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Dated 26-11-~~18~~1859

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No. 23. Read the following letter from E. BALFOUR, Esq., Commissioner investigating the debts of His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 4th November 1859, No. 549.

1. As the petitions, as per margin, from Nabob Kadriah Begum, relate to a subject which has been connected with my duties, when associated with Mr. Teed and the Dewan, and latterly acting alone, I have received them at once from Major Snow, and submit the following observations on this claim.

No. 568 *of* 1859.
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2. This lady is one of the immediate family, being a half sister of His Highness the late Nabob Gholam Mahomed Ghouse Khan Bahadoor, and the sum which she claims has relation to the Istefa Cutcherry's Proceedings and to the Meer Samani-i-Hoozoor.

3. By the Proceedings of the Istefa Cutcherry of the 13th May 1854, it is recorded that there could not be found in any Sircar Dufter any mention of arrears due to this lady, but on enquiring of Salar Ool Moolk, who was then Private Secretary, (as also member of Istefa) he mentioned that it was the arrears of an allowance given by the Nabob from the Nabob's own pocket money.

4. This verbal explanation, then, was taken as the source of this arrears: which have no relation whatever to the regular allowance of which this lady, as one of the immediate family, was in receipt from the Treasury, and all of which she has received.

5. There is a document dated 1st June 1853, headed memo: "of arrears of allowance of "Nabob Kadriah Begum, which was paid from the Jeb-i-Khas prior to its issue from the Trea- "sury, 7 months, at Rupees 200, Rupees 1,400."

6. On the back of this, under date 10th June 1853, is an endorsement by the Private Secretary to send it to the Istefa. On which the Istefa ordered acceptance of Rupees 375, the amount for which this lady's jewels had been pledged through Ikebar Jung. But Ikebar Jung replied that interest to the amount of Rupees 131-1-3 had accrued on those Rupees 375, and as this lady's husband consented that interest should be paid, the Istefa commanded principal and interest, total Rupees 506-1-3, to be recognised. But as the doubts then arose, regarding any portion of such allowance being due, owing to its not being traceable in any Dufter, the Istefa Proceedings of the 13th May 1854, above alluded to, were recorded, and on the 21st June 1854, on the receipt of this lady's husband, the Istefa paid Rupees 506-1-3.

7. The Istefa gave out that amount on account of the monthly allowance of this lady, to release this lady's jewels without recognising what, if any, further amount was due.

8. The first Order which the records contain regarding this lady is one dated 18th October 1847, when she was ordered from the 1st idem an allowance of Rupees 200, in the Department Meer Samani-i-Hoozoor and one month's allowance was there paid:—but on the 1st November 1847, this payment was transferred to the Treasury, doubtless because all the immediate family were paid in the Treasury.

9. There was therefore nothing left due in this Meer Samani Department.

10. The Treasury recorded this lady and her sister as "the daughters of Mookhtar Oon "Nissa Begum," and up to the date of the Nabob's demise, the total amount found due by the late Commissioners to the two sisters amounted to Rupees 4,410, *viz.*, Rupees 4,000 from 1st January to 30th September 1855 and Rupees 410 up to 30th December 1854. Both those sums have been paid by me to these two ladies.

11. The Honorable the Governor in Council will observe that, in my opinion, this lady has received all that the Sircar records show to have been due to her, since the date of the first Order granting her an allowance, and that, so far as the records show, there is nothing more now due.

12. I have the honor to re-enclose the petitions of this lady.

13. The sum which this lady claims is small, only Rupees 893-14-9, and did any Politica reasons exist for making a present of this small sum, I would recommend its being given. Bu she still has the Rupees 250, the same allowance which her brother gave her, and she is livin with her mother who has Rupees 1,500 per mensem, and there is nothing in her case to induc any departure from the usual course in the settlement of this claim.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1859, No. 691.

The Government concur with the Commissioner that Nabob Khadriar Begum has received all the arrears to which she is entitled. He will inform Nabob Khadriar Begum accordingly, in reply to her petitions.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

From Dr. Balfour
Commr: investigating the
claim of N.B. the late Nawab-
dated 4th Nov: 1859.

1. The Govt: find some difficulty in the way of granting the claim of N.B. to the arrears mentioned in this letter above recorded.

2. It is clear that an allowance of R.200. p.m. has sanctioned. Doubts existed as to the genuineness of the claim for arrears, as no information on the subject could be obtained from the Sarkar records. Nevertheless the Govt: Dept: appear to have

paper for payment a portion of the amount with interest and to have made this payment "an account of the Monthly Allowance of this Lady" & to obtain of the redemption of certain ~~to~~ pensions pledged by her through Stibbs Sons - It should be stated in what Department and in whose handwriting the document alluded to in p 5. was written, and how it came that one portion of the claim was admitted while the remainder was disallowed -

3. With reference to L. to D. Balfour Esq.

explain whether any arrears of Pets. private Allowance were included in the R. 4410. paid to her by the Commissioners, and, if not, whether the records of the Treasury department (to which the charge was transferred. p. 8) show payment to have been made for those Months in respect to which the present claim is preferred -

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Order thereon 26 November 1859 - No 691.

That Govt concur with the Commissioner that Rabbe Khadiar Begum be received all the arrears to which she is entitled - He will inform Rabbe Khadiar Begum accordingly in reply to her Petitions.

Commissioner [redacted] for investigating the debts of the late Nabob of the Carnatic

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Extract of Report
No 5 of 1859
Dated Fort St George 30 Novr
Dated 4th November 1859
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From
C. Balfour Esq^re
Commissioner &c
To
T Pycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort Saint George

Leit of 9th Decr

Reporting on the claim
of Nabob Khadriah
Begum in the four
Petitions from her,
which are Enclosed.
Reports nothing due.

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Nick Anderson
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