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No. 3. To the Right Honorable Sir CHARLES TREVELYAN, K. C. B., Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated Vellore, 22nd October 1859.

The humble Petition of MAHOMED BUDE-
YOODDEEN KHAN, the Nephew of PAD-
SHA BEGUM, the principal and legal Widow
of the late TIPPOO SULTAN.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your petitioner most respectfully beg to state that he, as legal heir and representative of the late Padsha Begum the Widow of Tippoo Sultan of Mysore, have often applied to Government for the grant of the arrears of the undrawn portion of the said Begum's allowance, and he regrets that it has not met the favorable consideration of Government, since your predecessor Lord Harris declined to countenance your petitioner's claim on score of long elapse of time.

Your petitioner under this circumstance, has been necessitated to try his last hope with the Home Authorities, and he in consequence begs to submit herewith his appeal, to the Secretary of State, and to request that should your petitioner be so fortunate as to your Excellency out of your generous heart be pleased after a reference to the correspondence therein alluded to, to take a more favorable view of his case than your predecessor, and render him justice which he wishes to seek from the Secretary of State, your petitioner perceives no necessity for his appeal being forwarded to the Home Government.

For which act of favour your Petitioner shall as in duty bound, ever pray.

(Signed) محمد بدیع الدین خان بہادر

(Signed) MAHOMED BUDEYOODDEEN KHAN BAHADOOR.

To the Right Honorable Sir CHARLES WOOD, Secretary of State for India.

The humble Petition of MAHOMED BADE-
YOODDEEN KHAN, the Nephew of PADSHA
BEGUM, the principal and legal Widow of the
late TIPPOO SOOLTAN.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

Your petitioner most respectfully begs to lay before your Excellency his humble appeal against the decision of the Madras Government in regard to his claim for the undrawn allowance of the said Begum, entertaining a sanguine hope that your Lordship after taking the circumstance of his case into your Excellency's favorable consideration, render that justice which it had failed to receive from the Local Authorities.

2. Your petitioner had on a recent occasion presented a petition to the Government of Fort Saint George, through Colonel A. S. Logan, late Brigadier Commanding Vellore, setting forth his claim for the arrears in question, but that they had declined to recognize it in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 85, dated 3rd February 1859, on score that it had been for arrears alleged to be due about 46 years ago, and that the Government on an occasion prior to this, disregarded the claim when brought to their attention by the Paymaster of Stipends at Vellore in 1831.

3. In appending the above papers with marks A. and B. your petitioner respectfully begs to offer the following observations.

4. In admitting the fact of the elapse of 46 years, your Petitioner is at a loss to know how this could be presented as a barrier towards the admission of his claim. While several efforts having been made in respect to it. The Begum in her life time made several attempts through the Paymaster of Stipends at Vellore, for the arrears in question, and that she obtained no other satisfaction than being told by them that her case shall be attended to by Government. She however on the 24th January 1828, submitted a Petition to the then Governor Sir S. R. Lushington.

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ton, on the above, as well as other requests through Colonel Stewart, and a copy of which is herewith appended with mark C.

Colonel Stewart, in forwarding the above with his letter to Government, under date the 26th January 1828, conveyed his recommendation for the prayer of the Begum being acceded to, and in consequence of the silence observed by Government, he once more reminded them of the subject of his former communication in his letter of the 14th May 1828. The said Governor had whereupon passed a Minute on the 5th October 1830, disposing of the other request contained in the above petition, and sanctioning 3,000 Rupees out of the large accumulation of the Begum's pension, for the erection of a tomb, without least mention being made as to the remaining portion of the arrears which was communicated to Colonel Stewart, in a letter of Chief Secretary of the same date. Colonel Stewart, in consequence made the Begum to believe that her claim was under the consideration of Government, and that it shall be disposed of in course of time, subsequently on the 26th January 1831, the said Officer had called the attention of Government among others to the subject of the arrears, and even at this instance the Government in their order of the 27th May 1831, allowed this matter to be left unsettled, while the rest were disposed of, by augmenting the said amount to 5,000 Rupees; such mode of proceeding on the part of Government left an impression in the Colonel's mind that the Begum's claim for arrears was not rejected, but that it was occupying the consideration of Government, and he had therefore caused the same understanding to prevail with the Begum, until at last in 1831 the Begum, while under the expectation of the disposal of her claim, paid the debt of nature, constituting your petitioner as the Testator of her Will* which she had executed at the approach of her end in the presence of Colonel A. Stewart, and A. S. Logan who attested the same and lodged in the Stipend Pay Office at Vellore, on the 30th June 1831. The

* The translation of which forwarded by the Brigadier Commanding Vellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government in his letter of the 19th January 1859, No. 21 along with the Petition mark A.

had therein empowered your petitioner to undertake all her debts and adjust them out of the arrears she expected to obtain from Government.

6. On the occasion of the Begum's death, 5,000 Rupees were disbursed out of the said balance of arrears for her funeral ceremonies, agreeably to the order of Government to the Paymaster, dated 10th August 1833.

7. With a view to the fulfilment of the intention of the Begum as expressed in the Will, your petitioner has at various intervals applied to the Brigadier Commanding at Vellore, for the arrears of pension due to the Begum being paid to him, and a copy of one of them which she could secure is appended herewith with mark D. Owing to the failure of success in these quarters, he and his wife Fatmah Begum the niece of the said Begum were obliged to petition Government directly on the 27th February 1849, and which was entered at No. 506 of 1849, in the Petition Department, and sent to the Brigadier at Vellore for his endorsement. A copy of which is herewith appended with mark E. Your petitioner, &c., had on the 2nd January 1855, repeated their petition to Government, which is herewith appended with mark F. and the endorsement marginally noted, was passed thereon, and from its unsatisfactory and contradictory nature your petitioner felt the necessity for the presentation of the petition marked A. setting forth wherein the whole of the particulars.

No. 173 of 1855.
Petitioner's request cannot be complied with, the orders of Government in 1830, granting to Padshah Begum a donation of 3,000 Rupees and in 1834, sanctioning an expenditure of 5,000 Rupees at her funeral, 2,500 Rupees of which were paid into the hands of one of petitioners, finally disposed of all the Begum's demands. Fort Saint George, 30th July 1855. By Order, (Signed) W. Huddleston, Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

8. From the above proceedings it is manifest that there existed no laxity either on the part of the Begum or your petitioner in their effort towards their claim for the arrears, during these 46 years, and that the delay should most reasonably be attributed in the first instance to the

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Paymaster of Stipends at Vellore, and in the second, to the Government for their allowing the matter to be unsettled when brought to their consideration in 1828 and 1831, and the silence they had observed subsequently and at last for their passing of such an order of the 30th January 1855, as is open to contradiction, and subject to further application.

9. It is stated in the endorsement in question, that the Order of Government in 1830, granting to Padsha Begum a donation of 3,000 Rupees which was in 1831, increased to 5,000 Rupees, and sanctioning an expenditure of 5,000 Rupees for her funeral; finally disposed of all the Begum's demands, and in the last paragraph of the Extract Minutes of Consultation B. it is expressed "that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council cannot allow the matter to be now revived." It seems exceedingly surprising that the Government had in 1854, been under the impression that the demands of the Begum were finally adjusted by the appropriation of 10,000 Rupees for her tomb and funeral expenses out of 30,600 Rupees due to her, and now having lost sight of the above view, they widely recognize that arrears are still due to the Begum, and that in consequence of the great length of time having elapsed, they affirm they could not allow the revival of the claim.

10. Your Petitioner does not fail to embrace this opportunity of urging to your Excellency's information that he was given to understand by Colonel Stewart, that the Right Honorable Sir S. R. Lushington, had in his Minute of the 5th October 1830, sanctioned 3000 Rupees for the erection of the Begum's Tomb to be disbursed out of the large accumulation of her undrawn allowance; but it would appear from the endorsement in question that the said sum was granted as a donation. Your petitioner has every means of establishing the fact that whatever sum had been expended on account of the Begum was out of her arrears, and not otherwise, and since a portion of the arrears has been disbursed, it seems nothing but just and reasonable that the remaining sum should likewise be appropriated to your petitioner.

11. The Government in their Extract Minutes of Consultation B, assert that "when this claim was pressed a second time upon the attention of Government in the letter from the Paymaster of Stipends, dated 26th January 1831, it was disregarded" and in references to which your petitioner has to observe, that it affords him no small amount of surprise that the Government should so abruptly put an end to the subject by an assertion that "it had been disregarded," while the fact is quite the reverse, inasmuch as the case in 1831 was only left unsettled in consequence of its having been under the consideration of Government and Colonel Stewart had held the same opinion and impressed the Begum with that belief as was adverted to in the 5th paragraph. However, even if it is taken for granted that the case has been disregarded in 1831, your Excellency would observe in the subsequent endorsement, dated 30th January 1855 of Government, there was no mention, as "being disregarded," made at all. Besides the Government shall perceive little reason in having recourse to this new measure of policy only in this instance, while they have the power to dispose of the case at once, either by the admission or rejection, as the nature of it elicits.

12. Your petitioner in respectfully requesting your Excellency's searching enquiry into the circumstance set above, and thorough perusal of all the appendices, as well as the whole of the particulars in A. earnestly implore, that your Excellency shall not withhold the right of the petitioner for the arrears, simply on the ground of the great length of time having elapsed, and which was in no way occasioned by the laxity either on the part of the Begum or your petitioner, and be graciously pleased to sanction the payment of the balance of arrears of the undrawn portion of the Begum's allowance.

For which act of benevolence, your petitioner shall as in duty bound, ever pray.

VELLORE, }
22nd October 1859. } (Signed)

(Signed) MAHOMED BUDEYOODEN KHAN BAHADOOR.

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A.

To the Right Honorable LORD GEORGE HARRIS, Governor in Council Fort Saint George.
My Lord,

That after the reduction of the Fort of Seringapatam in the year 1800, Pautcha Begum the legal Widow of Tippoo Sooltan of Mysore, was offered by Government 200 Rupees a month, together with Ratibes, and 150 Rupees a year for the clothing, but she made a flat refusal of it, with a consideration that the Government would ultimately grant her 1,000 Rupees a month, as she had been assured by Marquis of Wellesly at Seringapatam in 1800, and afterwards also Lord Bentick at Vellore; and under the impression and hopes of meeting success, she continued for 12 years without receiving any allowance and consequently she was obliged to contract large debt solely for her maintenance. In September 1812, though she was obliged to accept of the offer of the Government as to the allowance of 200 Rupees with Ratibes, and 150 Rupees annually for clothing, she never failed to prefer a claim for the arrears of her pension; and when Sir Thomas Munro arrived at Vellore on his way to Bellary, she applied to him through Colonel Stewart, then Paymaster of Stipend for the payment of the arrears, and she was told by the latter Gentleman that the Government would sanction the payment thereof.

In 1828, she renewed her claim and submitted a petition to Government, but when it was transmitted to Government through the Paymaster of Stipends, he recommended in his letter to Government, dated 26th January 1828, that one half of the arrears of the pension be allowed for the payment of her debts, (then growing due) and on the 5th October 1830, Governor Lushington after a personal interview with the Begum at Vellore, passed an order for the payment of 3,000 Rupees (which sum was afterwards augmented to 5,000 Rupees at the particular request of the Paymaster, as per letter from Government to the Paymaster, dated 27th May 1831,) to be disbursed out of the large accumulation of her pension for the erection of her tomb, and Colonel Stewart again in his letter to Government, dated 26th January 1831, brought to the favourable consideration of Government the Begum's claims to arrears of pension. At her death which occurred in 1834, an additional sum of 5,000 Rupees was given for the funeral ceremonies of the Begum, agreeably to the Government order to the Paymaster, dated 16th August 1833.

Before concluding this, I shall simply bring to your notice that the Begum on the approach of her end executed a Will and Testament, and lodged it in the Stipend Pay Office at Vellore, on the 30th June 1834, witnessed by Colonel Stewart and Captain (now Colonel A. S. Logan) the best living witness ever could be secured thereby empowering me to adjust all her debts from the arrears of her pension, accordingly as she has already made me take charge of her debts, the truth of my assertion can be ascertained by a reference to Colonel Logan Commanding Vellore.

In conclusion, I beg to state that out of the arrears of the Begum's Pension for 12 years, viz. 30,600 Rupees at 2,550 Rupees per year inclusive of the Ratibes; 10,000 Rupees have been disbursed to me for the purposes mentioned above, and there consequently remains unappropriated the sum of the Rupees 20,600, and as it was originally intended that this accumulation of funds should be applied to the liquidation of the large debts which Pautcha Begum incurred between the years of 1800 and 1812, and as this lawful means of attending to the Begum's dying injunction were not placed in my disposal, it was not possible for me to attend to the Begum's wishes which I held to be sacred. I was forced to incur and bear the odium of not being true to her request, and to her creditors, and thus bringing obloquy and shame on her memory, a circumstance which I still deeply deplore. The removal of this disgraceful stigma on my character and this memory of the distinguished lady of a once most powerful potentate of India, lies in the hands of your Lordship in Council. The mere expression of your sanction to the disbursement to me of the arrears still due will enable me to redeem my character in the eyes of the Begum's surviving creditors or their legal heirs and representatives, and wipe off the obloquy which remains still attached to the memory of the unfortunate Begum, and as the British Government have always shewn a scrupulous desire that the claims of the just and lawful creditors of Native Princes should be adjusted and discharged, and that the Government have more than once interposed their au-

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thority and influence in matters of this nature. I therefore earnestly beseech your Lordship in Council, who holds the said balance in trust for the Estate of the said Begum, that you will be pleased to authorize the disbursement of the balance of the arrears, viz. 20,600 Rupees to me, her legal heir and representatives. I pray for nothing unlawful, and I therefore implicitly rely on your Lordship's sense of justice and equity to comply with my earnest solicitation.

I beg to remain,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient and humble Servant,

(Signed) MAHOMED BADEEOODDEEN KHAN BAHADOOR,

*Nephew and legal heir and Executor of Pautcha Begum,
lawful Widow of Tippoo Sooltan of Mysore.*

B.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 85.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 3rd February 1859.

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding Vellore.

Forwards a Petition addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council from Baddeoodden Khan nephew of the late Padshaw Begum, legal Widow of the late Tippoo Sooltan, with a true translation of a Will left by her, praying that Government will grant to him the arrears of the undrawn allowances of the late Padshaw Begum.

(Dated 19th January 1859, No. 21.)

Order.—It is observed that the claim of Mahomed Burdooddeen Khan now submitted is for arrears of pension alleged to be due to the late* Padsha Begum for a period so far back as 1812 or 46 years ago, and that when pressed a second time upon the attention of Government in the letter from the Paymaster of Stipends, dated 26th January 1831, it was disregarded. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council cannot allow the matter to be now revived.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

C.

To the Right Honorable STEPHEN RUMBOLD LUSHINGTON, Governor and President in Council, &c. &c. &c., Fort Saint George.

The humble representation of SYEDOONESAH
PAUDSHAW BEGUM, lawful Widow of the
late TIPPOO SULTAN.

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That immediately after the capture of Seeringapatam, General Sir Arthur Wellesly Sahib Bahadoor, told your petitioner that he would settle upon her, a monthly allowance at the rate of one thousand Rupees and desired your petitioner to accept it, as your petitioner having much grief and pain, and as the allowances above mentioned being unsuitable to your petitioner's dignity, your petitioner did not accept it. During the time Lord Bentinck and his Ladyship have been to Vellore, his Lordship told your petitioner that he would settle upon your peti-

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tioner at the rate of one thousand Rupees per month, but your petitioner also did not accept it. Some years afterwards Major Marriott, desired your petitioner to accept two hundred Rupees per month on account of Beetle Nut, and from the year 1812, he has obtained sanction from Government and paid her regularly, and at the same time he encouraged your petitioner that from the time of capture of Seeringapatam, the whole arrears of her allowance may be paid to her from Government. Your petitioner yet expecting the same indulgence from your Government, as your petitioner arrived at her old age in the same expectation, and she is now about eighty years old, and became very debility. That the Estate which she had from Tippoo Sooltan already expended in the above mentioned expectations, and moreover she contracted debts above fifteen or twenty thousand Rupees borrowed by means of her brother the late Goolam Emom Hoossain Khan Bahadoor, and from the women of the Mahuls at Vellore, but now your petitioner's brothers being dead, the creditors are laying claims against me. That my sons who are now at Calcutta receiving two or three thousand Rupees per month, besides this, several of the domestics of the late Tippoo Sooltan are pensioned upon a thousand or eight hundred Rupees by Government. Your petitioner begs leave to request firstly, as she being now very old age, she is unacquainted with the time of her death, therefore she expect during her life, Government may be graciously pleased to order a tomb to be erected for her interment within five or seven thousand Rupees, second request that after her death her present allowance two hundred Rupees a month to be continued in the name of my brother's son-in-law, Budderoodeen Khan for the purpose of performing the Fateah, &c., ceremonies and other charges attending the tomb, and a sunned to that effect to be granted to him. Your petitioner left her last Will and Testament in writing with her pleasure, consent, and free will and presence of her sense and good understanding in the name of Budderoodeen Khan. Third request that orders may be issued that from the time of capture of Seeringapatam in the year 1800, up to the period of 1812, your petitioner did not receive even a farthing from the Honorable Company, therefore she requests that the arrears at the rate of two hundred Rupees per month to be accounted and paid the same amount to your petitioner.

Under all these circumstances, she most humbly beg that the above mentioned three requests may be duly honored with and protected her by discharging her debts, for which act of indulgence she will offer up her prayers for the prosperity of British Government.

Seal of the SYEDOONESSAH }
PAUDSHA BEGUM. }

(Signed) F. P. STEWART.

24th January 1828.

D.

To G. M. STEWART, Brigadier Commanding Vellore, &c. &c. &c.
HONORED SIR,

I Budderoodeen Khan after presenting due respects, beg leave to state that the late Begum Sahebah addressed a petition to the Honorable S. R. Lushington, Governor in Council of Madras, and forwarded it by means of Colonel F. P. Stewart Sahib Bahadoor, on the 24th January 1828, about discharging her debt from the arrears of her monthly allowance, and in regard to my distress and hardship also pressing of the debtors of the late Begum Sahibah, I was expecting since three years past, as your Honor told me that after your satisfaction will examine the Books of the records in the Office about the Begum Sahibah's debt and the arrears due to her from her monthly allowance as per justice you will inform the Honorable Governor in Council, and at the same time you will use utmost endeavours on the subject, but yet I am expecting for the same indulgence as I being now helpless and shameful. I presume to trouble your honor and several receipts of the debt contracted by the said Begum are attested with the seal and signature of Colonel T. Marriott Saib and original of them also, a copy of her last Will is enclosed in this petition and it becomes a large amount the arrears of the said Begum Sahibah allowance but in regard to your judgment, I expect your Honor will be pleased to recommend to the Government

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to allow a small portion of her arrears merely to discharge the debt, for which act of favor, I and the whole of my family will offer up prayers for the increase of wealth to you and the Honorable Company as long as our life. That the Honorable Company since these twenty years past, or up to this day discharging the debt of the late Nabob of Carnatic by means of Commissioners and bestow every individual a large sum of money or many lacks with its interests, therefore your petitioner expect that the Honorable Company will be pleased to discharge the debt of the late Begum Sahibah or the married Wife of the late Tippoo Sultan, from the deposited arrears of pay and have every reason to believe through your favorable protection, you will consider how to save my life and character, and relieve me from the hands of the debtors. Considering myself not to give any trouble to your Honor, I went to Bangalore but by my misfortune, I returned from thence without success, what can I say but expecting of your favor and kindness.

5th November 1837.

I am, Your most obedient humble,

(Signed) BUDDEOODDEEN KHAN.

E.

To His Excellency Major General the Right Honorable Sir HENRY POTTINGER, Baronet, G. C. B., Governor and President in Council, Fort Saint George.

The humble Petition of FATEMAH BEGUM,
Niece and MAHOMED BADEEODDEEN
KHAN BAHADOOR, Nephew and heir to
PADSHAW BEGUM, Widow of TIPPOO
SULTAN.

SHEWETH,

That after the reduction of the Fort of Seeringapatam in the year 1800, a monthly allowance of two hundred Rupees together with the Ratibes, and one hundred and fifty Rupees a year for clothing was conferred upon the said Begum Saheba by the Government, but it being insufficient to pay her great expenses, was refused to be received by her and was left in the Treasury. In the expectation of it being increased an application for it was made to the Government through the means of her brother Ghoolam Emom Hoossain Khan Bahadoor, when General Marquis Wellesly visited Seeringapatam in the year 1800. He assured the said Begum that her allowance should be fixed at the rate of 1000 Rupees per month, also Lord William Bentinck on his arrival at Vellore from Madras gave her hopes of success. With this confidence and hope she maintained herself by disposing off her property and in the expectation of receiving her pension, promised that her creditors should be re-paid at last in 1812, she consented to receive the said two hundred Rupees together with the Ratibes and one hundred and fifty Rupees for yearly clothing, but the arrears not being settled she applied for them to Sir Thomas Munro upon his arrival at Vellore, on his way to Bellary and Darwar, and also informed him of her distressed state and of her debts through Colonel F. P. Stewart. On which she was answered that Sir Thomas Munro would consent to pay her arrears from the date of their discontinuance in order that she might be enabled to liquidate her debts, but she died soon after. The helpless lady in her declining years and at the approach of her end presented a petition to the Governor in Council at Madras, on the 24th January 1828, through the means of Colonel F. P. Stewart, and made your petitioners take charge of all debts in the presence of Colonel F. P. Stewart and Captain A. S. Logan, and she likewise made and lodged in the Stipend Pay Office at Vellore, a Will and Testament on the 30th January 1834, witnessed by Colonel F. P. Stewart and Captain A. S. Logan. Your petitioners received five thousand Rupees out of her arrears by the means of Colonel F. P. Stewart, during the time of Governor Lushington and also an equal amount for the performance of the Fateah and the other religious ceremonies, through Captain A. S. Logan in the time of Sir Frederick Adam. The remaining part of it is unpaid, in consequence of which the debts were not discharged, the demands on the part of the creditors remained as they were, this procured her a bad name among her creditors. The said

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Begum was Tippoo Sultan's lawful and married wife, and she was not so fortunate as to obtain a pension sufficient to pay her expenses. She was on the receipt of only two hundred Rupees monthly together with the Ratibs, &c., as a charity from the English Government. The Honorable Company are so just and bountiful that they discharged a great sum of arrears of the Nabob of the Carnatic together with the interest. Therefore your petitioners most earnestly beg to consider the case of the said Begum and issue orders to the effect, that the arrears due to her may be paid up, and your petitioners as in duty bound.

MADRAS,
27th February 1849. }

Will ever pray.

F.

To the Right Honorable LORD G. F. R. HARRIS, G. C. B., Governor in Council, Fort Saint George.

The humble Petition of FATEMAH BEGUM
niece and MAHOMED BADEEOODDEEN
KHAN BAHADOOR, nephew and heir and
legal representative of PADSHA BEGUM,
Widow of TIPPOO SOULTAN.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That after the reduction of the Fort of Seringapatam in the year 1800, a monthly allowance of 200 Rupees together with the Ratibs, and 150 Rupees a year for clothing were conferred upon the said Beigum Sahibah by the Government, but it being insufficient to pay her great expenses was refused to be received by her and was left in the Treasury. In the expectation of its being increased, an application for it was made to the Government through means of her brother Goolam Emom Hoossain Khan Bahadoor, when General Marquis of Wellesley visited Seringapatam in the year 1800, he assured the said Begum that her allowance should be fixed at the rate of 1000 Rupees per month, also Lord William Cavendish Bentinck on his arrival at Vellore, from Madras gave her hopes of success. With this confidence and hope, she maintained herself by disposing off her property and at the expectation of receiving her pension, promised to her creditors should be at last in 1st September 1812. She consented to receive the said 200 Rupees together with Ratibs, and 150 Rupees for yearly clothing, but the arrears not being settled, she applied for them to Sir Thomas Munro, Bart. upon his arrival at Vellore on his way to Bellary and Darwar, and also informed him of her distressed state, and of her debts through Colonel F. P. Stuart, on which, she was answered that Sir Thomas Munro, Bart. would consent to pay her arrears from the date of discontinuance in order that she might be enabled to liquidate her debts, but she died soon after. The helpless Lady in her declining age and at the approach of her end, presented a petition to the Governor in Council at Madras, on the 24th January 1828, through the means of Colonel F. P. Stuart, and made your petitioners take charge of all her debts in the presence of Colonel F. P. Stuart and Captain A. S. Logan, and she likewise made and lodged, in the Stipend Pay Office at Vellore, a Will and Testament on the 30th January 1834, witnessed by Colonel F. P. Stuart and Captain A. S. Logan. Your petitioners received 5,000 Rupees out of her arrears by the means of Colonel F. P. Stuart, during the time of Governor S. R. Lushington, and also an equal amount for the performance of the Fatheah and other religious ceremonies through Captain A. S. Logan, in the time of Sir Frederick Adam. The remaining 20,600 Rupees of it is unpaid. In consequence of which were not discharged, the demands on the part of the creditors remained as they were thus procured her a bad name among her creditors. The said Begum was Tippoo Sultan's lawful and married wife, and she was not fortunate as to obtain a pension sufficient to pay her expenses, she was on the receipt of 200 Rupees monthly together with the Ratibs, &c., as a charity from the English Government. The Honorable Company are so just and bountiful that they discharged a great sum of arrears of the Nabob of the Carnatic together with the interest. Consequently your petitioner most

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subsequently entered to consider the case of the said Begum and issue orders to the effect that her arrears of 20,600 Rupees due to her may be paid up, and your petitioners as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

MADRAS,

2nd February 1855 }

(Signed) FATIMA BEGUM,
(") MAHOMED BADEEOODDEEN
KHAN BAHADOOR.

No. 4.

ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1859, No. 657.

Ordered that the Memorial be transmitted to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, with the correspondence which has passed on the subject of the claim therein advanced.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

End. W. J. Borton

* Co. 21th Regt 1869 - 1870

Order thereon 11 November 1869 No. 657

Ordered that the memorial be transmitted to the R. H. the Secretary of State for India, with the correspondence which has passed on the subject of the claim therein and - answered.

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W.M.

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