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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department, from 11th to 17th May 1859.

No. 4. Read the following letter from MAHOMED ABDOOL RAHMAN KHAN Bahadoor, Son and NAIMUTH OON NISSA Begum, daughter of the late KOOLSOOM Begum, daughter of the late Nabob AZEEM OOD DOWLAH Bahadoor Nabob of the Carnatic; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 27th April 1859.

HONORED SIR,

We beg most respectfully to request your honor, will be kindly pleased to submit our Petitions, enclosed herewith, dated 3rd, 22nd March and 27th April 1859, respectively to His Excellency Sir Charles Edward Trevelyan, Governor-in-Council, for the purpose of transmitting the same to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, by the next Steamer if possible.

To the Right Honorable G. F. R. LORD HARRIS, Governor in Council of Fort St. George,

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

With profound respect and humble submission we most respectfully beg to lay certain grievances before your Lordship in Council in the fervent hope, that what we are about soliciting may meet your Lordship's kind approbation, and pray your Lordship in Council will be kindly pleased to give this Petition the consideration it deserves.

That our late Mother "Koolsoom Bagum" daughter of the late Nabob "Azeem Ood Dowlah Bahadoor" died on the 11th December 1858, and was on the receipt of Rupees 286 per mensem, from the bountiful British Government, she being one of the immediate family of Her Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic. She has left one son named "Mahomed Abdool Rahman Khan Bahadoor" unmarried, and one daughter named "Naimuth Oon Nissa Baigum," your Lordship's Petitioners to bemoan her irreparable loss.

We need not represent to your Lordship in Council the respect, and esteem, entertained for our respected Ancestors, the former Nabobs, and the most cordial intercourse, and friendship that had always existed between them, and the rulers of the Honorable the British Government in India, and further to take into favorable consideration, our dignity, honor, reputation, and near relationship already stated to your Lordship in Council, with the former Nabobs of the Carnatic, and be graciously pleased to grant us the entire Stipend, that our late Mother enjoyed.

We beg most respectfully to represent, that the Parties who were Chief Officers in the service of His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic, and who are in no ways related to the late Nabob are now in receipt of their entire Pensions, and the sanction of Government as per Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 87, dated 5th February 1859, that the amount of Rupees 143, the moiety of our late Mother's Stipend should be continued from the date of her demise to her son and daughter is very distressing which classing us with other lower classes of Dependants such as Bekars, Orderlies Mace Bearers, and Horsekepers, &c., who were in the service of our Ancestors, notwithstanding, the position we hold in relation to the late Prince of the Carnatic, that we have been granted only the moiety of our late Mother's Stipend for our life.

It is a matter of real concern to observe, that contrary to our reputation and dignity, we should have been ordered a moiety of our Mother's Stipend, considering our connection with the late Nabob "Azeem Ood Dowlah Bahadoor," our Maternal Grandfather, late Nabob "Auzumjah Bahadoor" our Maternal Uncle, and late Nabob "Gholam Mahomed Gouse Khan Bahadoor" Nabob of the Carnatic, our Cousin.

That after the demise of "Surdarjung Bahadoor" and "Nasivood Dowlah Bahadoor," the Right Honorable Governor in Council has been pleased to grant their entire Pension to their children, though they do not hold the near relationship to His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, as we do, that the amount of Rupees 286, the Stipend of our late Mother which she was in

receipt of in her life time was then insufficient for her support and maintenance, and how can it expected, that we can with honor and dignity live with only the moiety of our Mother's Stipend.

We therefore beg most submissively to entreat your Lordship in Council will be kindly pleased to pity these our grievance, and grant us the entire Stipend of our late Mother, as the bountiful Government have condescended to bestow on the other Families abovementioned, and be graciously pleased to order the present sanction of Stipend granted for our life to be cancelled and take into kind consideration, the honor and dignity of our Ancestors given by Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, God save her for ever, we hope, that our late Mother's full Stipend of 286 Rupees, will be continued to us, and to our descendants as long as the Banners of the British continue to be unfurled.

After the death of old Stipendiaries, who have a distant relationship to the late Nabobs of the Carnatic, that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased to favor them by granting their Pensions to their children, which are still continued from the time of the late Nabob " Oomdalul Oomrah Bahadoor," that our late Mother received her Stipend of 286 Rupees for a short period of 2 years, and not like the other said families, who enjoy for a longer period up to the present time, that your Lordship in Council will take into kind consideration the short period which she enjoyed the Stipend, and whether we are entitled or not to the entire Stipend of our late Mother, we leave it entirely with your Lordship in the hope of meeting our wishes.

In conclusion we most respectfully beg to solicit, that our late mother " Koolsoom Baigum" had a great desire to celebrate the marriage of her said Son, and which she had intended to carry out, but owing to our misfortuue, she died unexpectedly leaving us behind unprovided for. Since the period of the former Nabobs up to the time of His Highness the late Nabob " Ghoclam Mahomed Gouse Khan Bahadoor" we were generally assisted by the Circar of His Highness on several occasions such as marriage Chilla, Mucktub, &c., for which Ceremonies we were handsomely paid for the purpose of performing the same, now we have no more hope from the Nabob's Circar to meet with such benefits as we had hitherto enjoyed, and we have no other protection or means besides the Honorable Government to lean upon for succour and relief in this time of difficulty, and we are now obliged to perform the same out of the Stipend granted to us from the Honorable Government, which is quite inadequate for our support and maintenance, and should any of these said Ceremonies take place at any time in our house, we will be in great distress to perform them.

After the demise of the said Baigum " Mahomed Abdool Rahman Khan Bahadoor," Son of the deceased, the 1st Petitioner having undergone great deal of expenses to perform her of funeral Rites and 40 days Ceremonies of her death, which is usual with us to do, involved him greatly in debt, we are incumbered with a great number of people who are dependant upon us for their support and maintenance, that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council taking these our grievances into merciful and benign consideration will be graciously pleased to grant our mother's full Stipend in our names, that we may be able to supply ourselves with the common necessaries of life, which with our present income we are unable to meet.

Under these circumstances, we further beg most respectfully to implore your Lordship in Council, that the premises situated within the Chepauk Palace, and occupied by us now nearly 30 years, was granted both, to us, and to our Parent, by His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, your Lordship in Council recently sanctioned an Allowance of 35 Rupees for House rent monthly to be granted to our late Mother for life on her vacating the House, in the meantime, she died before the orders were passed, had she received the said allowance even for a month in her lifetime, then of course, we could not lay any claim whatever to this sanction, as we do now being still in possessing and occupying the same, we and our late Mother have often undergone great expenses in making several alterations in the said dwelling, the aggregate sum amounting to Rupees 1,500, besides other expenses incurred to repair the same, and we fervently hope, that the bountiful and generous British Government will not suffer us to meet with any inconvenience for the want of suitable dwelling, and extend to us the allowance sanctioned to our late mother on our vacating the House.

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We beg therefore most submissively to beseech your Lordship in Council to take into merciful consideration our near relationship with the former Nabobs, and our inheritance for the said Premises occupied by us for a long period already stated, and be graciously pleased to settle upon us that Provision which was intended for our late mother to be continued to us as her representatives, otherwise we beg most respectfully your Lordship in Council will provide us suitable Premises that we may not suffer any inconvenience for want of shelter.

In doing this act of obligation, and favor, the Almighty will shower down blessings on your Lordship in Council for ever, and we shall be ever grateful for the same and in duty bound,

Shall ever pray.

3rd March 1859. Seals of Mahomed Abdool Rahman Khan Bahadoor "Son and "Naimuth Oon Nissa Baigum," daughter of the late "Koolsoom Baigum."

No. 1126 of 1859.

The Government Agent has the honor to return Petition to the Right Honorable George Lord Harris, forwarded by Mahomed Abdool Rahman Khan Bahadoor and Naimuth Oon Nissa Begum. After a case has been finally disposed of by the Government, it is not competent for this Office to re-agitate any question affecting the same.

GOVERNMENT AGENT'S OFFICE, Madras, *5th March* 1859.

(Signed) P. T. SNOW,
Asst. Government Agent at Chepauk.

To the Right Honorable G. F. R. LORD HARRIS, Governor-in-Council of Fort Saint George.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

We beg most respectfully to state, that on the 3rd Instant, we submitted a Petition to E. Balfour Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk, to be laid before your Lordship in Council, which he was kindly pleased to return with an endorsement, and which, we now most humbly and respectfully beg to forward direct for your Lordship's kind and humane consideration without the interposition of the Chepauk Agent, in the fervent hope, that our prayer will be responded to, to our satisfaction, as we feel much the weight of the recent order of Government, which has considerably reduced our former position, and otherwise embarrassed us, and we therefore once more entreat of your Lordship, to pity our case and be graciously pleased to comply with our humble request, and which we will ever remember with feelings of very much gratitude, and for your Lordship's long life, health and prosperity, we as in duty bound.

Shall ever pray.

22nd March 1859. MAHOMED ABDOOL RAHMAN KHAN Bahadoor Son, and NAIMUTH OON NISSA Baigum, daughter of the late KOOLSOOM BAIGUM.

No. 962 of 1859.

The Government are unable to accede to this application for increase of Pension. The allowance of 35 Rupees per mensem to the late Baigum for house Rent was sanctioned as a *life-grant*, and the Government have already (Extract Minutes Consultation 5th February 1859, para: 3) declined to continue it to the Petitioners.

By order.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, *15th April* 1859.

(Signed) L. FORBES,
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

To the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

The humble Petition of MAHOMED ABDOOL RAHMAN KHAN Bahadoor, Son and NAIMUTH OON NISSA Baigum, daughter of the late KOOLSOOM Baigum, daughter of the late Nabob AZEEM OOD DOWLAH Bahadoor Nabob of the Carnatic.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

With profound respect and humble submission we most respectfully beg to lay our grievances

before your Lordship in Council in the fervent hope, that what we are about soliciting may meet your Lordsnip's kind approbation, and pray your Lordship in Council will be kindly pleased to give due consideration to the Petitions enclosed herewith dated 3rd and 22nd March 1859, which we had submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor-in-Council of Madras, which were duly endorsed and returned to us.

It is a matter of real concern to observe, that our late Mother Koolsoom Baigum, who was on the receipt of 286 Rupees per mensem from the bountiful British Government one of the immediate family of His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic, after her demise, that the Right Honorable the Governor-in-Council of Madras has been pleased to grant us 143 Rupees per mensem, the moiety of our late Mother's Stipend for our life, that the parties who were in the service of His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic, and who are in no ways related to the late Nabob are now in receipt of their entire Pensions, and after the death of "Sirdarjug Bahadoor" and "Nasir Ood Dowlah Bahadoor," that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council condescended to grant their entire Stipends to their children, though they do not hold the near relationship to His Highness as we do.

We therefore beg most submissively to entreat your Lordship in Council, that our late Mother received her monthly Stipend of 286 Rupees only for a short period of 2 years, she did not long enjoy the same as others have, that your Lordship in Council will take into kind consideration the short period which she enjoyed the Stipend, and this short period will shew good grounds to your Lordship in Council for continuing her full Stipend to us.

That the Right Honorable the Governor in Council of Madras recently sanctioned, that House rent should be granted monthly to the immediate family of His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic for life on their vacating the houses situated within the Chepauk Palace, that the house situated within the Chepauk Palace being still in our possession and occupied by us now nearly 30 years, we feel it hard, that house rent should not have been granted us in common with others on our vacating the premises.

We beg therefore most submissively to beseech your Lordship in Council to take into merciful consideration our near relationship with the late Nabob of the Carnatic, and our inheritance of the said premises occupied by us for a long period already stated, and be graciously pleased to grant us the entire Stipend of 286 Rupees, allowed to our late Mother, and also the house rent to the extent as granted to our maternal Aunt "Fatimah Baigum" on our vacating the premises, otherwise we beg most respectfully your Lordship in Council will be pleased to direct suitable premises being provided for us, that we may not suffer any inconvenience for want of shelter.

In doing this act of obligation and favor the Almighty will shower down blessings on your Lordship in Council for ever and we shall be ever grateful for the same, and as in duty bound.

27th April 1859.

Shall ever pray.
MAHOMED ABDOOL RAHMAN KHAN Bahadoor Son and NAIMUTH OON NISSA Baigum, daughter of the late KOOLSOOM BAIGUM.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1859, No. 293.

Ordered that the Memorial submitted with the foregoing address do lie on the table for the prescribed period of 20 days, and that it be then forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, with the remark that a moiety of the Stipend of the late Koolsoom Begum was continued to the Memorialists, the two surviving children of the deceased, according to the Rules laid down by the Government of India and that the allowance of 35 Rupees per mensem made to the Begum for House rent was a *life* grant, and could not therefore be continued to the Memorialists.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

Triplicate.

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No 87.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 5th February 1859.

Read the following Letter from the Government Agent @ Chepauk.

(Dated 20th January 1859 No 129.)

The Chepauk Agent reports the demise of Koolsoom Baigum, Niekah Daughter of His Highness the Nabob Azeem ood Dowlah Bahadoor, She was a Carnatic Stipendiary of 1855, and in receipt of Rupees 286 per mensem, as a Member of the immediate Family of the Nabob of the Carnatic, an allowance of 35 Rupees per mensem, to the Baigum for House rent was recently sanctioned by Government as a life grant, as recommended by the Agent, on her removing from the House which She had occupied, but She died a Month before the orders were passed.

Extract Minutes of Consultation, 15th January 1859. No 47, paras 15, Letter dated 14th July 1858, No 1214, paras 9 & 10.

2 The Agent recommends that a moiety of the lapsed Stipend be continued to the two surviving Children of the deceased in the following proportions:

Mahomed Abdool Rahman Khan Bahadoor (Son) Rupees 95 — " — per mensem,
Naimuth oon Nissa Baigum (Daughter) ——— " — 48 — " — ——— "

And also the grant to them of the allowance for House rent above referred to in the proportions of Rupees 23 and Rupees 12 respectively, the Son being allowed to retain in addition the Stipend of Rupees 11 — 4 — 10 per mensem granted to him in 1847.

Extract Minutes of Consultation, 12th May 1847, No 209.

3. Looking to the connection of the Family with a former Nawaub, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to authorise one half the Stipend of the deceased Baigum, or Rupees (143) one hundred & forty three per mensem being continued from the date of her demise to her Son & daughter above mentioned in the proportions recommended by the Agent; the Pension which the Son already receives being amalgated, or proposed, with the Stipend now sanctioned making his total receipt Rupees 106 — 4 — 10 per mensem, but the Govt Can See no reason for continuing to these Children the House rent sanctioned for their Mother which she never [illegible] and when [illegible] amended

Stipend granted in 1847, Rs 11 — 4 — 10
Do now sanctioned — " 95 — " — "
Total Rupees 106 — 4 — 10

by the Agent as a life grant,

4 It should be most distinctly explained to the Parties, that the Pensions now granted are for life only and will, under no circumstances, be continued wholly or in part on lapse,

(True Extract)

Chief Secretary

To the Govt Agent & Deputy,
" Accountant General
" Civil Auditor,

Ced " J. " A. " Wilson

Memo.

This I would respectfully submit is a very hard case.

It is a very marked feature in the Military Estab.t to this Agency that the salary of the Military Asst.t at Kuruman has been fixed at R500 per annum — consolidated

Lieut.t now Capt.n Russel — appointed to hail from been assistant for some years got his salary raised to R700 - on account of his merits and services - but the extra 200 R was to be personal allowance, & not to have been by Capt.t Russel during his absence on his vacation, & appointment by his successor on his vacating the appt.

In 1853. Capt.n Russel left Kuruman on sick certificate and Lieut.t Finlay was appointed to act for him -

Lieut Finlay on joining there his share of

Which found by the Capt: Resorts pay-
that is to draw a moiety of R700 less
Capt Ri military pay & allowances - which
he ought to have drawn a moiety of R500
after the same deductions -

He states that, until he received the
present statement in July 1858, he
had no idea that he had received more
than he was entitled to - he drew his pay
without objection on the part of the Agent &
of the Civil Auditor - It seems in fact
that in June 1855 or after the account
now attached had been drawn, the Civil
Auditor informed the Agent that Lieut
F was entitled to the full consolidated
salary of the office - but it is not clear
whether it was explained on that occasion what
that salary was -

Now four years afterwards - when he is

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called home & he submitted with a family of
sick Certificate he is called on for this
heavy refund -

Such a thing could not happen now,
under the system of pre-audit, as every
servants pay is audited before he gets it -
consequently he cannot run a debt -

There is a clear point of distinction
between military allowances which Lieut F
should have drawn - but I do not pretend to
the Civil Auditor here - I do not see why
Capt R should during his absence have
drawn full batta when his corps was at a
half batta station - but this is said to be ac-
-cording to the Rules - Under any circumstances
however I conceive that Lieut F could only
draw half the difference between Capt Ri
military & staff & his consolidated
salary — and that Lieut F's own military

pay & allowances must be regulated accord.g
to the Rules of the Civil Service -

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Order thereon dated - 12th May 59. No 293.

Ordered that the Memo-
-rial submitted with the foregoing ad-
-dress do lie on the table for the pre-
-scribed period of 30 days, and that
it be then forwarded to the R. H.
the Secretary of State for India, with
the remark that a Society of the Ste-
-pmd of the late Roghdon Begum was
continued to the Memorialists, the
two surviving children of the de-
-ceased, according to the Rules
laid down by the Govt of India &
that the allowance of 65 Rs. per mon.
-th made to the Begum for House
rent was a life grant & could
not therefore be continued to the
Memorialists -

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Political Letter to Engd
20th May No. 15. of 1859.

Replied to by the Sec.y of
State for India of 8th
Dec.r No 20 of 1859

Two copies of the Memorial
given to the Home Branch. 475

Pros. of Govt 17th May.
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From Mahomed Abdool Rahman
Khan Bahadoor, Son, and
Naimuth oon Nissa Begum,
daughter of the late Soolsoom
Begum, daughter of the late
Nabob Azeem ood Dowlah
Bahadoor - Nabob of the
Carnatic.

No 27
of 28 April 59.

No 1110.
3 Encls.

Submits a Memorial in tri-
-plicate to the R.H. the Secy of
State for India, praying to be
granted a full stipend of
their late mother, and also
House Rent to the extent
allowed to the Maternal
Aunt Fatimah Begum.

F. No 4 of 53.

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William Eden