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Political DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
14th June 1861.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 13. To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir W. T. DENISON, K.C.B., Governor
in Council, Fort Saint George, dated 12th April 1861.

The humble Petition of MAHOMED GHOSE and
LUCHI RAUM, the personal Servants of His
Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic.

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your humble Petitioners respectfully beg to state that by the Order of Government, 28th January 1858, Government kindly sanctioned their pension, and prior to the said sanction, your Petitioners, Mahomed Ghose received 136 Rupees, and Luchi Raum 120 Rupees gratuities, which the Government Agent has ordered them at first to refund, and which your Petitioners can't do. The reason of their disability is, that after the demise of His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic they have fallen to unexpressible distress, and there is no one to help them, beside if they borrow the aforesaid amount from any one, the creditor asks interest at the rate of one Anna per Rupee monthly, which comes to Rupees 6-4-0 per hundred, while the pension to each is Rupees 2-10-0 per month, and at the foresaid rate the interest becomes more than their monthly pensions, on account of which your Petitioners have not taken their said pension, notwithstanding your Petitioners personally went to the Government Agent, and stated their sad circumstances, but the said Government Agent replied that unless first they refund the said gratuities they will not receive their pensions. They further beg to state that the Rule at the Agency is of a strange kind, for if your Petitioners borrow and refund the amount of their gratuities, then they will only be granted for six months, and not from 28th January 1858, the date of the Minute. Moreover, your Petitioners beg to state that ere this the Government Agent has issued pension to the following three persons, namely, Sheik Madar, Sheik Alli and Sheik Ahmud, deducting these individuals' gratuities from their arrears of pension. Your Petitioners humbly beg to state that they being reduced to the lowest poverty of distress since the death of His late Highness, it is quite impossible on their part to refund in cash their gratuities, and then to take their pensions. Therefore they petitioned the Government Agent, and enclose his Endorsement and submissively pray your Excellency in Council will have compassion over their most pitiful circumstances and be graciously pleased to direct the Government Agent to grant their pensions of three years last with their arrears, and to deduct the gratuities received from that amount, similar to the aforesaid three individuals and relieve your Petitioners from their hard distress, for which great act of gratitude your Petitioners shall as in duty bound ever pray.

No. 1,112 of 1861.

The Agent is requested to report what is the amount which would be at the credit of each of these Petitioners as arrears of pension from the date on which it was granted up to the present time. The Government would wish to know also whether the Agent cannot suggest any arrangement for recovering the balance of the gratuities by *instalments*, so as not to keep the Petitioners out of their pensions for an indefinite time.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
22nd May 1861.

By order
(Signed) W. H. KERR,
Dy. Secy. to Government.

No. 14. 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 28th May 1861, No. 624.

I have the honor, as ordered on No. 1,112 of 1861, herewith re-enclosed, to mention that each Petitioner has left undrawn Rupees 105 from date of grant, while the gratuity that the one received was Rupees 136, and that of the other Rupees 120.

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2. Paragraph 6 of Order of Government, No. 374 of 1858, authorized three modes of adjusting the issued gratuities; but the second mode, which required a refund before issue of stipend, has been alone practicable, for the following reasons:—

3. The Orders of Government, on which my letter, No. 1,555 of 1860 was based, did not authorize actual issue of any arrears to any one, but only commanded submission to Government of the amounts for sanction or otherwise. The difference unpaid to each person was so submitted, but Order of Government, No. 19 of 1861, sanctioned arrears only to Pensioners proper and servants proper, and excluded all others, youths, diseased persons, &c., &c., &c. Had we, therefore, to any one of the class of individuals who received gratuities calculated their undrawn stipends in the adjustments for issue of stipend, advantages would have been given which No. 19 of 1861 has not allowed to such of the class as did not get gratuities: and, until the issue of No. 19 of 1861 gave sanction, the arrears even of Pensioners proper and servants proper could not be drawn even in adjustment. This rendered that mode of adjustment therefore impracticable.

4. Owing to the long overtaxed state of the Office, caused by the changes and the work in the Supreme Court, it was not deemed prudent to undertake the conduct of the many minute matters which would have required attention in deducting monthly instalments from many small stipends for a series of years. In illustration of which difficulty I may indicate the cases of the two Petitioners, each of whose stipends is only Rupees 2-10 and if even half thereof were deducted as instalments, the recovery of the gratuity which was issued to each of them would only be completed between the eighth and ninth year.

5. Therefore the second of the three modes prescribed by Government, *viz.* the refund into the Treasury of the gratuities which they had drawn, before issue of pension, was the only possible course to follow; and after refund, in making issue of stipend this has been done with the six months' arrears allowed by Order, No. 208 of 3rd June 1841, and the recovery has thus been made light to individuals, and in eleven cases the arrears from date of grant were calculated in the adjustment.

6. As, until recently, a rule prescribed the lapse of all stipends left for two years undrawn, a compulsory and early refund of gratuity was the most compassionate course to follow; for, in such cases as Petitioners' it would have happened that their stipends must otherwise have lapsed as it would have required the whole of their stipends for four years to recover the gratuities they had received.

7. I think that the course adopted has been a good one, if not even the only one practicable; and having now been acted on, I would ask sanction to adhere to it, the Agency reporting any case in which a relaxation may seem advisable.

8. There are now only twenty individuals who have not returned their gratuities, most of whom the Order in the note in Order of Government, No. 19 of 1861, will enable to refund.

9. These two Petitioners and their companion Syed Miran were discharged in February 1856 with a larger rate of gratuity, than the Orders of the Government of India at the end of that year sanctioned for the Tanjore and Carnatic servants generally. There is thus less to be said in their favor, as others similarly situated have long ago refunded their gratuities.

10. In the amounts sanctioned by No. 19 of 1861, each of these men have Rupees 63 of arrears to receive, and I do not anticipate that there will now be any difficulty in adjusting their accounts but if such should occur, I will have the honor of submitting to the Honorable the Governor in Council a report on the subject.

No. 15.

ORDER THEREON, 14th June 1861, No. 280.

It appears from Dr. Balfour's letter that while the gratuities to be refunded by the two Petitioners amount, as stated by them to Rupees 136, and 120 respectively, there is due to each at the present moment as arrears of pension from February 1856, the date of their discharge, the sum of Rupees 168, or a balance over and above the amount of the quantity of more than a year's pension.

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2. Dr. Balfour states that he does not now anticipate any difficulty in adjusting Petitioners' accounts, with the view it is presumed of hereafter allowing them the benefit of their pensions, but the Government cannot consider this a

G. O. No. 374 of 1858, paragraph 6.

which "makes the recovery of the gratuity light to individuals;" they observe too with reference to paragraph 3 of the Agent's letter that the pensions of these men have been distinctly ordered to take effect from the date of their discharge, from the very first.

3. It may be that the delay is owing to Petitioners themselves from their not applying to the Agent for an adjustment of accounts and the state of the balance being consequently unknown, but it is clear that they were entitled to draw their pensions a year ago. Dr. Balfour will therefore disburse to them their current pensions with the balance of the arrears without delay.

4. It will be well also to scrutinize the accounts of the other twenty Pensioners said not to have yet refunded the gratuities, and ascertain how the balance stands in their cases.

5. In paragraph 6, Dr. Balfour states that pensions not drawn on account of the parties failing to make the necessary refund of gratuities received by them, would fall under the general penalty of lapse attaching to pensions if undrawn for two years; this is clearly wrong, the failure to draw the pension in such cases being involuntary and indeed often rendered unavoidable by the conditions imposed by Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No. 261 of 1861

Persons having received
a gratuity of Rs. 128, 136, & 120.
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above gratuity be repaid.
But Kaji Syed Khan is
informed that he was re-
commended for a pension
under an entire mistake
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vices and that its lapse
will be recommended to
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Govt. Agent's Office,
6th April 1861.

Government Agent
at Chepauk.

To
Kajee Syed Khan
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[1891]

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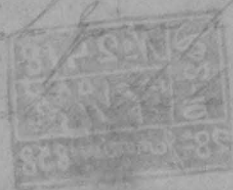
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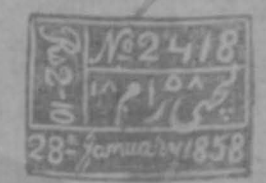
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Madras
12th April
1858



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Political Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Order of Government
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By Secy to Govt

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