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for the month of May 1860.*

Read the following Petition:—

No. 17. TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR CHARLES TREVELYAN, K. C. B.,
Governor of Fort Saint George.

The humble Petition of VAZEER-OON NISSA
BEGUM, the Granddaughter of the late
HOSSAIN MAHMED KHAN DELA-
VER JUNG.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

Your Petitioner most respectfully begs to forward herewith the Memorial to the Secretary of State for India in triplicate, and earnestly solicits your Excellency in Council will be pleased to transmit the same to the Home Authorities, supported with such of your Excellency's recommendation as your Petitioner's piteous case may deserve.

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

MADRAS, 29th March 1860.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

The humble Memorial of VAZEER-OON NISSA
BEGUM, the Granddaughter of the late
HOSSAIN MAHMED KHAN DELA-
VER JUNG.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That Hoossain Mahmed Khan Bahadoor Delaver Jung, a recently deceased Carnatic stipendiary and the son of the Nabob Wallajah, was your Memorialist's maternal grandfather and during his life time nourished and protected from childhood herself and her sisters; this fact is known to the Dewan of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic and to the whole of the Mahomedan community. That the husbands of her sisters are in the enjoyment of monthly stipends in right of their ancestors and regulated according to their rank, they are however not descendants of the family of the Nabob Wallajah, a circumstance which does not impose upon them the necessity of incurring expenses to maintain their dignity of descent—the proprietors and owners of several substantial buildings or houses.

Your Honorable Court are aware that every individual's expense depends and is regulated according to his income. Your Memorialist's husband is the son of Muzdood Dowlah who was the lawful son grandson of His Highness the Nabob Wallajah, your Memorialist's husband is on the receipt of a very limited pension, barely sufficient for his own personal expenses and utterly insufficient to maintain the respectability and dignity of his descent. In order to enable him to do so your Memorialist's grandfather did besides the monthly allowance he allotted to her he assisted Memorialist's husband by making small monthly payments to him; all the dependants of her late grandfather can certify this fact.

On the death of your Memorialist's grandfather, the local Government deemed it proper to fix and grant Pensions to her two sisters from his lapsed stipend, their respective husband's being already on the receipt of Pensions and in easy circumstances, but this legal right, on the part of your humble Memorialist was set aside and unnoticed, while during my grandfather's life time he allotted a suitable allowance to me. Your humble Memorialist submitted a representation to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council on the subject of her right to receive the same consideration as her sisters did, and was informed in reply that her husband being already on the receipt of a stipend with which he could maintain and support her in comfortable circumstance. Your Memorialist begs to submit with all respect that if the pension of her husband was deemed sufficient to maintain her, why, she could ask, did her grandfather make a separate allowance both for your Memorialist and her husband. It was only the inadequacy of his personal stipend that influenced him to do so. Besides your humble Memorialist would submit that the distinction

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thus made between herself and her sisters is at least invidious and tends to lower her in the estimation of her family and relatives. Another proof of the indigent circumstances of your Memorialist's husband as well as her own is, that the premises or building in which we live is a wretchedly dilapidated one, the half of it composed of mud and the other half overgrown with grass, and in place of walls tattees have been substituted. Is this the picture of a person in easy and comfortable circumstances. They are absolutely without a proper roof to cover them. Besides your humble Memorialist's husband has another wife to maintain under all these miserable and unhappy inconveniences. I have respectfully solicited the Government to desire their proper Officers, as well as those of the Nabob of the Carnatic, to enquire and report on the truth or falsehood of her statement, whether this has been done I am not in a position to know. In consequence of her own and her husband's pitiable and destitute condition she has been compelled to address your Honorable Court, and she earnestly beseeches your Honorable Court will take her hard case into your benign consideration and alleviate her distress and indigency by treating her in the same manner that her sisters have been and to which she is legally entitled as much as they are. Your Memorialist deeply feels the distinction thus made by the Government and she is not aware of the grounds on which they could have formed the conclusion. Your Memorialist is totally innocent of having given cause for such a painful difference. Your Honorable Court will judge from the papers laid before you, and she relies on receiving justice and sympathy from your benevolent hands. And as in duty bound, she shall ever pray.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES WOOD,

Secretary of State for India.

The humble Petition of VAZEER-OOON NISSA
BEGUM, the Granddaughter of the late
HOOSSAIN MAHMED KHAN DELA-
VER JUNG.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your Petitioner begs most respectfully to submit her humble appeal once more before your Excellency in Council, with an earnest solicitation that your Excellency in Council will treat her sad case with humanity and justice.

That on the receipt by your Petitioner of paragraph 18 of the letter of the late Honorable Court of Directors of the 3rd March 1858 (noted in the margin) in regard to her appeal to them in 1857, praying for a pension out of the lapsed portion of the allowance of your Petitioner's maternal grandfather the said Delaver Jung, your Petitioner had applied to Government of Madras to be furnished with the grounds upon which her above claim was rejected; and that she was furnished with an endorsement as per margin.

No. 2,485, of 1858.
The grounds on which Petitioner's claim to a separate provision was not recommended to the Honorable Court by Government were then assigned by the Chepauk Agent, viz., that there was no necessity for the disbursement inasmuch as Petitioner's husband is in receipt of a stipend of Rupees 35.
16th Sept. 1858.

(Sd.) D. F. CARMICHAEL.
Dy. Secy. to Govt. Your Petitioner in submitting herewith the copy of her Memorial to the late Honorable Court in 1857, for your Excellency's kind perusal, begs to state that although the facts cited therein are sufficient to view your Petitioner with clemency, yet for the renewal of the appeal your Petitioner deems it expedient to urge certain other facts.

That in 1858 on the demise of Meerza Ameenooddeen who was on receipt of Rupees 350 from Government, the Government out of the said amount had granted pensions to his three daughters separately although their husbands were in receipt of separate allowances. One of

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the said husband Meerzoo Shoojah uth Bukt is in receipt of Rupees 50 a month, more than your Petitioner's husband's pension.

That one of the daughters of the said Meerza Ameenooddeen having died before she could receive the pension, the Government paid the arrears accumulated from the death of her father to the date of her death, to her husband.

That the said Meerza Ameenooddeen was a member of Delhi family, and not in any way related to Nabob Wallajah, and since his daughters, while their husbands are in receipt of pensions, had been treated with such indulgence, what more could not your Petitioner who is the granddaughter of Delaver Jung who was the own son of Nabob Wallajah and an original stipendiary, be entitled to.

That your Petitioner begs to add that the late Honorable the Court of Directors have, on their Despatch of the 11th March 1856, at paragraph 14, ruled out that upon the demise of such a stipendiary whose family is entitled for pensions according to the views of the Court, his stipend after a deduction of only such a portion out of it as is known or may be supposed to have been actually spent by him, shall be divided among those who had previously been supported by it.

That since your Petitioner had been supported from the pension of the said Delaver Jung, who allowed her a monthly allowance of Rupees 15 even after her marriage and which fact is too well known to all, and in particular to the Dewan of His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic as he was temporarily entrusted by Delaver Jung with the management of his affairs when he went to Trichinopoly, it is extremely regretting and at the same time surprising that the Honorable Court, having lost sight of their intention alluded to, should have declined to admit her claim for a small share out of the pension from which she was supported.

That your Petitioner have often brought to the notice of Government the circumstance of her husband having another wife and that his small allowance being hardly sufficient to maintain himself and his second wife, he has never been able to supply the Petitioner even with necessaries of life, and that the Petitioner is prevented from living with her husband in peace, chiefly on account of the ill conduct of his other wife, and now at last unfortunately an entire separation has taken place between your Petitioner and her husband since some months back, and that there is no hope of their living together hereafter until he abandons his second wife, which he will not do, and under the present state your Petitioner is left without any means of support.

That your Petitioner in laying the above before your Excellency in Council, earnestly hopes that your Excellency in Council will, after taking the circumstances stated in the copy of the Petition accompanying as well as those urged in this, into deliberate consideration, treat the unfortunate case of your Petitioner with humanity which it is richly entitled to, by allotting to her a small pension of Rupees 15 which she was in engagement of, out of the remaining sum of the allowance of her maternal grandfather Delaver Jung.

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

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1860, No. 288.

Ordered that one copy of the Memorial, submitted with the foregoing address, be forwarded to the Government Agent at Chepauk for any remarks he may have to offer beyond those contained in his report dated the 8th December 1856, No. 152.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Chapank for any remarks
he may have to offer beyond
those contained in his Report
dated the 8th December 1850.
No 162.

[Signature]

To the Com. Agent
at Chapank
with one copy of the Memorial

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