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for the month of February 1860.*

No. 15. Read the following letter from FATEMAH BEGUM; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, &c., &c., &c., dated 3rd February 1860.

I beg to submit herewith for transmission to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, a memorial to that authority on the subject of my arrears.

It will be great relief to me, if the local Government can decide on the prayer favorably to the same, without referring the petition to the Home Government, but should the local Government decline to do so, I beg respectfully to request that the same may be forwarded to its destination at an early opportunity.

To

The Right Honorable Sir CHARLES WOOD,

Secretary of State for India in Council, &c., &c., &c.

The humble petition of FATEMAH
BEGUM, the widow of the late RAZA
HOOSSAIN KHAN, a Carnatic Stipendiary.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That on the demise of your Petitioner's husband on the 16th September 1856, your Petitioner had applied to the Chepauk Agent for some portion out of the Stipend of her husband being continued to her, but the Agent having declined to recognize her claim she had in 1857, forwarded a memorial to the late Honorable Court of Directors, who taking a favorable view of her case have in their despatch dated 7th July No. 6 of 1858, conveyed their order to allow your Petitioner a suitable allowance should it be satisfied that she was actually in indigent circumstances as represented by her.

Agreeably to the order of the Court the local Government in instituting enquiry about your Petitioner through the Agency had been misinformed about her, and that by her subsequent communication to Government they were pleased to confer upon her an allowance of Rupees 10 a month agreeably to the Court's order by Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 7, dated 4th January 1859, and the Chepauk Agent passed the payment from the date of the order.

Whereupon your Petitioner had on the 9th April 1859, presented a Petition to Government praying for the arrears from the demise of her husband being disbursed to her, but they had by an Endorsement, No. 1336 of 1859, declined to admit her claim for arrears.

Your Petitioner therefore feels the necessity of appealing to your Excellency's benevolence and begs to state that since the Government having clearly admitted in their said order of 4th January 1859, that your Petitioner is actually in indigent circumstances, your Excellency would judge whether would it not be reasonable to support your Petitioner from the date on which she became subject to the above condition, that is from the death of her husband. It is the earnest desire of your Petitioner that your Excellency in Council will scrutinize the circumstances urged by her in her memorial to the late Honorable Court, and which will be found in their record, and upon which the said Court passed their favorable order in their despatch of the 7th July, No. 6 of 1858, and no doubt the said circumstances and the fact of your Petitioner being in destitute condition which the Government widely acknowledged in their order of 4th January 1859, will induce your Excellency in Council to support her from the death of her husband.

Had the Government shewn your Petitioner on her husband's demise the same privilege as was done to the widow of Jaffer Khan the own cousin of your Petitioner's husband by granting her pension immediately after her husband's death, agreeably to the Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 8th October 1849, or extend to your Petitioner at the same time the benefit of the order of the Honorable Court, dated 31st January 1855 and 30th April 1856, touching the maintenance of widows in destitute condition no accumulation of allowance would take place, and avoid the necessity from present appeal.

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In conclusion your Petitioner earnestly hopes that your Excellency will perceive that the arrears claimed for, which would be not more than 270 Rupees is a very trifling to the State, but to your Petitioner in her present harrassed state would be very great, and would be the means of relieving herself from the debt which she was obliged to contract from time to time to maintain herself during the absence of any allowance in hope of success in her attempts for the pension of her husband.

Under the circumstance your Petitioner earnestly request that your Excellency in Council will be graciously pleased to take the application of your poor beggar for arrears into favorable consideration and issue order for disbursement to her. For which act of benevolence your Petitioner shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

MADRAS,
1st February 1860.

(Signed) FATEMAH BEGUM,

No. 16.

ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1860, No. 95.

Ordered, that the memorial submitted with the foregoing address be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, together with a copy of the order of Government passed on the application of the memorialist in the Petition Department, and with the remark that the Government adhere to their former decision.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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