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Political DEPARTMENT.

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No. 61. Read the following Petition from AMEER-OON-NISA, daughter of the late MAHOMED ALI KHAN, grandson of the late Nabob AZEEM-UD-DOWLAH BAHADUR, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Triplicane, 4th August 1860.

Sincerely believing that the hardships of a respectable, but alas! now, much reduced family will awaken your sympathy, I beg to forward the accompanying petition for submission to His Excellency in Council, and trust that you will exercise your influence in procuring the prayer contained therein.

To

THE HONORABLE W. A. MOREHEAD,

Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Being pressed by poverty, and having none to assist me but your paternal Government, I beg once more to throw myself on your protection, humbly believing that the dire necessity of my case will receive your favorable consideration.

I am the daughter of the late Mahomed Ali Khan, a maternal grandson of the late Nabob Azim-ud-Dowlah; and am married to Meer Abbass Hoossain, son of the late Meer Mahomed Takee Ali Khan, a Carnatic Stipendiary, No. 859.

I am now the mother of a growing family, and my only means of support is the Carnatic Stipend of Rupees 8-8, paid by the bounty of Government.

Your Excellency in Council can at once perceive that the small sum of Rupees 8-8, is quite inadequate to keep me even in a decent condition. The rent of my house is Rupees 3, and the pay of the wet nurse of my child is Rupees 7. These two items alone go beyond my stipend; and the expenses of my food and clothing are borne by my husband, who has other relatives depending on him for support, and having no other means but the profits of his trade (the Government having declined to continue to him even a portion of his late father's stipend) he is put to great hardship. With a view to enlarge his trade and consequently his profits, which will certainly relieve our difficulties and maintain us respectably, I applied to Major Snow, when Acting Agent, to commute my stipend, which after satisfying himself, he recommended to Government; but owing to the large number of cases he recommended at one and the same time to Government, his recommendation was not acted upon at the time.

At this stage Dr. Balfour returned, and my case was referred to him by Government, and his last endorsement is as follows:—"No. 925 of 1860. This lady is young, about 22 or 24 "years old: she has a young family growing, and Rupees 8-8 are her own sole means of support "as the daughter of the late Mahomed Ali, a grandson of Nabob Azim-ud-Dowlah Bahadoor; "the husband is engaged in business, but employs a Goomashta to attend to it. It is not con- "sidered advisable at present to recommend that this young person's *certain* means of support, "should be risked in the chances of the new trading business of her husband. In the course of "a year or two if the business become consolidated, and application be then made, the same "might be recommended."

It will be seen from the above endorsement, that the only reason the Government Agent gives against commuting my Stipend is, that my certain means of support should not be risked in the chances of the new trading business of my husband. Upon the above endorsement, the Government passed their Order, No. 1,582 of 1860, which is as follows: "The Government concur "with the Chepauk Agent in thinking it undesirable that Petitioner's stipend should be commuted "at present."

I now beg most respectfully that your Excellency in Council will consider how in the face of the above circumstances, can it be undesirable to commute my stipend. I herewith submit my stipend receipt. The bonus to which I am entitled may be about 12 or 1,300 Rs. When recently the Government readily paid for larger bonuses to Kyroon Nissa, Paucha Begum and others, why should I be refused my bonus, when I solemnly intend to invest it in trade, and not

to squander it, for I well know the Government will not again give me a Rupee for my private use. The trading business of my husband is not new as stated by the Government Agent. He has been settled three years in business, but having to support his other relations in addition to me, his profits are not adequate, which can be properly increased, if my stipend be commuted and the bonus be employed in this trade.

I therefore beseech your Excellency in Council to take a merciful view of my distressed circumstances and grant any one of my humble requests, viz., (1) to commute my stipend for the present to the amount of it, (2) or continue to my husband his share of his late father's stipend for the present, or assist him by advancing him 1,000 Rupees to be employed in his trade, and to be repaid after one year. If your Excellency be graciously pleased to comply with any one of the above requests, it will be well for me, or else I must be involved in debt and difficulties and [illegible] of me after death.

MADRAS,
9th August 1860.

I beg to remain, &c.,
(Signed) AMEER-OON-NISSA,
A Carnatic Stipendiary, No. 1,518.

No. 62.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1860, No. 625.

Petitioner prays that Government will re-consider their Order dated 17th July. Her husband has embarked in trade and she states that he has been settled in business for the last 3 years. The Government understand that the husband is exerting himself to support the family in respectability, and that the commutation of his wife's stipend would enable him to enlarge his business. They accordingly authorize the Chepák Agent to grant a bond to Petitioner at the usual rate, the amount being reported for formal sanction.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin,

his family in respectable circumstances, and that the [illegible] of his Father entitled and enabled him to enlarge and establish his business. They accordingly authorize the Chesapeake Agent to grant a Bond to Peter at the usual rate, the amount being reported per Journal of Trade.

W. Chesapeake Agent.
W. Peter
with endorsement

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