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No. 44. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 14th December 1858, No. 1998 of G. A.

SIR,

* 1858, *No. 9 of 30th August, para:* 16, *Despatch from Honorable Court.*
„ „ 692 *of 21st October, para:* 10, *Ext. Min. of Consultation.*
„ „ 782 *of 30th November,* „ „ „

With reference to the orders in communications as per margin,* I have the honor to mention that no Petition from the Memorialist was ever presented to the Agency.

2. A person named Aslamee Sahib, commonly called Moolvie Aslamee, was a Becar Retainer of the late Nabob, from whom he received a nominal Allowance of Rupees 200 per mensem. He died on the 24th September 1855, a fortnight before the late Nabob demised; and, though the Dewan pronounces thus confidently that "*if the Nabob survived, the Stipend in question would have been continued beyond all doubt,*" this may be taken as the Dewan's own favourable view of the case, because Aslamee Sahib was one of his own sect or tribe of Nowait Mahomedans. But prior to the late Nabob's demise, His Highness' whole thoughts were bent on reductions of all people; of His Highness' actual servants performing duties, few had been paid for the preceding several months; and of all the non doing duty Retainers, the Syeds, the Becars, the Neaz, to each of whom Government on my recommendation granted as Stipends half the amount against their respective names in the Sircar Books, the examination of the Records show that on the average of the preceding three years of the Nabob's life time, the Nabob had paid them only about ⅓rd what they were nominally enrolled on in the Books. Therefore though, differing from the Dewan, I do not believe the Nabob would have continued any portion of Aslamee Sahib's Allowance to deceased's very remote relations, I have no doubt that even if the Nabob *had* lived and any small sum *had* been ordered by the Nabob, it could never, from the state of the Nabob's finances, have been paid.

3. Deceased left no offspring nor wife. The applicant, named Gholam Hoossain Saeed, was only the deceased Aslamee Sahib's Cousin's son (*i.e.* mother's sister's son's son,) and of deceased's relatives, two nephews are Carnatic Jagheerdar Stipendiaries, Nos. 1280 and 1285, the receipts respectively of Rupees 50 and 32 per mensem. Deceased having demised prior to Nabob's death, neither his name nor that of any relative is on the Sircar Books.

4. I quite concur in the decision that Government gave on this applicant's Memorial, but am of opinion the remark of the Honorable Court as to the necessity for the Agency reporting on each case is of importance and during fifty years has been the usual practice, I am of opinion that the Agency has or can obtain more correct information regarding these people than can be had from any other source, and so long as the Agency is retained, the interests of Government can best be protected by adhering to the usual practice.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, No. 3; dated 4th January 1859.

Ordered to be brought to the notice of the Home Authorities, to whom the Petitioner in question has appealed, and who refer to the Memorial in a recent Despatch, Political Department, dated 30th August last, No. 9, para: 16.

2. It is observed that, in opposition to the opinion of the Dewan, the Agent considers and the Government think rightly that the late Nabob would not have continued the deceased Moulavie's Stipend to the Petitioner, or, at all events, that a very small portion only would have been assigned.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No. 3.

ordered to be brought to the notice of the Home authorities, to whom the Petr in question has appealed, & who refer to the Memorial in a recent despatch. Pol. Dept dl 30th August last, No 9 - Para 16.

2. It is observed that, in opposition to the opinion of the Dewan, the Agent considers & that the Govt think rightly that the late Rajah was not bound to continue the deceased Moolaie's stipend to the Petr, or, at all events, that it was only a small portion only that he was assigned.

Fort St George,
4 January 1859.

To the Govr General of India in Council &c &c &c

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