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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 682 Press ~~Mis.~~

Dated 19-11- ~~19~~ 1860

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
19th November 1860.

No. 63. Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Government Agent at Tanjore, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vallam, 5th November 1860, No. 451.

I have the honor to report on Petition No. 2,665* of 1860, addressed to Government by one Nánábáyi Ammá, a Pensioner of the late Tanjore Raj, praying that, as a woman of rank, she may be exempted from personal appearance, and be permitted to draw her Pension through an Agent.

2. Petitioner belongs to one of the several families of "Ráj Prohits" or Priests of the Rájá, styled "Batgósámis," and during the life-time of the late Prince, had a monthly Pensionary allowance of Rupees 5 in the Palace, which has been assigned to her in full in No. 736 of the Pension Schedule of the Dowlat Pámlók Department. She is a member of the Mahráttá Brámin caste, and as such, is generally considered to be a woman of respectability and position, but she is certainly not a Góshá woman and is therefore not precluded from appearing in public; this privilege or custom being peculiar to the females of Vazáratmál class among the Maharatta community.

3. Such being the case, I beg to submit that, in my opinion, Petitioner is not entitled to be exempted from personal appearance and treated, in like manner with the females of the class abovementioned, as solicited by her.

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* *Political Department.*

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1860, No. 682.

Resolved that the Petitioner be informed that she cannot be exempted from personal appearance and permitted to draw her pension through an Agent.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Petition Ganabhae widow of
Bavaswami Bhalgasami
28th June 1860
Endorsement No. 235

Petitioner encloses a Roka issued by the Sirkele, pointing her out as No. 736 on the Dowlut Camloke pension List, & requests that she may, in consideration of her rank, be exempted from the usual course of muster & be treated like a Ghosha female.

In a matter of this kind the undersigned has no authority to interfere. The Roka is returned.

29th June 1860
Commissioner's Office

Walker
Commissioner

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Regd

No. 2665 of 1860.

From Nayana Cogeammall

the widow of late Vaidumiste Shilavaswamie Pettu Petty Coswamie, Purohi thirmoolur of His Highness the late Rajah of Tanjore residing within the Fort of Tanjore

Dated 3rd Sept

Recd 8th Sept 1860.

19 Novr /60

With 1 enclosure

States, that the pension enjoyed by her late husband has been recently ordered by Govt to be continued to the Petitioner;

Prays, that, as a female of rank, her personal appearance to receive the pension may be dispensed with; and that the arrears due from the date of the said order as well as all future payments on account of Petitioner's pension may be paid to her authorised agent;

Adds, that the Commissioner (whose endorsement is enclosed) declined to grant Petitioner's request on the ground that he had not authority to interfere in a matter of this kind.

Pol. 860 Dt.
[illegible] No. 789.

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No. 2665 of 1860.

Forwarded to the Agent for report.

By Order

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Dy. Secy. to Govt.

Fort St. George,
3rd October 1860.

Regd 10.60

Order thereon 19 November 1860. No. 682.

Resolved that the Petitioner be informed that she cannot be exempted from personal appearance & permitted to draw her pension through an Agent.

To the Govt Agent
at Tanjore } disp.d 22d.