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No. 16. From SHAJEE OOL MOOLK, NADEEM OOD DOWLAH; to T. PYCROFT Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated August 1859.

I take the liberty to enclose a Petition to the address of the Honorable the Governor in Council and request that you will be pleased to lay the same before His Excellency in Council with your kind support and obtain for me his Excellency's favorable orders thereon.

To His Excellency the Honorable Sir CHARLES E. TREVELYAN, K. C. B., Governor, and President in the Council of Fort Saint George, dated Madras, August 1859.

1. I most humbly and respectfully beg leave to lay in the following paragraphs the circumstances as connected with the infringement of my right which if perused and duly considered, your Excellency in Council will undoubtedly arrive to the same conclusion as myself that I was quite unjustly treated in the matter at issue.

2. I was during my infancy adopted by Her Highness the late Nabob's mother and was brought up with the same tenderness and equally with her own Son His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic Ghoolam Gouse Khan Bahadoor, and even when grown up and both became of age, no difference was shewn but continued in the same tenderness till her last breath. After Her Highness' death, His Highness the late Nabob continued to treat me in like manner with a real fraternal affection and thus kept up all the grantings and bestowals which were allowed to me by His Highness' late mother, such as food prepared and in kind, as well as other allowances &c., granted from her Circar, besides His Highness having appointed me for some time as his day Officer, latterly exalted me to the post of Chief Commander for His Highness' Cavalry on a salary of 625 Rupees per mensem, besides these His Highness had also purchased for me a house belonging to one Mooptaza-ool-Oomrah Bahadoor situated in Saint Thomé, and still desired me to reside myself in Mahummud Bág where His Highness purposely prepared an apartment for my living because His Highness wished that I should always remain with him close by and not at any distance. Such were the high estimation and endowments as well as the bestowals conferred on me both by the late Nabob and Her Highness his late mother which were kept up and continued for me even by the Government for some time after his Highness, death.

3. When the Government resolved to provide with a pensionary allowance to all the relatives and servants of the late Nabob, they took my case also into consideration because I was both a relative or kinsman and also a favorite servant of high rank to His Highness the late Nabob, and so granted me a Pension alone like all other Chief Officers; but not the other endowments already enumerated to which I am justly entitled being both a relative and an adopted brother to His Highness, and while the very Government continue the like privilege to other farther relatives. Therefore I beg to submit this my respectful appeal to your Excellency soliciting to restore the following previleges which he enjoyed from the hands of His Highness the late Nabob, and his late mother, on a due consideration being rendered to the grounds adduced by me in support of each of my claims *viz.*

1st. The grant of a house-rent.

2nd. The grant of house-hold or domestic expences payable from the *Mahullay Khas or* from the Stipend of Her Highness Khyre-oon-Nissa Begum, and.

3rd. Daily food prepared and in kind, which amounted to 176-1-6, per mensem, besides the other Annual endowmeuts which were granted by the late mother of His Highness the late Nabob.

4. Now I beg to proceed to submit for your Excellency's consideration my grounds upon which each of my above enumerated claims is supported. As regards to the 1st claim, *i. e.*, "grant of house-rent," I beg to state that I was with the permission of His late Highness, living in one part of Mohummed Bág till some time after his Highness' death, when on the receipt of the Government orders, I was obliged to quit the place and hire a house elsewhere for my residence. So all the other relatives &c., who were also living like myself in the late Nabob's property, were equally ordered to quit their respective abodes which they then occupied, and each of them were according to their rank and station in life, granted by Government, with a house-rent for their

new lodgings; but *my only case is excepted* and in proof of my statement, I beg to adduce one or two instances whose cases were so favorably, as above adverted to, are treated of. One Mookteyare Nissa Begum, one of the relatives of His Highness the late Nabob, is granted with a provision for her horses and for house-rent independent of her own pension, while her daughter Gouseah Begum is allowed again with a house-rent of about 100 Rupees per mensem, as also some other further relations are in like manner granted with house-rents respectively by Government. Of these, if either a reference is made to the officiating Government Agent, or consulted with the records which are in the archives of the Government Office, your Excellency in Council will undoubtedly be convinced with the truth of my assertions.

5. That with reference to the 2nd claim, I beg to represent that His Highness the late Nabob had been pleased to confer on me separately for the domestic expences such as curry stuffs &c., of an aggregate value of 75 Rupees per mensem from the Mahullay Khas, which should be continued to me from the Stipend of Her Highness Khyre-oon-Nissa Begnm, this was also quite unjustly withdrawn, while the like privilege is continued by Government to this day to Mookteyar-oon-Nissa Begum, and.

6. As regard to the 3rd claim, that is, the grant of daily meals, I beg to bring to your Excellency's notice that the food and in kind was allowed to me from the Meersamaunay Hoozoor with the permission of His Highness the late Nabob as could be fully proved if referred to the Circar, records, which amounted to 176-1-6, per mensem and which when discontinued, I have presented a petition to Government under date the 16th February 1858, which was referred to the then Government Agent, who with a view to do an injury and infringe my right, misrepresented to Government as I am informed, that I am not related to the late Nabob, which is as erroneous as ever could be met with, and upon which the Government having placed a confidence, passed their orders that the food claimed by me "cannot be restored."

Vide Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 26th August 1858, *No.* 555 *Political Department.*

6. Now considering that it is my bounden duty to disprove the Assertions of the then Government Agent Major Balfour, and to convince at the same time your Excellency how I am related to the late Nabob and his family, I beg to represent as follows. Firstly, I am his Highness' adopted brother being adopted by his late mother. Secondly, I am a nearest cousin to the late Nabob because I bear the same relationship as the late Nabob himself was to the late Nabob Wallajah, *i. e.*, great Grand Son, that is to say, my late great Grand father Naseer-ood-Dowlah and the late Nabob Wallajah, were real and full brothers, hence His Highness the late Nabob was the great Grand Son to the late Nabob Wallajah as I am to his brother the late Naseer-ood-Dowlah, and therefore it is clear that myself and the late Nabob Gholam Gouse Khan Bahadoor are really nearest cousins on paternal side, while again, my Grand father the late Shurf-ool-Oomrah was the full and real brother to His Highness the late Nabob's Grand mother the late Syed-oon-Nissa Begum (Prince Azeemjah Bahadoor's Mother) thus it has been clearly shewn that I am a close and closer cousin, and nearest relative or kinsman to His Highness the late Nabob, and while such is the tie of relationship, it is left to your Excellency alone to consider the propriety of Major Balfour's statements in saying that I am not related to the late Nabob, and I am really at a loss to know how far it is his preference to the relationship of others than mine whose cases he recommended favorably to Government.

7. I beg further in conclusion to add one more instance in support of my claim, that since the death of Syed oon-Nissah Begum (Prince Ajeemjah Bahadoor's late mother) an allowance of 75 Rupees from her Stipend is granted by Government to her adopted Son one Moosta-Kheem Jung Bahadoor as she continued to pay while living, which will be proved if referred to the records, while such is the case, I am not really aware why I should be kept out from a like allowance out of the Stipend of His Highness late mother as long as I am adopted by her, and under these circumstances I most respectfully solicit that your Excellency in Council will be pleased to

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take the foregoing details into your serious consideration, and render him justice by issuing orders to restore me the above enumerated privileges which were quite unjustly withdrawn from me.

For which act of justice I shall ever as in duty bound, and ever pray.

MADRAS, August 1859. } Signed in Persian SHAJEE-OOL-MOOLK, NADEEM-OOD-DOWLAH.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1859, No. 518.

Petitioner makes three requests in this address, 1st for an allowance for house-rent, 2nd for a grant for house-hold expenses, and 3rd for continuance of the table allowance in food cooked and in kind, valued at Rupees 171 per mensem, which he enjoyed in the time of the late Nawáb.

The two latter claims have already been considered and the Order of Government disallowing them has been communicated to the Petitioner. In regard to his application for house-rent, the Government would only observe that they have recognized him as a "Chief Officer," have allowed him to retire on his full salary (625 Rupees per mensem), and have admitted his title to the ground granted him by the late Nawáb for the express purpose of erecting a dwelling house. They do not think the Petitioner can, with any show of reason, claim any further concession or any additional allowance.

Petitioner must accept this as the final decision of the Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P.W. Begbie.

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Petn. making sundry requests in addn. thereto. 1st for an allowance for Lieut. 2nd for a grant for Lieut. Gold Spencer, & 3rd for continuance of the ~~salary~~ allowance which he enjoyed in the time of the late Lieut. -

The two latter claims have already been considered and the order of Govr. disallowing them

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Petn. read and in part granted &c. Rep. ft. m.

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