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Read the following papers :—

No. 53. To the Right Honorable the Governor in Council,
Fort Saint George, *&c.*, *&c.*, *&c.*

May it please your Excellency,

1. I had previous to this submitted an application to your Excellency in Council soliciting the commutation of my stipend amounting to Rupees 12, Annas 8 under the Rules now in force, and after receiving an answer thereto, addressed again on the same subject stating that my pension was too small to enable me to maintain my position and rank in the society, and that if I be favored with a bonus in lieu thereof I would invest it in such landed property as shall yield an income more than my pension.

2. It is to my great sorrow that your Excellency in Council deemed it inexpedient to sanction the commutation of my stipend which I beg to represent is so small that even the amount which I pay every month on account of the wages of my servants far exceeds it, and by the grace of God I enjoy for the present a greater affluence than the amount of the bonus could afford.

3. I feel greatly ashamed to trouble the Honorable Government repeatedly for such a trifling sum of money, I therefore respectfully beg to submit that as the Government generally decline to admit the application from the persons of peachable conduct and abandoned career, it will highly reflect on my character should my application be denied by Government.

4. It is supposed that your Excellency in Council have observed why my husband did not apply himself in person for the bonus of my pension having been an Attorney or Vakeel in my behalf; it is very curious to represent that the pension which I enjoy is belonging to me not to my husband, and that the trifling amount of the sum of my stipend is monthly granted to me under my seal, and for the bonus the deputation of my husband is specially required: and that what was incumbent to the Government Agent to ask for the Vakeel to enquire the matter which may be ascertained by a Hummamny. If it is the rule of the Honorable Government that the applicant for bonus should appoint her Vakeel, I can make Vakeel my uncle or my full brother who are stipendiaries of the Honorable Government, because there is no Gosha between me and them.

5. I further beg leave to represent that I do not solicit the Government to give the sum of the bonus of my pension in my hand, but the Government will permit me to show the property to the Government Agent which yields a handsomest income than my pension, that he may purchase himself and deliver it in my possession.

6. Now I am sure that the Government will never think about to disgrace me, but will be pleased to reconsider my application or to increase my pension in lieu of the loss which will be sustained by rejecting this application.

For which act of goodness I shall feel highly obliged and thankful.

(Signed) KHADIJA BEGUM,
the great grand-daughter of Oomdatoon Nissa Begum the daughter of Nabob Wallajah.

Madras, *3rd May* 1860.

No. 1,592 of 1860.

Forwarded to the Government Agent at Chepauk, who will be so good as to reconsider Khadija Begum's application in reference to what she has stated in the last paragraph but one of her Petition.

By order,

(Signed) L. FORBES,
Deputy Secy. to Government.

Fort Saint George,
25th August 1860.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
23rd March 1861.

To the Honorable the Governor in Council of Fort Saint George.

Honorable Sir,

I respectfully beg to bring to the kind notice of the Honorable the Governor in Council,* that I addressed a letter to the Government on the 3rd May last, regarding the bonus of my pension and upon which some correspondence took place between the Government Agent and myself on the subject, and that now I beg to enclose herewith the correspondence and also copy of the translation of a report of Hajee Mahomed Raheem Oollah Khan Bahadoor for the favorabl econsideration and orders of the Government.

Shady Mahel,
29th January 1861.

(Signed) KHADIJA BEGUM.

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government.

By order,

Guindy,
29th January 1861.

(Signed) R. CREW,
Private Secretary.

No. 54. 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 18th March 1861, No. 342.

* *Herewith returned.* I have the honor to report as ordered on Petition* No. 1,592 of 1860.

2. Since that time I have corresponded with Carnatic Stipendiary, No. 152, Khadija Begum Sahiba in receipt of Rupees 12-8 per mensem.

3. This lady appointed as her Vakil a gentleman who had no knowledge of the value of houses, and when he first appeared at the Agency had not seen the property on the purchase of which this lady had set her heart. But I asked him to see it and I also asked the same favor of Haji Rahim Ullah Khan Bahadur an intelligent shrewd relative of this lady.

4. The result of this inquiry was to show that the investment which this lady desires to make consists of four small tenements in Saint Thomé at present with a rental of Rupees 4 + 5 + 6 + 3, and in October last, I wrote and told her that "consisting as it does of four "small houses producing a rental of (Rupees 4 + 5 + 6 + 3) Rupees 18 per mensem, it would "not be an advantageous investment for a Gosha lady in the Begum Sahiba's position."

5. This opinion of mine did not meet the lady's approval, and in the letters in English and Persian which have been received bearing her seal the contents indicate a resolution to buy those tenements and them only, and she has appealed to Government. On the 19th ultimo, I begged the favor of her mentioning whether she had been able to obtain tidings of any more likely investment, but she replied on 22nd ultimo that she had no other, and re-asserted her resolution to purchase the dwellings which she had indicated in her former letter.

6. Under the circumstances, I leave the appeal with the Honorable the Governor in Council. I will only observe that if His Highness Prince Azim Jah Bahadur were regularly drawing his allowance and giving that support to his family (this lady is his son's wife) which is their due and by which only they could be free from incumbrances, I would with very great pleasure recommend commutation of this lady's stipend.

7. My reasons for this opinion are (besides that four small tenements with their varied trouble and expense are not suitable for investment) that at present, every member of that family must be in distress and if this stipend, which, however small it be, is still the sole regular income of this lady, be commuted, the proceeds though invested in houses may be at once swallowed up in meeting some pressing demand.

No. 55. Order thereon, 23rd March 1861, No. 163.

Looking to the respectability of the applicant, the Government are unwilling to deny her request and therefore authorize the commutation of her stipend of Rupees 12-8 per mensem. The amount payable to Khadija Begum Sahiba on the above account will be drawn and disbursed to her without further reference to Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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To the Govt Agent
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