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Political DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
from 17th to 23rd September 1859.* /

No. 19. Read the following letter from Brigadier W. G. WHITE, Commanding Vellore ;
to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated
Vellore, 10th September, No. 225 of 1859.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Proceedings of the
No. 7. Madras Government, No. 328, dated the 26th May 1859, and in obedience to paragraph
6, beg to subjoin an Extract of a letter from Surgeon E. G. Balfour, Esq., Government
Agent at Chepauk, dated the 6th September 1859, No. 1422.

(2.) "Fatimah Begum, grand daughter of Meer Mahomed Hoossain, was the mother of the
"two Petitioners named Zoolfakeer Ally and Abkar Ally; she became a Carnatic Stipendiary on
"Rupees 10 per mensem, in the year 1830, under the belief that she was a descendent and Niece
"of men who were servants of some of the Nabobs, some time prior to 1801."

(3.) "Their father named Meer Ameen Ally, resided in Madras about 35 years ago as a
"retainer of the late Sifeood Dowlah, after whose demise he continued for a short time in the
"service of that Dowlah's sons."

(4.) "Lieutenant Campbell's letter of 6th July last, No. 29, informs that the records of his
"Office do not contain any mention of these Petitioners, and that amongst all the respectable
"people of whom enquiries were made regarding them only one man could state that when he
"saw their father 15 years ago, he had heard him state that he, their father, was a relative of
"Tippoo Sultan."

(5.) "It would appear from your quoting Colonel Stewart's letter of 8th May 1835, that
"Petitioner's father was then alleging his relationship to Tippoo Sultan."

(6.) "In letter of date, 13th July 1859, from Mahomed Badee Ood Deen Khan Bahadoor,
"to Captain Batten, it is stated that he Badee Ood Deen had heard from the late Padshaw
"Begum that Petitioner's Grandmother was a Cousin of the mother of Tippoo Sultan, and in the
"letter of Maulnee Mohiood Deen of the same date, also to Captain Batten, the Maulnee repeats
"what Badee Ood Deen stated."

(7.) "In the petition to your address of date the 27th Ultimo, these 2 Petitioners state
"their "late father as a brother to the Sultan," and give instances of the pensions of Mysore
"persons, to whom stipends were allowed in 1899, being continued to their relatives after the
"first pensioners demise; but petitioners in that petition to your address do not mention that
"their father or any of their relatives were ever pensioned in 1799."

(8.) "Moreover in answer to question in their evidence to Captain Batten they distinctly
"state that none of their ancestors were ever Mysore pensioners, and in the second question they
"mention that their mother's pension of Rupees 10 per mensem, had been the only means of
"support to the family. In their 3rd question they mention their father's absence in Aurunga-
"bad prevented him becoming aware of pensions being allotted, but, whether present or absent in
"1799, had their father been entitled to a stipend, the records at Mysore would now shew the
"fact: and I have shewn to you above, that the father was long residing in Madras and must
"therefore have been perfectly aware of all that was done to the Mysore family in 1799."

(9.) "Indeed, as you will recognize, there cannot have been a Mahomedan in any part of
"India but was perfectly cognisant of all that then took place."

(10.) "In the answer to the 5th question they claim to be descended from Tippoo Sultan.
"But you are aware that all his male descendents are in Calcutta, and they themselves there give
"a history, which shew them perfectly unable to trace back their lineage for two generations.
"petitioners are grown men their father and mother both died within the last two years, and
"petitioners had therefore ample opportunities of becoming acquainted with their race and lineage.
"As you know even the Mahomedan labourer can tell his descent for several generations back,
"and the inability of petitioners to do this for themselves, can only be the result of their total
"disconnection with the Mysore family."

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(11.) "Only in one of the documents which have been sent to me is it mentioned that their father served the Mysore state; the document alluded to is the statement of Mahomed Badee Ood Deen Khan Bahadoor, that their father Meer Ameen Ood Deen Ally Khan was Buckshee of the Ahsham (Police) of the fortress of Seringapatam in the reign of Tippoo Sultan. As the dynasty altogether ended 60 years ago, and petitioner's father died since the last 2 years, he must have died when nearly 100 years of age. If he were indeed Buckshee of Asham in Tippoo's reign, he must have communicated this fact myriads of times to his family, and it must be in your own records and those of Mysore. Also their father must at least have attained 30 or 40 years of age before rising to such an Officer, which would bring him to the 100 years of age above alluded to."

(12.) "I am of opinion that petitioners are not related to the Mysore family."

(13.) "They are assuredly not blood relatives, and they have not even proved any collateral connection, although in the multitude of women who become attached to Mahomedans of rank, the remote female relatives of many people must have been connected with some of the Zenana of Hyder or Tippoo: But even this, as regards themselves, petitioners failed to prove."

(14.) "Moreover the claims of all persons connected with the Mysore family was doubtless duly investigated in 1799, and no one of these petitioners ancestors having been then pensioned, it is evident that they could not have been relatives, or too distantly connected to be recognized by the British Government."

(15.) "Moreover their fathers petitions about the year 1835, seem to have been rejected."

(16.) "I am of opinion that they have no claim on the British Government, and recommend that their claim be rejected. I cannot advise any pension to be granted to them."

(17.) "I would wish before concluding to allude to a point arising out of this reference, I observe the father of the petitioners styled Meer Ameen Ood Deen Ally Khan, petitioners also style themselves Zool fakar Ally Khan and Achbar Ally Khan, also the witness Mahomed Badee Ood Deen, affixes to his name a title Khan Bahadoor. It may be mentioned as matter of grave doubt whether these men have ever received the titles which are subjoined to their names. The Carnatic Sircar records do not contain entry of any such titles, and it is not possible that they have been received from any other authority."

(18.) "The assumption of titles by petitioners therefore, must have been with a view of adding to their personal importance."

3. I also beg to attach a letter from Lieutenant Campbell, Junior Assistant Mysore Commission, No. 29, dated the 6th July 1859, (A.) in reply to my letter to the Commissioner for the Government of Mysore, No. 141, dated the 4th June 1859, (B.) with two Original letters in Hindoostanee from Mahomed Badee Ood Deen (C.) and Mayududdeen the Moulvie of Vellore, dated respectively 13th July 1859, (D.) in reply to my application to them for information regarding the relationship of Petitioners Zoolfakar Ally Khan and Ackbar Ally Khan, to Tippoo Sultan.

4. When inquiry was made into the claims of petitioners, I received another petition marked (E.) to which is attached a remark by Captain Batten, and on learning that an investigation was instituted another supposed relation of Tippoo Sultan, by Name Gholam Hussain, preferred his petition (F.) If Zoolfakar Ally Khan and Ackbar Ally Khan, have failed to establish their relationship this man's is still more remote.

5. For the fuller information of Government, I beg to attach the queries submitted by Surgeon Balfour and the replies by Captain Batten, who conducted the inquiry during my temporary absence. (G)

6. Rahamatoonnissah Beigum and Sohale Beigum, Nickah wives of the late Tippoo Sultan, and also Moonavur Beigum shawdee wife of Prince Mouzuddeen, now alive and in the Mahal distinctly denies all knowledge of any relationship of Zoolfakar Ally Khan and his Brother to the Sultan.

7. Having carefully made every possible inquiry and concurring with Surgeon Balfour the Chepauk Agent that the petitioners have failed to establish their near relationship to Tippoo Sultan, I do not conceive that they are entitled to any Pension from the Madras Government.

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No. 20.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1859, No. 554.

From the above report it seems clear the parties Zulfikar Ali Khan and Ackbar Ali Khan, are not related to the Mysore family and therefore cannot be admitted to any pension under the Orders of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, dated 31st March 1859, No. 4.

2. The Brigadier Commanding Vellore, will communicate the above decision to the petitioners in reference to their address to Brigadier Logan, dated 18th February 1858.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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