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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
5th April 1861.*

No. 11. 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 21st March 1861, No. 357.

* 1. *Letter to Government, dated 12th January 1861, No. 44.*
2. *Proceedings of Government, dated 21st January 1861, No. 46.*

I have the honor to submit for the orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council, a further communication from Sharf-ul Umra Bahadur, in continuation of the correspondence as per margin.*

From SHURF-OOL-OOMRAH SHICHOON MOOLK NASEEM-UD-DOWLAH, GHOLAM MAHOMED SAFEE OOLLAH KHAN BAHADOOR, NOOSRAT JUNG, to Surgeon Major E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk, dated 20th February 1861.

I have received your letter No. 83, dated 23rd ultimo, giving cover to a copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Political Department, No. 46, dated 21st idem, in which the Government grant me two years' leave of absence to proceed to Hyderabad, and decline writing to the British Resident there on my behalf.

I am greatly obliged to you for the handsome manner in which you have submitted my requests for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, and set forth my rank, dignity and close relationship to the Nawaubs of the Carnatic: and I beg that you will tender to the Government my best thanks for this permission they have so kindly accorded me to proceed to Hyderabad on leave of absence for two years.

I beg to state, however, that, as at present advised, I shall be unable to avail myself of the boon, unless I am favored by the Government with a letter of introduction to the British Resident at Hyderabad.

It is quite apparent from your letter to Government, No. 44, dated 12th ultimo, and the Order of Government itself, that the nature and necessity of my request to be furnished with an introductory letter to the Resident have not been clearly understood.

In your letter you state that I would not embarrass the British Resident by any favor, and the Government observe that they do not doubt that I will receive from His Highness the Nizam any courtesy or consideration to which I may be entitled.

I beg to explain, therefore, that my chief object in proceeding to Hyderabad will not be effected, unless I am publicly received by the Oomrahs of that Court as a Member of the Carnatic family. It is the etiquette of His Highness' Court, that no nobleman, being a British subject and residing in British territories and under British protection, can be admitted thereto, or openly acknowledged or received by the Oomrahs, unless he is presented by the Resident to His Highness' Dewan, or obtain the sanction of the Resident to be received at His Highness' Court.

I am not certain whether this usage of the Hyderabad Court has been established by the British Government or by His Highness—but that such is the usage I am positively assured.

If the British Government have imposed this etiquette, it is necessary, if the Madras Government are not opposed to my being openly acknowledged and received by the Hyderabad Oomrahs as a Member of the Royal House of the Carnatic, that they should kindly intimate the same to the Resident with particulars of my rank and dignity (to enable them to do which I have enclosed my Genealogical Table), and convey to him my desire to be presented to His Highness.

This intimation, I respectfully submit, must, in such case, proceed from the Government as the sole constituted channel of communication with the Resident in a matter of this kind—as otherwise I may fail to assure the Resident that I have the permission of my Government to hold any intercourse with His Highness and His Oomrahs, and that I am of a position eligible to this distinction.

Under this view of the case, it will be seen that, strictly speaking, I have no special favor to ask at the hands of the Government, but that I merely request to be allowed to act according to the usages of the Hyderabad Court imposed by the British Government, to do which, the

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interposition of the Madras Government on my behalf is a matter of absolute necessity:—that, in fact, I am seeking to conduct myself in conformity with the established rules of the British Government, that I have no favor to ask of the Resident nor any of the Government, beyond what the Government themselves have directed that I should obtain.

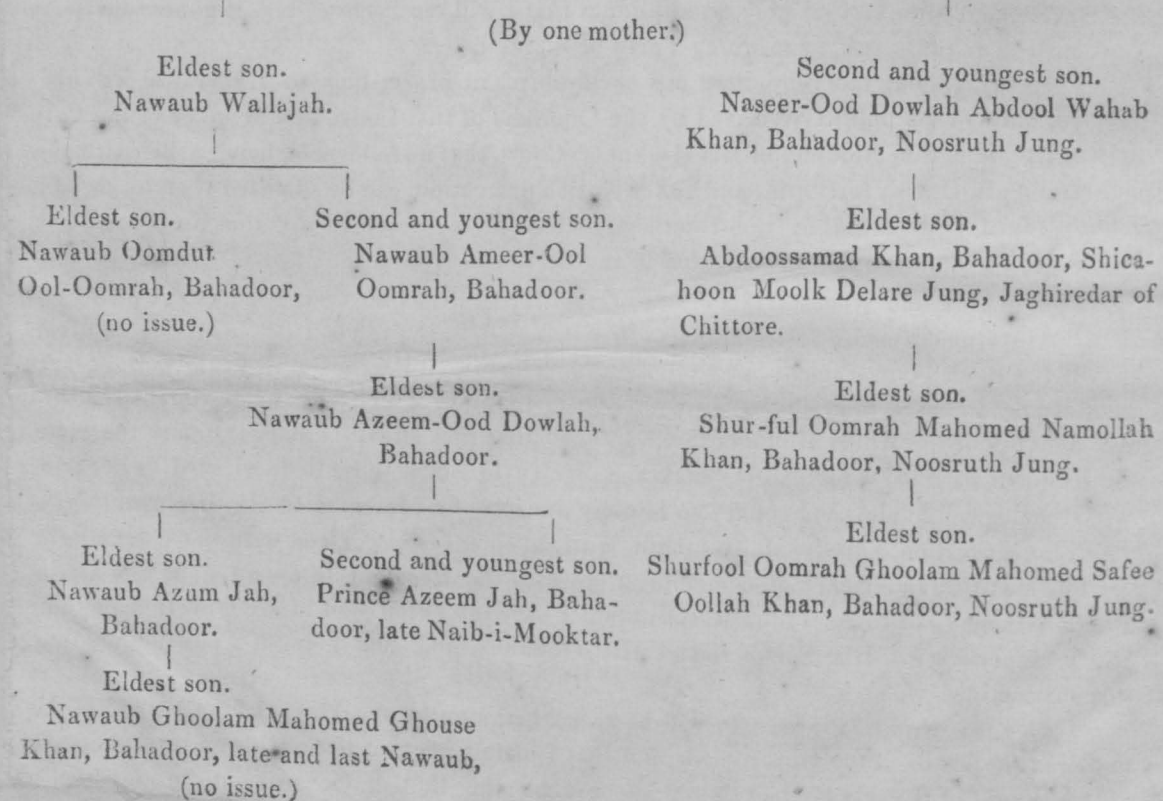
If, on the other hand, this etiquette of the Hyderabad Court has been established by His Highness, the letter of introduction to the Resident from the Government will still be necessary, inasmuch as I am personally unknown to and unacquainted with the Resident, and I have no other means, besides the assistance of the Government, of satisfying him of my rank and dignity. The Government therefore having kindly granted me leave of absence to proceed to Hyderabad, will enable me to take advantage of this permission, only by favoring me with a letter of introduction to the Resident setting forth my rank and dignity as a Member of the Canatic family, and my desire to be presented by him to His Highness' Dewan. The Government have very recently granted a request almost similar to mine to Shurf-Oon-Nissa Begum. I may also add that, in European Courts, the etiquette there, founded on international law, in regard to the admission of Foreigners of rank or consideration, is identical with that which, I have stated, obtains at the Durbar of His Highness the Nizam—such Foreigners can be presented at the Court of the country in which they are sojourning, only through the Ambassador or other representative of their liege Sovereign.

If the Government entertain any doubt regarding the correctness of my statement as to the course prescribed by the usages of the Hyderabad Court in receiving British subjects of rank or consideration, I would respectfully suggest that a reference be made to the Resident on the point, and I shall be happy to be guided by the reply that the Resident may make thereto. My only object in seeking this introductory letter is to secure a public reception and acknowledgment of my rank by the Hyderabad Oomrahs according to the etiquette of His Highness' Court, and if I were in a position to effect this without the assistance of the Government, I beg you will assure the Government that I would not have troubled them with any request of this kind.

GENEALOGICAL TABLE OF SHURF-OOL-OOMRAH, BAHADOOR.

1st Nawaub of the Carnatic.

NAWAUB ANVAR-OOD-DEEN KHAN, BAHADOOR, SHAHEED.



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No. 12.

ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1861, No. 181.

The Government Agent at Chepauk will inform Sharf-ul Omrah Bahadoor that the Govern-
ment are unable to depart from the resolution communicated in their Proceedings of the 21st
January last, Political Department, No. 46.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

*Prime Govt Agent
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Sharp al Umra Balad

by Allen P. Croft,

I have retained this
for some time because
as it came to me at
first, there was a letter
of Nahab placed against
the name of an ancestor
and the records were
being searched to ascertain

the right thereto.

Also I asked the Balha
dui for any proofs-

- On this he sent
a duplicate with the
word Nahot erased

- This note is to
explain the cause
of the delay in trans

mission.

L. Cunningham
To Balha

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(Dated 21 March 1861. N^o 357)
Order thereon 5 April 1861. N^o 182

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