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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 8th February 1839.

No. 4. From Major General A. S. LOGAN, Commanding Vellore : to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vellore, Stipend Pay Office, 12th January, No. 21 of 1839.

SIR,

No. 2. I have the honor to forward a Petition addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council from Budroodeen Khan, Nephew of the late Padshaw Beigum, legal Widow of the late Tippoo Sultan, with a true translation of a Will left by her, and to request that the same may be submitted for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

It appears by the Records of the Office that application was made by the late Colonel F. P. Stewart, under date the 26th January 1828, and that no order appears to have been passed on the subject.

I would now therefore take leave to recommend, to the favorable consideration of Government, that Budroodeen Khan be allowed the balance of the arrears of the undrawn Allowances of the late Padshaw Begum, or such portion as the Government may see fit to grant.

The Petitioner is also willing to give up 50 Rupees per month from the 100 Rupees he receives for the Fatiah Ceremonies of the late Padshaw Beigum, provided Government accede to his request, in sanctioning the arrears of the late Padshaw Beigum's Allowances.

Budroodeen Khan is of high respectability and is now suffering from the state of his finances and the Debt left by Padshaw Begum.

From MOHOMED BUDROODDEEN KHAN BAHADOOR, Nephew and legal Heir and Executor of PAUTCHA BEGUM, Lawful Widow of TIPPOO SULTAN of Mysore ; 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 Sultan of Mysore, was offered by Government 200 Rupees a month together with Ratibs 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 1000 Rupees a month as she had been assured by Marquis of Wellesley at Seringapatam in 1800, and afterwards also by Lord Bentinck 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 Debts 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 Ratibs 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 Stuart, then Paymaster of Stipends, 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 Stuart 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 1831, witnessed by Colonel Stuart and Captain now Colonel A. S. Logan, the

From Commanding } Disptd 8th
Vellore

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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 asse-ction 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 Rabits, 10,000 Rupees have been disbursed to me for the purposes mentioned above, and there consequently remains unappropriated the sum of 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 injunctions 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 the 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 still 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 authority 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.

A True Copy of the contents of last WILL.

Seal of
Padshaw
Begum.

The within wish
was expressed by
the Begum in my
presence several
times.
A. S. LOGAN,
Payr. of Stipend.

I, Syedulnesah Padshaw Beigum, the Mohul of the late Tippoo Sultan, with my own pleasure and consent while my senses and understanding is perfect, I do hereby give this in writing to Budrood Deen Khan, and I have written an address of all my affairs to the Governor Sahib Bahader, and have forwarded it by means of Colonel F. P. Stewart, on the 24th January 1828, I have reason to believe that by the favour of God, and in regard to the Justice he will give orders about it. The Right Honorable Governor in Council by Justice will pay the arrears of my monthly Allowance which you should receive in your hands, and discharge the Debt which I had contracted by means of my own Brother, &c., according to the accounts which you have in your possession, if the Debts are not cleared I shall never get rid of my Sepulchre and will bear bad name among the whole people. Who would say that as I being married wife and Lady of the Seab I borrowed the property of the People and did not discharge it. And afterwards get a Kullus or Cap to be made ready. And with the remainder of the money you should act according to my last Will. I also do hereby appoint you during my lifetime as sole heir to conduct the whole of my business, &c., and after my death perform Fewteah Ceremonies and build my Tomb in a durable manner and perform everything according to my name and dignity, and request this to our Sirdars and to the Right Honorable Governor in Council. I have appointed you as my sole hier for the purpose of discharging the debt, and to manage the whole of my business. I have written this as my last Will and Testament to be produced as a Voucher hereafter, and to be prevent the contrary of others.

Written on the Nineteenth Ramzam in the Higery 1219th.

Corr 2 pending with the Twenty-ninth of January 1831th.

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No. 5. ORDER THEREON, No. 85; dated 3rd February 1859.

It is observed that the claim of Mahomed Budrooddeen Khan, now submitted, is for arrears of Pension alleged to be due to the

* *Widow of Tippoo Sultan.*

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.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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The Pethonah, Kachowat Pass.
- as stated in the Census and p.
- application for release of annuity
- of pension alleged to be due to
- the late Pithu Pagan, widow
- of Tipu Sultan from 1800 to 1812.
- an application which was
- first made by the Pagan her.
- self in 1828 or about 61 years ago.
- The Paganister of Tipu Sultan at Cal
- cutta, in submitting her application
- under date 10 January 1828, recom-
- mended that one half of the annu-
- ity of pension should be al-
- lowed for payment of her debt.
- that a Court should be created
- at a cost of Rs. 5000, and that
- two thirds or one half of the Pa-
- gan's pension of Rs. 200 a month
- should be granted for the State
- and maintenance of the Pagan
- and Pethonah.
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The R. H. the Governor (S. R.
Lushington) considered these re-
quests in his Senate of the 5th
October 1830 - and accordingly by
his means on the subject a sum
of Rs. 3000 was authorized for the
erection of the Tomb, out of the
Two Lacs Fund - and one half
of the Pension continued at
his death to Roorooddeen, the
present applicant for the same.
Very ceremonies to be performed
at that. The Paymaster of the
again, in a letter dated 25th Jan
1831, represented the Begum's
claim to an annuity of pension
or to a part thereof, and solicited
favourable consideration to the
request. He at the same time
pointed out that he had asked
for 5000 Rs. for the Tomb & had
received a private intimation that
it would be allowed - on which
understanding the work had
proceeded upon the proposed scale
whereas only Rs. 3000 were granted.
On this representation, the difference,
outlay

outlay applied for, was au-
thorized & the performance of
the Begum's estate placed un-
der the superintendence of the
Paymaster's Office, in lieu of the
being performed by Roorooddeen
Rhan. And moreover, what
is not mentioned in the pre-
sent representation of the Peti-
tioner, the Govd authorized an
increase of pension from 50 to
70 Rs. per annum to the family
of the Begum's brother, of which
Roorooddeen Rhan is the head.
Perhaps this latter grant may
be considered as an equivalent
to the annuity of pension - of
which claim, though again
pressed upon their attention, the
Govd would not take notice.
And now to prefer a similar
claim after 30 years have rolled
over, seems almost preposterous.

S. R. L.

25 Jan'y 1837.

Received on the applica-
tion of Mahomed Baid
Roodoon Khan for an
increase of pension due to
Pardola Begum of the
Khyber family.

Political Department.

No. 85.

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

Read letter from the
Officer Commanding the
Force.

(dated 14th Aug 1857 - No. 21)

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Widow of Tippoo Sultan.

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due to the late Tipu Sultan
Begum for a period so
far back as 1812, or 40
years ago, and that when
presented a second time
upon the attention of Govt.
in the letter from the Pay-
master of Supplies dated 26th
January 1851, it was dis-
regarded. The R. & the
Governor in Council can-
not allow the matter
to be now revived.

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To the Officer Commanding
Bullock }
Chitpore

