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26th February 1861.*

No. 84. Read the following letter from Surgeon Major EDWARD G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 19th February 1861, No. 217.

I have the honor to enclose a letter from Carnatic Stipendiary, No. 374, Shurf-Oon-Nissa Begum, in receipt of Rupees 416-10-7 per mensem, who wishes to proceed to Hyderabad and permanently to reside there.

2. Under ordinary circumstances the Office could have made this transfer. But the Begum Sahiba is a daughter of Nabob Mahomed Ally Wallajah; her recorded age in our books is 78 years, and the Hamamni servant of the Office, who has seen the lady, mentions that she seems to be about ninety years old, and is so feeble that she leans on an attendant in moving about the house.

3. After receipt of her letter, I asked of her who was to care for her on the journey; and she named two grandsons. I sent for these two grandsons and they seem confident as to her strength and fitness to undertake the journey.

4. I am desirous not to refuse leave of the kind asked for in this lady's letter, but have not succeeded in ascertaining whether it be a whim of old age or a settled purpose, and being in doubt beg the intimation of the wishes of Government.

5. I asked the favor of His Highness Azim Jah Bahadur, allowing a member of his family to ascertain if this lady (his father's cousin) be acting of her own free-will, and whether her strength is such as would justify my recommending permission to proceed on so long a journey.

6. His Highness has replied that he "thinks that she has been persuaded by her grandsons "to perform the journey with a view that they may use her as the instrument for the purpose of "procuring some pecuniary advantage there:" and His Highness brings to my notice that she is now 80 years old and her body consequently infirm.

7. Under all the circumstances, I have the honor to submit that it seems advisable for me to confine myself to suggesting to this aged lady that it is not advisable at her time of life to undertake so long a journey; and if this course be approved of, as she will doubtless go, I beg for issue of orders on the three requests in the last two paragraphs of the Begum's letter in which she (1) asks that the Resident of Hyderabad be informed of her dignity; (2) that a guard may accompany her, and (3) that the privilege of halting at the Travellers' Bungalows may be allowed, and I only recommend for the favorable consideration of Government, a Guard of Soldiers of a Havildar's party, or of twelve of the Police; and that permission to occupy the Bungalows en route be granted.

To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,

&c., &c., &c.

HONORED SIR,

With due respect I beg to bring to your Honor's notice, that I am the daughter of His Highness the late Nabob Wallajah, and having lived for upwards of 70 years under the kind protection of your benevolent Government, I am now on account of my very old age desirous of proceeding to Hyderabad to visit the Tomb of my grand-father at that place, where I intend to spend the remainder of my days, and be buried by the side of the said Tomb; I therefore beg your Honor will kindly grant me the permanent leave of residing at Hyderabad, and to draw my Stipend there from the day I quit Madras.

I shall also esteem it as a particular favour, if your Honor will kindly write to the Resident of Hyderabad on this subject, with a view to inform that gentleman of my dignity.

I further beg your Honor will be good enough to order a Guard as an escort, and to allow me the privilege of halting in the Travellers' Bungalows.

MADRAS,
ROYAPETTAH,
7th February 1861.

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ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1861, No. 124.

The Government would be glad if Shurf-Oon-Nissa Begum could be induced to forego her intention of proceeding to Hyderabad. If however she persists in her resolution to take up her residence there, she may be allowed the use of the public Bungalows on her journey, provided that she does not occupy them to the prejudice of European travellers. The Government will also report her position and the object of her visit to the Resident, but they cannot allow her a Guard either of Sepoys or Police.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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From

The Government Agent at Changan-
and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends.

To
J. D. Dargaville Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Mr. Arthur

Dated 10th February 1861
Read 10th February 1861
No 217 of 1861

Enclosing letter from
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