. A.

* 1. *Nabob Ghouseya Begum, dated 18th December* 1857.
2. *Ext. Mins. of Cons. No.* 1065, *dated 21st December* 1857.
3. *Govt. Agent's letter,* „ 10, „ *4th January* 1858.
4. *Ext. Mins. of Cons.* „ 37, „ *14th January* „
5. *Nabob Ghouseya Begum,* „ 1048, „ *20th April* 1858, *and enclosed by Government Agent to her on the 9th June* 1858.
6. *Nabob Ghouseya Begum, No.* 2354, *dated 18th August* „
7. „ „ „ „ 2562, „ *15th September* „

SIR,

With reference to the Petitions, orders of Government and correspondence as permargin,* I have the honor to submit that further evidence regarding the house rent has not been discovered in the Records.

2. I have the honor to mention that the house in which Nabob Ghouseyah Begum resides having continued Sircar Property until its late sale, the Records show that all repairs, &c., were effected by the Sircar.

3. On the subject of the Jewels which she claims, I have the honor to mention that there is a document of the Nabob's time in the records, dated 24th Rujjub 1264, (A. D. 27th June 1848,) headed "value of the Jewels received from the middle daughter of Mookhtar Oon Nissa Begum, as per details below."

4. There is one evidence that the Articles in that List were received by the Nabob, at the time of his taking by Nickah, Auzum Oon Nissa Begum. But as to what became of them, there has only been given to me as yet the evidence of common rumour, and that is to the effect that they were principally given to Azum Oon Nissa Begum.

5. There also is a document showing that Rupees 100 were given on the 21st November 1848, on account of a bed belonging to the same daughter.

6. These being all the written evidence on Record, on the 30th Ultimo I addressed a communication to Nabob Ghouseyah Begum, of which copy is subjoined, asking for any evidence, &c., to which the Begum replied on the 15th Instant, asking with reference to Act XXX, if she was to refer her case to Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature or to the Government Agent.

7. I have replied that the letter of the 30th Ultimo was written because the subject of her requests had been referred to the Agency to report on: but as I do not regard it as probable that the Begum will submit to the Agency any evidence, I have the honor to report as above on her claims up to this date.

8. I have the honor to add that subsequent to the late Nabob's demise, on the 7th Suffer 1273, (A. D. 7th October 1856,) the Begum submitted to the Dewan a claim for the value of property to the amount of Rupees 18,275-10-0. This claim bears the Seal of her Khansaman, of which the Dewan, on 20th October 1856, made a note in a general List of claims.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to Nabob GHOUSEYA BEGUM, dated 18th November 1858, No. 1838 of G. A.

MADAM,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th Instant, asking whether, with reference to my letter of the 30th Ultimo, and Act XXX of 1858, you should refer your claim to Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature or the Government Agent.

* *Nabob Ghouseyah Begum,* 18*th December* 1857.
Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 1065, 21*st December* 1857.
Government Agent's letter, „ 10, 4*th January* 1858.
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Nabob Ghouseyah Begum, dated 20*th April and enclosed by Government Agent on the* 9*th June* 1858.
Nabob Ghouseyah Begum, 18*th August* 1858.
„ „ „ 15*th September* 1858.

I have the honor to mention that your claims to Government in correspondence as per margin* having been sent to this Office for report to Government, my letter to which you now reply was addressed to you with the object of enabling me to do so, and all the favor I will now ask of you, is to mention to me, what you may resolve to do.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, No. 790; dated 3rd December 1858.

The Government are of opinion that Ghouseya Begum's claim against her late Brother, the Nabob, is not one adjudicable under Act No. XXX of 1858, though she can of course resort to that Act, if she is so advised. But Government will be willing to give attention to her claim, irrespectively of that Act, on her laying before the Agent at Chepauk all the evidence she has to show that His Highness borrowed and retained her Jewels. It is observed that, in her Petition of the 18th December 1857, she says she has in her possession many letters from His Highness, referring to the subject.

2. Her claim to a house will be considered with the similar claims of other Members of the Family, as already intimated in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 474, dated 28th July last.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Political Dep.t

No. 791.

From The Government Agent at Chepauk.
Dated 25th November 1858

For Orders

The Begums claim for jewels can hardly be regarded as a debt cognizable under the Act. If her letters really took them she will be able to satisfy the Agent that he did so & that she has a right to recover them, wh she has not done. Her claims for a house or house allowance hitherto recognized will be settled hereafter by Govt

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No. 790

Read letter from Nawaub Sooreya Begum — 18 Decr 1857.
" " Sir Agents at Chepauk — 23 Nov. 1858

The Govt are of opinion that Ghoosey a Begum's claim against her late Husband the Nabob is not one adjudicable under Act No XXX of 1858; though she can of course resort to that Act, if she is so advised. But Govt will be willing to give attention to her claim, irrespectively of that act, on her laying before the Agent at Chepauk all the evidence she has to show that His Highness borrowed & retained her Jewels. It is observed that in her Petn of the 18th Decr 57 she says she has in her possession many letters from His Highness, referring to the subject.

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To the Secretary to Govt Judicial Dept
Fort St George
3rd December 1858.

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From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR,

Government Agent at Chepauk.

To

W. Fb. Bayley Esqre

&c. Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Dated 23rd November 1858.

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2 Enclosures

With reference to the Petitions, Orders of Government and correspondence noted within, on the subject of Nabob Ghousey Begum's claim, submits that further evidence regarding

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