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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 18th January 1859.

No. 6. 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. 1997 of G. A.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit the following case for the Orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. The Commissioners investigating the debts of His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic, after having returned, to the Agency, for payment of Rupees 450, the name of Terazish Khan Bahadoor on account of arrears due for 1855; nevertheless, subsequently, in a letter, dated 27th February 1858, No. 128, payment thereof was commanded to be stopped.

3. In the meantime, however, before receipt of their latter communication, the amount had been paid to the Bahadoor, and though letters had been drafted ready for dispatch, the Agency deferred taking further action, supposing the adjustment could be effected, when this Ex-Servant's arrears for the period prior to 1855, came to be paid.

4. In the investigation of these prior arrears, however, it was also found that there was no amount due to Terazish Khan Bahadoor, and, on the 28th of August 1858, I addressed to him the letter of which copy is subjoined.

5. On the 31st August, he wrote a Persian letter disputing the late Commissioners' decision and declining to refund the money, to which on the 2nd September, I replied by begging the favor of his attention to the decision of the Commissioners prior to the issue of his next Stipend receipt, as I had no control over the decision of the late Commissioners.

6. His Stipend receipts were sent to him as usual in the belief that prior to the dates for re-issue with my countersignature he would give obedience to the (late) Commissioners' decision; but, without acknowledging even my last communication, he sent by his Servants his receipts for my countersignature, which I declined to give on the plea that the money should be recovered by the Government Agent at Chepauk, whose duty it had been to issue Cash receipts for the 1855 Awards of the late Commissioners.

7. The above is one portion of the circumstances of this case, and the following portion is that which relates to the Political position of this Stipendiary.

8. He is an intelligent man, with whom in his position connected with the Nabob's Mad-rassa, I, as a member thereof, became acquainted. He is a Son-in-law of the Dewan of the Dur-bar, and he was, during the Nabob's time, Secretary to the Istee-fah Cutcherry.

9. During the two days that the Honorable Company's Solicitor was investigating the claims of the Messrs: Richardson, while sitting here, anxious to have the statement of Terazish Khan Bahadoor. The Bahadoor was sent for to his house, which is in the neighbourhood. And the reply came that he was absent from home; this I believe to be correct. On the 20th of October, Mr. Boyson again wrote to me saying "please send me the promised Memo: of Terazish Khan's evidence." On which I repeatedly sent to his house begging the favor of his attendance, to each answer was returned that he was not at home. The following day therefore, viz., the 21st of October, about 9 o'clock, I asked a Gentleman of the Office, Meer Shoojaut Ally Sahib, to call on him and ask his attendance, but Meer Shoojaut Ally Sahib returned and stated that Terazish Khan Bahadoor replied, "since I am become a Pensioner I am no one's Servant, if Mr. Balfour call me what necessity is there that I should come. For 3 months I am dying of starvation, if a Summons came from Court I will go there and give evidence, there is no cause for my coming to the Agency, &c."

10. Aware that he is a proud irascible man, and anxious for work to go on quietly, I asked another Gentleman of the Agency, Ahmud Hoossain Sahib, to call upon him to explain that it was only on Mr. Boyson's request that I was troubling him, and Ahmud Hoossain Sahib took Mr. Boyson's letter in his hand to show him that such was the case. As Ahmud Hoossain Sahib has been sent there in a friendly way, I need not notice the statement, he reported, the Bahadoor then made, further than to remark that it was acknowledging that he would come if I called him as a friend, but not as the Government Agent.

11. On this I addressed the following Memo: to Terazish Khan Bahadoor which, as it embodies a resumé of what had occurred, had better now be given here.

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GOVERNMENT AGENT'S OFFICE,
23rd October 1858.

The Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends has the honor to mention to Carnatic Stipendiary, No. 2532, Terazish Khan Bahadoor, that, on the 19th Instant, the Honorable Company's Solicitor desired the Government Agent to obtain, for the purposes of the State, Terazish Khan Bahadoor's statement regarding certain alleged transactions.

Repeated messages were yesterday sent from the Agency to Terazish Khan Bahadoor begging his attendance for the above purpose, but the reply received to each was that the Bahadoor was absent from home. This morning the Government Agent sent Meer Shoojaut Ally begging the Bahadoor to attend and the statement the Meer has given of his visit to the Bahadoor, is enclosed for the Bahadoor's examination.

The Government Agent begs of Terazish Khan Bahadoor to state if the Memo : report be correct.

(Signed) E. G. BALFOUR,
Government Agent at Chepauk
and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends.

12. To this letter which, I think, is courteous and civil, Terazish Khan Bahadoor returned the letter which is here attached, which the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will observe is neither courteous nor civil to the Government Agent at Chepauk.

13. Before giving the letter I may remark that it will be observed he states in it that he attended at the Agency 2 or 3 days and at the Advocate General's house, and I may mention that this attendance of his was on a previous case, that of Mr. Arathoon, but in the case of Mr. Richardson, which he alludes to at the close of his letter, he only came once to the Agency after I had summoned him at Mr. Boyson's request, and after he had previously refused to come, but he came only and expressed his willingness to answer any questions only after the case of the Messrs : Richardson was almost closed.

To EDWARD BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk.

SIR,

I acknowledging the receipt of your letter to my address, dated 23rd October 1858, together with the statement of Meer Shoojaut Ally, at 6 P. M., I have the honor to reply as follows:

That on the first instance when I was sent for by you on the 20th Instant, I had been on a visit of business to a friend, and did not return home till 7 P. M. In the second instance that the statement of Meer Shoojaut Ally is misrepresented will show by my herein repeating the reply given to him.

Viz. "That since the date of the retention of my Stipend, I am literally famished, and suffer great pecuniary embarrassments, and from which time I consider myself free from liabilities or dependency on any person, but if I were subpoenaed by the Court, though I am miserably poor and unable to walk so far, still I would endeavour to reach there, by hiring a carriage for *State purposes*." Further, I beg to state that when Ahmed Hoossain was your Messenger to me I declared, that, "as long as my affairs remain unsettled equitably I would refrain myself from rendering my services, in consequence of indisposition and enfeebled state of body and mind." Also I beg to add a concise statement of my deplorable circumstances, and of which you are, I presume, partially aware, *viz* That I had submitted several addresses to you ament the discontinuance of the salary of fifty Rupees allowed me for holding employ in the Istifa Cutcherry, soliciting your impartial justice thereon, but the Endorsements, were dissatisfactory. Subsequently I submitted an address again on the 8th February 1858, stating that, as the Pension granted me by the Darool-in-Shai-Pharsee, being too trifling, I solicited that a Pension may be granted for my Services in the Istifa Cutcherry also; to which no reply was elicited, but seven months after that date I received a letter of demand from you for Rupees four hundred and fifty, (Rupees 450.) stating that, that sum had been overdrawn by me in the Istifa Cutcherry, and requesting the repayment of the same, and to which demand I replied on the 31st August 1858, soliciting a proper explanation on the matter, but instead of which my Stipend was sequestered without further notice. Yet, notwithstanding my having suffered such injustice I never failed to render my Services to the State whenever required. For instance, in obedience to your orders I was in attendance and waiting at the Agency Office for the better part of two or three days in this month, and even also in the second instance, I waited on the 9th Instant as per your intimation on Advocate General Smyth, by hiring a Carriage, and rendered the requisite assistance in the matter then pending.

Subsequent to the above date, my Stipendiary receipts were handed to me for sealing, which I accordingly did, and forwarded them to you on such date appointed for the absent Stipendiaries,

but received not their contents. I further beg to state that from the age of my puberty I have always evinced an aversion to be under obligation to any of my relations, and since the date of the detention of my Stipend I am involved in great pecuniary difficulties, so much so, that, even my Servants have deserted me in consequence of non-payment of their monthly salaries, and I submit to your consideration to what straits and difficulties I am drawn to, in consequence of stoppage of Stipend for the last three months, and under such distracting circumstances I presume that no Gentleman of Equity would require me to render my Services gratuitously, further I beg to remark that Government object to detain even part of any Stipend, when application is made to them, to discharge lawfully and truly contracted debts, but I cannot divine from what source you have derived authority to detain my Stipend in full, month by month, and though I have often rendered my Services to the State, which I was not bound to perform without any remuneration but disappointment, I was consequently obliged politely to excuse myself, and receive Summons of the Court, and when again importuned by you by a letter, I made myself, acquainted from para: first of the same that you required my presence to aid in *State Affairs*, I then gave my attendance; but you informed me that you would commence with me subsequent to legal advice obtained from Mr. Boyson on the matter. In conclusion I beg that you will, in consideration of my above Statements, kindly desist from importuning me any further.

I have &c.,

MADRAS, }
30th October 1858. }

(Sealded) TERAZISH KHAN BAHADOOR.

14. In common with all the 1855 Stipendiaries, Terazish Khan Bahadoor, whose Stipend No. is 2532, and his Stipend Rupees 40 per mensem, has had due notice that any misconduct on his part may subject him to have his Stipend suspended or withdrawn altogether, should Government consider such a measure deserved. I consider the conduct of this Stipendiary to well merit the entire lapse of his Stipend. His bearing was solely directed towards the Government. I do not however recommend that Government declare his Stipend forfeited lest Advocates should say the forfeiture was occasioned by his not giving evidence in favor of Government. On the 21st of October, when he stated he had been 3 months without his stipend, he had only then been two months without his stipend, and independent of the fact the late Nabob kept him and all other servants without pay for months together, he is in comfortable circumstances, has many wealthy relatives, and 2 months and 10 days stoppage of his stipend could not have caused him any inconvenience. But even if it had cost him inconvenience, it was simply the result of his own determination to compel the Government Agent at Chepauk to enter into a discussion regarding and re-investigate a decision of the late Commissioners, over which he perfectly knew the Government Agent at Chepauk had no control whatever.

15. Under the circumstances above detailed, I have considered it proper that Government should be made acquainted with what has occurred: for though I recommend that any order be not issued regarding his Stipend, and that his blank Stipend receipts remain unsent until he reply to the Government Agent's letter, Nos. 1482 and 1509 of 1858, copies herewith subjoined, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council may deem other steps advisable and may consider it necessary to issue instructions regarding the Rupees 450, which were paid to him on the Award of the Commissioners prior to receipt of their orders countermanding the same.

From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent; to TERAZISH KHAN BAHADOOR, dated 28th August 1858, No. 1482 of G. A.

SIR,

I have the honor to subjoin, for your information, copy of a communication from the late Commissioners investigating the debts of His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic. You will see by its date that payment had been made to you prior to information reaching this Office, and I have deferred calling upon you for the return of the money until your Accounts prior to 1855 could be ascertained. This had been done and as no arrears are found due to you I would be happy to receive, to be returned to the General Treasury, the sum of Rupees 450 overpaid to you.

Received from the late

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From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent; to TERAZISH KHAN BAHADUR, dated 2nd September 1858, No. 1509 of G. A.

I beg the favor of your attention to the decision of the Commissioners prior to the issue of your next Stipend Receipt, as I have no control over the decision of the Commissioners.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, No. 34; dated 13th January 1859.

The Government resolves, upon a consideration of all the circumstances of the case as set forth in the foregoing report, to direct that the sum of Rupees 450, paid to Terazish Khan Bahadur upon an award of the late Commissioners which was subsequently cancelled, be recovered by a monthly deduction of ten Rupees from his Stipend, which is stated, by the Agent in para : 14, to be Rupees 40 per mensem. His Stipend will be disbursed in arrears from the date of stoppage at this rate, viz., at Rupees 30 per mensem.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Memo.

It is not very easy to see how this money can be recovered from the Stipendiary. He probably spent it as soon as he got it and it could now only be recovered gradually out of his pension ² 40 a month. This would take nearly a year & no doubt occasion much inconvenience to the Battalion -

The Agents letter might very well have been confined to the first seven pages - What follows is quite unnecessary.

As the story is told I do not perceive
that the man was much to blame
and if he was his conduct
should have been reported at
the time -

The Agents communication
became more & more filled with
redundant and irrelevant
matter - His way of writing
leads me not unwillingly to surmise
the business with the Principal
Dept. - & to leave the records -

This man apparently only incurred
money at first supposed by his com-
patriots to be due to him. The sum
proposed by the Agent. I imagine
is. Whether ~~the~~ Krahadon had
been required to refund it by a
deduction from his pension
more especially as he has been
imprisoned. It being in another matter

the refund ought to be made -
no doubt as a matter of right -
& I think. his manner of pro-
ceeding shows he is not worthy
of the liberality of Govt. & such

Cases are too recent - history - still
the matter is unsettled - however
the same may be of value may
be taken up in England & therefore
they have certain specimens
of full investigation

Think the money stolen & covered
by my withdrawal. Two Agents who
were numerous the anti of English
Rhans' revision but of the last of them
the 40% of 26. 10 might be stopped really

I think the agent need in Prof.
 2300 Dupuy the Pension without the permission
 of Govt. I would now as Mr. J. J. Phelps
 W. L.

Political Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date 13 January 1869.

Read the following
letter from the Goods
Agent at Chepauk.

(Dated 14 Dec 1868: No 1977)

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The Goods Agent,
upon a consideration
of all the circumstances
of the case, as set forth
in the foregoing report,
to direct that the sum
of Rupees 450 paid to
Korayish Khan Bahadur
upon an award of the
late Commissioners which
was subsequently can-
celled, be recovered by
a monthly deduction of
ten Rupees from his
stipend, which is sta-
ted by the Agent in
para 14 to be Rs. 40 per
month — His stipend

To Goods Agent at Chepauk
of the General.
a Civil Order

will be disbursed in
monthly payments from the date

of stoppage at this
date - viz at R 30
per man^{an}

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