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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	270	Press Mis.
Dated	2-5-	1879.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
from 30th April to 3rd May 1859.*

No. 7. Read the following Petition from Mihr oon Nissa Begum, the Widow of the late Shah Sowar Jung; to the Right Honorable Sir CHARLES TREVELYAN, K. C. B., Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated 11th April 1859.

The humble Petition of Maheroon Nissa Begum the Widow of the late Shasawar Jung the Son of His Highness the late Nabob Oom-datool Oomrah.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That in submitting herewith the accompanying appeal of your Petitioner in triplicate to the address of the Right Honorable Lord George Stanley Secretary of State for India your Petitioner most respectfully begs to state that should your Excellency in Council out of benevolent motives be so generously disposed as to acquiesce in the prayer of your Petitioner contained in the accompanying appeal by kindly interfering with the decision of your Excellency's Predecessor after taking the facts set therein into your Excellency's benign consideration, your Petitioner shall feel no necessity for the transmittal of the appeal to the Home Authority and if otherwise it is earnestly requested that it should be done so.

For which act of kindness your Petitioner shall as in duty bound.

Ever pray.

To the Right Honorable Lord GEORGE STANLEY, Secretary of State for India.

The humble Memorial of Maheroon Nissa Begum the Widow of the late Shasawar Jung the Son of His Highness the late Nabob Oom-datool Oomrah.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

1. That your Petitioner most respectfully begs to state that the Government of Madras had in Extract from Minutes of Consultation dated 26th February 1859, No. 130, accorded the sanction of 2,000 Rupees a year for the support of your Petitioner and her daughter, being one-fifth of the Stipend enjoyed by her late husband, and as this grant is much below what your Petitioner is entitled to, she feels the necessity of appealing to your Lordship's benevolent feelings with a firm belief that your Lordship in consideration of her position and close relationship to the former Nabobs of the Carnatic, will treat her case in the manner it deserves to be done.

2. That the Government of Madras had in them the best intention of rendering justice to your Petitioner by the disposal of her claim according to her right, as is manifest from the report of the Government Agent dated 28th November 1858, recommending 1,200 Rupees for your Petitioner not having met with their approval, and further one being called for by them under an expectation that a more favorable report would be placed into their hands, but the Agent with his usual determination proposed the same amount as often as he was asked to do, besides at last attributing to her certain scandalous conduct. The Government under this state of affairs being thrown into dilemma perceived the necessity for their present decision, by increasing the amount recommended by the Agent to 2,000 Rupees only.

3. That should it be believed that the Government in the disposal of her claim was prejudiced by a supposition that, upon the death of a Carnatic Stipendiary, his Nicca heirs are entitled to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the deceased Stipend, your Petitioner has to observe that if at the demise of a Stipendiary there were to live him out his Shady heirs as well as his Nicca heirs, the former could set up their claim to $\frac{1}{3}$ of whatever amount the Government may apportion out of the deceased's Stipend in consideration of his rank and relationship, and the latter for the remaining portion. And in the absence of Shady heirs, the Nicca heirs are entitled to the benefit of the full amount, which the Government may allow under the said consideration.

4. That in consideration of the rank and position of your Petitioner's husband as the Son of a powerful Nabob of the Carnatic and an original Stipendiary it is nothing but consistent on the part of Government to stipulate a sum not less than $\frac{2}{3}$ of his Stipend as was done in cases of Abboos Thoorab Khan Bahadoor Shoojath Jung who was in receipt of the same amount of Allowance of 10,000 Rupees as your Petitioner's husband. Since there is Shady Widow nor daughter in the family of your Petitioner's husband, it constitutes solely to your Petitioner and her daughter a full title to claim $\frac{2}{3}$ rd of the deceased's Stipend.

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5. That the absence of Shady heirs in the family of your Petitioner's husband may not be offered as a barrier against her claim for $\frac{2}{3}$ ds of the Stipend of the deceased in as much as it a fact apparent in the instance alluded to above, that notwithstanding that Stipendiary having no Shady heirs, his Nicca heirs were admitted to the benefit of the $\frac{2}{3}$ ds of his Stipend, by the lapse of the remaining $\frac{1}{3}$ rd to the state under the influence of the same consideration as would have been taken in the case of any of the Shady heirs surviving the deceased Stipendiary.

6. That even should the supposition of the Government as detailed in para : 3 that the Nicca heirs of any Stipendiary are entitled to $\frac{1}{2}$ of his Stipend at his demise, and which is admissible in case of the existence of Shady heir be now allowed to bear upon your Petitioner's case although there are no Shady heirs your Petitioner has to observe it would be highly desirable on the part of the Government that the number of Nicca heirs surviving your Petitioner's husband should each be allowed $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Stipend. It is a customary from a long period to treat the Nicca heirs in this manner in the instances of the existence of Shady heirs. For example in a recent case the 3 Nicca heirs of the late Nassarood Dowlah were granted respectively $\frac{1}{3}$ of the amount allotted to his Shady Son. It is regretted that even this consideration was withheld in the case of your Petitioner.

7. That your Petitioner had heard that the Government Agent had reported to Government that in no instance the Nicca Widow of one who held an equal rank position with that your Petitioner's husband was allowed more than 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rupees a month your Petitioner regrets how far the Agent may be justified in his assertion while there are numerous cases in which the Nicca Widows have been allowed sums more than what he stated, and in instance of the same she would beg here to adduce the fact that Shajy Begum the Nicca Widow of the late Nasseral Moolk, who held the same position and dignity as your Petitioner's husband having been the Son of a former Nabob of the Carnatic and original Stipendiary, was on his demise, granted an Allowance of 300 Rupees a month, besides a similar sum for her daughter.

8. That your Petitioner begs further to add that the scale of Lord Clive of 1801 provides to add that the scale of Lord Clive of 1801 provides 5,000 Rupees per annum to the Nicca Widow and daughter of the former Nabobs of the Carnatic, and since which time there appears no standard rate of Pensions proposed for such Widows and her daughter, but that it is either increased or decreased according to the number of the heirs of the deceased Stipendiary. If a Stipendiary were to die leaving many Sons and daughters his widow either by Shady or Nicca was granted proportionally smaller amount of Pension than what was enjoyed by one whose Children are fewer in number and this practice is in observance from a long period.

9. That your Petitioner in earnestly soliciting your Lordship's attentive to the circumstances urged by your Petitioner herein as well as her position and relationship with the family of the Nabob of the Carnatic entertains a fervent hope that your Lordship in the exercise of your benevolence and generosity as the Supreme Authority over India will be graciously pleased to sanction such amount, which your Lordship may consider your Petitioner being justly entitled to for the maintenance of herself and her daughter.

For which act of benevolence your Petitioner shall as in duty bound.

Ever pray.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1859, No. 270.

Ordered that the Memorial submitted by Mihr oon Nissa Begum do lie on the table for the prescribed period of 20 days, and that it be then forwarded to the Home Authorities together with the previous correspondence which has passed on the subject of the Memorialist's claim to provision from the lapsed Stipend of her husband the late Shah Sowar Jung, and with the opinion of this Government that the Petitioner has already been treated with sufficient liberality and that they do not think that under the circumstances of the case her application for a larger Pension than has been accorded to her should be complied with.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

Political Department

No. 270

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date. 2 May 1859.

Read the following
Petition from Mihr oon
Nissa Begum, the Widow
of the late Shah Sowar
Jung.

(Dated 11th April 1859)

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Mihr oon Nissa Begum
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Authorities together with
the previous correspondence
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-ficient liberality, and
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that under the circum-
stances of the case her
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