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from 4th to 10th May 1859.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 15. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th April 1859, No. 685.

As ordered in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 190, dated 24th Ultimo, I have the honor to report that I cannot advise the Honorable the Governor in Council to comply with the recommendation which the Collector of Chingleput makes in favor of Syed Abdoolla Saib, because the allowance was originally granted in 1848 for the charitable maintenance of old dependants of a Stipendiary named Kaleem Oollah Khan. It seems, immediately thereafter, to have been misapplied or diverted from its first object of a charitable grant for old people into defray-

ing the expenses of religious rites at the tomb of a deceased Stipendiary, for which the orders of the Government of India expressly forbid the issue of grants, and

Letter from the Government of India, dated 22nd July 1848, No. 565.
"I am directed to state that on general grounds the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council does not consider it expedient and fitting that grants of state money should be made directly for the purpose of ceremonies at the tombs of deceased Pensioners."

the original order of 1848. (Extract Minutes of Consultation, 22nd August,) and the modified order of 1852, (Extract Minutes of Consultation, 6th October,) having on each occasion declared the grant to be for life and for the lives of the recipients it is right that that portion of it "continued in the name of Syed Taha Sahib during his life," now that he has demised, should wholly cease.

2. But there are other reasons relating to the present applicant, who has no claim whatever, either for his own use or to apply to religious rites, the State funds granted in charity to old people.

3. Kaleem Oollah Khan was a Carnatic Stipendiary and on his demise a Stipend was granted to his widow and Syed Taha Sahib also a Carnatic Stipendiary was a Sister's Son of that Kaleem Oollah Khan, and this applicant Syed Abdoollah is the husband of Syed Taha Sahib's daughter.

4. The family are amongst the wealthiest in Madras and there is no Social or Political reason for bestowing on Syed Abdoollah any portion of a sum which was originally given by the State for the maintenance of the old dependants of his Father-in-law's uncle.

5. There was evidently some error allowed to occur in permitting Syed Taha Sahib, a very wealthy man and a Stipendiary receiving Rupees 360 a month, to appropriate half the amount of a grant given in charity for the maintenance of old dependants of another Stipendiary. But now that he has demised, Government have the opportunity of rectifying the mistake by adhering to the terms of the original orders of the 22nd August 1848 and 6th October 1852, Nos. 379 and 364, which sanctioned the items of the respective recipients only for their respective lives and by now declaring the Rupees 50 subsequently permitted to be drawn by the late Syed Taha Sahib, to have lapsed from the 22nd of January 1859, the date of his demise

No. 16. From SYED ABDOOLLAH SAHIB, Nephew and Son-in-law of the late SYED TAHA SAHIB; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 29th April 1859.

I beg you will do me the favor to bring the following circumstances to the notice and favorable consideration of His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council.

Syed Taha Saib, Grandson and the last surviving male member of the family of Assim Khan, Minister of the Nabob Wallajah, died on the 22nd of January last, which circumstance, I duly reported to the Collector of Chingleput on the 28th of that month.

In doing so, I brought to the notice of Mr. Shubrick, the relationship I bore to the deceased, who was both my Uncle and my Father-in-law.

The deceased during his life time was receiving from Government, through the Office of the said Collector, a certain monthly allowance, for the support of the dependants of the late Kulleem

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Oollah Khan Bahadoor, and for other purposes. It was his dying wish that I should pray Government to be appointed in his stead, after his death, to take care of those dependants, and to disburse the Stipend among them monthly.

Accordingly I solicited the Collector to recommend me to Government to fill the place of the deceased. That Gentleman kindly promised me to do so, but as more than three months have elapsed since I applied to him on the subject, and as the poor servants and dependants have not been paid up to this time, except what I have advanced them from my pocket, to keep them from starvation, I beg respectfully to entreat that I may be permitted to draw the monthly allowance, heretofore, paid to the deceased, for the support of the parties aforesaid, and I pray on the following grounds, *viz.*

As the near relation of the deceased and the only male member, now at the head of his family.

As having the care and protection of the said dependants, who are all now living, as they all along were in the life time of the deceased, in the family house over which I preside.

As it would be a dishonor to the family to remove from their care, the old dependants who from their very infancy were attached and belonged to the House-hold where they are now residing, and to entrust to the hands of strangers the disbursement of the pittance which the bounty of Government has so kindly provided for them, whilst in my family, they not only received every attention hitherto, but, sometimes, many necessities, beyond the amount allowed by Government.

As I am also Executor to the Estate of the deceased.

Under these circumstances I humbly pray Government will be pleased to grant my request.

In Security for my trust, I beg to offer the guarantee of my wife and of my Mother-in-law both of whom are Jagheerdar Stipendiaries receiving from Government, the former Rupees 120 per month and the latter Rupees 240.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1859, No. 285.

The question referred for the Agent's report in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 24th March last, No. 190, was, whether there was any objection to the arrangement recommended by the Collector of Chingleput for the future payment of the allowances of the surviving dependants of the late Kulleem Oollah Khan, amounting to Rupees 41-4-0 per mensem. In consequence of the death of Syed Taha Saib who was entrusted with the distribution of this money, it was proposed to appoint his Nephew and Son-in-law, Syed Abdoollah Saib, to receive the amount and disburse it on the same conditions as heretofore.

2. To this proposition the Agent has not replied. He seems to have taken the reference made to him as applying to the 50 Rupees devoted by Syed Taha Saib for the performance of annual Ceremonies at a Tomb, whereas it is expressly stated by the Collector of Chingleput that this sum had lapsed from the demise of Syed Taha Saib. There is however an ambiguity in the last sentence of Mr. Shubrick's letter.

3. It is unnecessary to make another reference to Dr. Balfour. From what he says there seems no reason to doubt that Syed Abdoollah Saib, Son-in-law of the deceased, may be trusted to draw and distribute the amount Rupees 41-4-0, payable to the surviving dependants of Kulleem Oollah Khan Bahadoor and Syed Oon Nissa Begum according to the Lists appended to the Collector's letter, and this will be disbursed to him accordingly from the date of Syed Taha Saib's death. The 50 Rupees drawn by that individual will lapse from that date.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

No. 688 of

GOVERNMENT AGENT'S OFFICE.

15th April 1859.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR,

Government Agent at Chepauk,

To

T. Pycroft Esquire

Chief Secretary to Government,

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