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Political DEPARTMENT.

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No. 34. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 23rd December 1858. No. 2094 of G. A.

SIR,

In my Memorandum, No. 1666, dated 12th October last, I had the honor of drawing attention to the circumstance that in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 1238, dated 6th Idem, Auzum Oon Nissa Begum was styled Her Highness, for the use of which honorary designation this lady had not been named.

2. Since that time, I have received from Auzum Oon Nissa Begum the two enclosed letters, written in the third person, appropriating for herself the designation of Her Highness (reply subjoined) and it is probable that she will continue to press for the use of the same.

3. There have been several instances before me, within the past few months of persons who are styling themselves by titles, which were never granted to them, and one of these which I may mention is the person whom, in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 1658, dated 13th Instant, para: 5, Government follow himself in styling him Fatah Hussain Khan, no such title as Khan having, as he acknowledged to me, ever been granted to him.

4. These occurrences instance the importance with which the people of this Country regard the titulary honors, for our commencement of the bestowal of which I had the honor to submit my letter, No. 987, dated 2nd June last; and, before Auzum Oon Nissa Begum make the formal application, which I am convinced she will sooner or later make, I mention the occurrence to admit of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council having time to consider whether her request should be granted or not, or whether, if resolved to grant the same, it be not the more valuable for Government to bestow the evidently coveted honor before it shall be requested.

5. The previous life of this lady the Nickah widow of the late Nabob is known to Government, to have been that of a dancing girl, from which class, the late Nabob married her. There is no doubt that she has conducted her affairs with prudence and economy, and to the fact of her daughter having recently been married to a Son of His Highness Prince Azeem Jah Bahadoor, may be attributed the desire she evinces for the honorary designation of "Her Highness."

6. Nevertheless, there are others of the relatives of greater dignity than this lady, and if the subject be deemed worthy of consideration the name of the relative indicated on the margin* might also be regarded.

* *Rusheed Ool Dowlah Baladoor, Shady Son of His Highness Nabob Azeem Ood Dowlah Bahadoor.*

Memorandum from Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR,; to AUZUM OON NISSA BEGUM, dated 1st December 1858, No. 1918 of G. A.

The Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends has the honor to present compliments to Auzum Oon Nissa Begum and to mention that in her two letters of date the 29th Instant there was prefixed to her name a titulary expression which is not recognised by the Government, and the right to use which is not found in the Sircar Records.

As the Agency has no discretionary power in such matters, the records have been consulted and it is observed that the only title is that of Auzum Oon Nissa Begum, and any letters with this title only will receive the most ready and early attention.

From Her Highness AUZEEM OON NISSA BEGUM, to the Government Agent at Chepauk, dated 29th November 1858.

Her Highness Auzum Oon Nissa Begum presents her best compliments to the Government Agent at Chepauk, and begs to intimate that for the two grand festivals in a year she has formally allowed 700 Rupees for each occasion by His late Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic. Since her matrimonial connection with him, and that indulgence was discontinued to her after His Highness' death.

As she believes it is the intention of the Government Agent and the Government to continue unmolested the arrangements of His late Highness, more especially regarding his family, and extended on most cases, she would earnestly intreat the Government Agent that

the indulgence she has been deprived of may be renewed to her as well as the arrears accumulated for past six festivals since His Highness' death being paid to her, having obtained the sanction of Government by his kind submission of her request to them.

The Begum feels regret however of not meeting her request with success until yet, although she have had addressed to the Government Agent of the same subject on 4th August last 1858, requesting him to obtain sanction from the Government thereupon.

From Her Highness AUZEEM OON NISSA BEGUM; to the Government Agent at Chepauk, dated 29th November 1858.

Her Highness Auzum Oon Nissa Begum Sahiba presents her best compliments to the Government Agent at Chepauk, and has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of his letter of the 24th Instant, No. 1877 together with an enclosure from Avisha Bee, the late Mooghlanee, No. 4523.† and state she is very much perplexed with the frequent repetitions of the same subject by the Petitioner not having the knowledge of the reply already communicated to the Agency on 23rd October last 1858, which, she feels assured, would have been communicated to the Petitioner by the Agency.

Again the Begum begs the Government Agent however to point out to the Petitioner that Madar Ool Omrah Bahadoor, the Dewan of the Durbar, is the person lately proposed by the Begum for the purpose of clearing the arrears of the salaries of all the servants removed from her Davady, and that it will be advisable therefore for the Petitioner to apply to the said Dewan where of course she will get her settlement with others.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, No. 46; dated 15th January 1859.

The Government quite approve of the Chepauk Agent's answer to Auzum Oon Nissa Begum's two communications in which she styles herself "Her Highness," and desire that she be informed that they cannot recognize her assumption of any honor to which she is not by usage entitled.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Political Department.

No 46

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date 15th January 1859.

Read the following
Letter from the Gov.d Agent
at Chepauk

(Dated 29.th Dec. 1858 - No 2094)

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To the Gov.d Agent at Chepauk — Dispd 17th

Enclosure No 1 to Despatch No 25 of 19 January 1859

Political

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith to your Excellency a Despatch addressed to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and a Copy of the Despatch, which I have received from Her Majesty's Consul at Bahia, relative to the Seizure of a British Vessel by the Brazilian Authorities.

I have &c

(Signed) Edward Ellis

His Excellency

The Chevalier Antonio Paulino Limpo de Abreu

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