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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

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No. 18. Read the following letter from RAJAH HOOLAS RAY DAYA BAHADOOR ;
to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated
14th June 1859.

I have the honor to send the enclosed Petition, to be submitted before the Governor in
Council, with your honor's kind recommendation of my case, and obtain me a favorable reply.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir C. E. TREVELYAN, K. C. B.

The humble Petition of RAJAH HOOLAS
RAY DAYA BAHADOOR.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That owing to your Excellency's appointment as the Governor of this Presidency, and to
your Excellency's justice and benevolence, all the British subjects of this place have attained
their objects and enjoy comfort, happiness, and honor, and your Lordship's justice and philan-
thropy are the theme of general conversation in every quarter. Therefore the Petitioner most
humbly begs to bring his deplorable circumstances to your Excellency's kind notice.

2. That from the time of Wallajah up to the time of the late Nabob Ghoolam Mahomed
Ghouse Khan Bahadoor, the Petitioner's Ancestors and himself have in succession, been main-
tained by the Carnatic Sircar, endowed with great honors, and holding the high and respectable
Offices of Persian Head Moonshee, &c., and all the late Sovereigns had placed their full confi-
dence in them, which assertions will be found to be true, on a reference to the Sircar Records, and
upon enquiry from the nobility and dignitaries of this place, and from His Highness the Prince
Azeemjah Bahadoor himself; the Petitioner is also respectable and enjoys the titles of Rajah
and Bahadoor.

3. That after the death of the Nabob Ghoolam Mahomed Ghouse Khan Bahadoor, the
Petitioner was appointed as the Custodian of the Records of the Persian and Badshahi Buksha's
Departments in the Government Agent's Office on a monthly salary of Rupees 70 in addition to
the Pension of Rupees 35 granted to him on his personal and hereditary Services extending to
upwards of a century.

4. That the Records put in charge of the Petitioner as well as all the other Records of
the Sircar Departments have been kept in a room in the Government Agent's Office, the key of
which together with those of boxes and Almirahs are daily delivered to the Lascars and Peons of
Ahsham, after the arrival of that Gentleman to the Office, and these men have to open the boxes,
&c., and to fetch the Records to their respective Offices. During the Office time all the doors of
the Record Room are shut except only one which is closed on the Government Agent's departure
from the Office when the keys are delivered back to him. The Record Officers attend daily at
the proper hour and are engaged in the fulfilment of their duties.

5. That with the Records in the Petitioner's charge, there was, in a large Almirah a Wooden
box containing the old and unserviceable seals of the late Nabob, valuing to about Rupees 100,
which was sealed with the seal of Dabeer Ood Dowlah Bahadoor, the head Moonshee of the
Darbar, and the key of which always remained with the Government Agent. On the 11th De-
cember 1858, that Gentleman stated to the Petitioner that those seals must be delivered to the
Receiver the day after next, and as the Petitioner then recollected that the box was sealed with
Dabeer Ood Dowlah Bahadoor's seal and its key was in the Government Agent's own box, he
observed immediately that in consequence of its being sealed with Dabeer Ood Dowlah's seal his
attendance is also necessary. Accordingly the said Bahadoor attended on the 13th December
1858, and by order of the Government Agent the Petitioner entered the Record Room to fetch
the box containing the seals and causing the Almirah to be opened by the Lascars, he found the
box in its proper place. When the box was taken out by the Lascars, the Petitioner was sur-
prised to see that the seal was broken up, and he caused the Lascars to produce the box before
the Government Agent, who having ordered it to be opened in his presence, found it open and
empty. The Government Agent then communicated the circumstance to the Commissioner of
Police, and on a search being made by the Police Authorities, the tin box containing the treaty

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that had been kept in the same wooden box with the seals of the Nabob, was found in the Mass of old and useless papers in the same Record room, but no trace was found of the seals in question.

6. That during the trial of the case before the Commissioner of Police, a Lascar, named Syed Ahmed, who was seized on suspicion, acknowledged having stolen the seals and also stated the particulars of his having opened the Amirah and the box of seals. He alleged that one night he was in the Record room, and, having stolen the seals, ran away through one of its doors. In fact it was understood that this individual had one day hid himself in the Record room, and ran away during the night time, through one of its doors. In those days the Petitioner was not attending the Office on account of sickness, with which fact the Government Agent, the Dewan and all the subordinates of the Office, are well acquainted. Now the Petitioner respectfully begs to submit that the box of seals having been in its usual place, no suspicion was felt by him regarding it, until it was taken out from that place, and consequently it did not occur to him immediately that the seals had been robbed. In short the Commissioner of Police having found the said Syed Ahmed to be guilty of robbery, kept him in custody for 4 months and committed the case to the Session Court, where he made Statements contrary to those that he had made at the Police, and was therefore released by the Justice in Session.

7. That the Petitioner further begs to observe that from 10th August up to 19th November 1858, he was in his house on account of sickness, with the knowledge of the Government Agent, and that subsequently up to the 13th December 1858, he attended the Office daily but at different hours owing to the feebleness occasioned by ill health.

8. That having with extreme regret, laid all the foregoing circumstances before your Excellency in Council, the Petitioner now most respectfully begs to submit that the Government Agent suspended his Pension and salary until further Orders from Government, as would appear from the enclosed copy of letter marked A, and that after the final decision of the case at the Sessions, the Petitioner again addressed a letter to that Gentleman whose reply marked B, is also submitted for your Excellency's perusal together with the endorsement. The Petitioner most humbly prays that in consideration of his extremely distressed circumstances, your Excellency will be graciously pleased to order the issue of his Pension and salary from the date of suspension, as he suffers unspeakable trouble, and is absolutely blameless, and all these particulars will be known to your Excellency on a reference to the Government Agent's reports of the 13th and 17th December 1858.

For which act of Justice and mercy, the Petitioner as in duty bound. Shall ever pray.

MADRAS, 14th June 1859.

No. 19. From RAJAH LOCHEN ROY, KIRPAVANT BAHADOOR; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd July 1859.

I have the honor to send the enclosed Petition to submit before the Governor in Council, with your honor's kind recommendation of my case, and obtain me a favorable reply.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir CHARLES EDWARD TREVELYAN, K. C. B., Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd July 1859.

The humble Petition of RAJAH LOCHEN
ROY KIRPAVANT BAHADOOR.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That the Petitioner most humbly begs to bring his deplorable circumstances to your Excellency's kind notice, hoping that they will undoubtedly merit your Excellency's kind and matured consideration.

That the Petitioner's Ancestors and himself in whom all the late Nabobs of the Carnatic had placed their full confidence have, in succession been employed in the Carnatic Sircar en-

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dowed with great honors and holding the high and respectable Offices and enjoying the titles of Rajah, and Bahadoor, which assertion will be found to be true on a reference to the Sircar Records, and upon enquiry from the nobilities, and dignitaries, of this place, and from His Highness the Prince Azeem Jah Bahadoor himself.

3. That after the death of His late Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic the Petitioner was allowed a Pension of 35 Rupees monthly from Government in consideration of his personal and hereditary services extending to upwards of a Century.

4. That the Petitioner had, for a short period of time been employed in the Government Agent's Office as an acting only, to make up the accounts of the arrears of the salaries of the servants attached both to the Persian and Badshahi Buckshee Geeree Departments, during the sickness of Serishtadar of the Departments. All the boxes, &c., of the Departments were not shewn and given in the Petitioner's charge by the said Officer.

5. The Petitioner was not accustomed during his Actingship to open the other boxes and Amirahs except only the box in which all the accounts of the Departments were kept, the key of which together with that of the door of the Record room was always with the Government Agent.

6. That having, with extreme regret and sorrow, laid all the foregoing circumstances before your Excellency, the Petitioner now most humbly begs to submit that the Government Agent has, according to his letter the copy of which marked A is herewith enclosed, suspended his Pension of 35 Rupees per month until further orders from the Government on account of the robbery committed at Chepauk Palace, by one Syed Ahmed, Lascar, of some old and unserviceable Seals of His late Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic.

7. Now the Petitioner having enclosed another copy of his letter to the Government Agent as well as the copy of his endorsement thereon marked B, strongly hopes that your Excellency in Council will be graciously pleased to order the issue of his Pension from the date of suspension as he is suffering with unspeakable trouble and inconvenience with his large family.

No. 2164 of 1859.

Forwarded to the Government Agent at Chepauk for report with reference to the Government Order, dated 11th January 1859, No. 28.

By order.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, }
2nd July 1859. }

L. FORBES,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 20. From Major P. T. SNOW, Assistant Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 9th July 1859, No. 1152.

With reference to the Endorsement of the Deputy Secretary to Government, dated 2nd Instant, on the Petition* No. 2164 of 1859, from Rajah Hoolas

* Herewith returned.

Roy Daya Bahadoor, I have the honor to report to the Honorable the Governor in Council that the conduct of the Petitioner was fully brought to the notice of Government in letters from this Office under dates the 13th and 17th December 1858, Nos. 199 and 2020.

2. In obedience to the commands of Government conveyed in an Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 234, of 11th January 1859, the Stipends of Rajah Lochun Roy Kirpavunt Bahadoor, and Rajah Hoolas Roy, were suspended; at present I am unable to recommend the restoration of these stipends, as I am of opinion that the case of these Officers affords a useful example to others.

Rajah's seals, as

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ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1859, No. 519.

The Petitioners were the Officers charged with the custody of the Records, &c., of the Persian Department in the Chepâk Agency Office, the 2nd Petitioner doing duty temporarily during the illness of the 1st. On the discovery of the abstraction of the Nawâb's seals, as reported in his letters, dated 13th and 17th December 1858, the Chepâk Agent thought it prudent to recommend that the stipends of the Petitioners should be discontinued, pending further Orders. He gave no reason for suggesting this, and in his reply to the late Order* of Government calling for report upon the subject he merely remarks that he is unable to recommend the restitution of the stipends, as he is of opinion that the case of these Officers affords a useful example to others. The Government cannot admit the justice of this reasoning. The Chepâk Agent nowhere expresses suspicion of the Petitioners having been concerned in, or privy to, the abstraction of the seals and he admits† that the 1st Petitioner (the permanent incumbent) was absent at the time on sick leave. Under these circumstances, they see no object in continuing to withhold the Pensions to which Petitioners are entitled. They accordingly direct that the order of suspension cease from this date and that all arrears be paid to them in full.

2. The question of their fitness or otherwise for the duty on which they were engaged, the Government do not deem it necessary to enter upon. Dr. Balfour, will re-employ them or not, as he deems expedient.

3. Petitioners will be informed that orders have been issued to the Chepauk Agent on the subject of their Petitions.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

From Chepâk Agent
dated 9th Aug 1859. No. 1152.

Pet^r from Raja
Kulas Raja Daya } Recd into Lt. Genl
Bahadur - } No. 2164 - 959.

From Raja
Lohan Raja Karpur } Recd into Lt. Genl
Bahadur - } No. 2397 - 959.

Order thereon 30 August 1859. No. 519.

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Nawâb's seals, as

reported in his letter
dated 13th and 14th
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Agent thought it
prudent to recom-
mend that in his
pursuits in the Pet^{ts}
should be discon-
tinued, pending further
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* letter of 13th Dec: 58
para 12.

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Pet^r will be inform
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L. F.

To the Govt Agent at Chhapra
 Para 3 to the Petitioners } Disposed
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