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No. 32. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 6th November 1860, No. 133.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, Political Department, No. 583 of the 28th September 1860, forwarding copy of a letter from Mr. Henry H. Calvert, Vice Consul and Acting Consul, Cairo, to your address, dated 25th August 1860, and requesting that enquiry be made among the Armenians at Madras, respecting an Armenian Catholic of Aleppo, named Ghurghy Azonian, who left 45 years ago for Madras, died there about 10 years ago, leaving property there, which parties in Cairo claim as his heirs.

2. The enquiry made by my Deputy, Mr. R. P. Campbell from the Armenian Clergy, and the Armenians generally in Madras has resulted in their pointing to two persons of the name of Usunian, an uncle and nephew, the latter of whom was a well known resident of Madras for nearly forty years, and died about ten years ago, and is believed to be the person respecting whom information is now sought by the authorities in Cairo. The name George Usunian has been anglicised from its Armenian dialect, and a difference in the pronunciation of Georgy Usunian, or Uzunian, may have caused the name to have been written "Ghurghy Azonian" in Mr. Calvert's letter.

3. From the enclosed papers, being an information before my Deputy, from Sarkees Arathoon, and answers to queries put by him to Mr. G. S. Macartoom, together with true copy of a Will attested by the latter as Executor to the Estate of the late G. J. Usunian, it will be seen, that George Joseph Usunian had arrived from Aleppo and had not long been in Madras in 1819, when the deponent Sarkees arrived, and that he was an Armenian Catholic of Aleppo, and remitted sums of money to, and mentioned relatives (mother, brother, sisters) in Aleppo, in his last Will, for whose maintenance he made special provision.

4. It will be seen that the said George Joseph Usunian was engaged in trade, and by the deaths of his uncle, and the widow of the latter, and their only son, he became possessed of all the property they had left, and that he did not marry nor had he issue, but died on the 7th August 1851, leaving the Will, copy of which is now enclosed, in which he mentions his mother, brother and sisters in Aleppo, for whose maintenance he leaves the rent of a house to be remitted half-yearly, and in event of their death, that these rents go in charity for a Mass annually, and for distribution to poor Catholics.

5. It will also be seen that after paying the debts and claims against the Estate, the money in the hands of the Executors amounted to Rupees 4,904-9-9, and that besides this, the real property consists of the house in Black Town, occupied by Veerapermal Pillay and Co., of Madras, who allege a claim of Rupees 2,700, in mortgage of the premises now in their occupation, besides other demands which they say have not been paid by Testator.

No. 33. To HENRY H. CALVERT, Esq., Vice Consul and Acting Consul at Cairo, dated Fort Saint George, 12th November 1860, No. 667.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 25th August last, and to transmit to you, for communication to His Excellency the Governor of Cairo, a copy of one from the Commissioner of Police, with its enclosures, affording information respecting the property of the late Ghurghy Azonian.

Dated 6th November 1860, *No.* 133, *with three enclosures.*

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Henry H. Calvert Esqr.
Vice Consul & Acting Consul
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I have, &c.

Fort St. George,
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Dated 12 November 1860.

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