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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 337 Press Mis.

Dated 28-7- 1861

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Read the following papers :—

No. 55. To T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 24th June 1861.

The Petition of SYED SUFDER, late a Lance Naigue and rough rider in the service of His Highness the late Nabob.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your Petitioner was a Lance Naigue and rough rider in the service of His Highness the late Prince Ghoolam Mahomed Ghouse, on whose demise the Nabob's Troops being disbanded, your Petitioner was thrown out of employment, at which time arrears of pay were due to him. Not having any means of livelihood here, he proceeded to see a relation of his at Belgaum, to seek his protection and assistance, leaving Petitioner's father here.

That while absent the Nabob's Troops received their arrears of pay here, when Petitioner's father claimed the arrears due to Petitioner, on which occasion the Government Agent informed him that he would pay the arrears on his producing an authority from Petitioner to receive the same. That thereupon Petitioner's father wrote to him, requesting an authority to draw the arrears, when he addressed both the Government Agent and the Dewan on the subject. That on receipt of this communication, the Government Agent without further objection paid the arrears due to Petitioner to his father here.

That in last year a gratuity of six months' pay were paid to all the discharged Sepoys of His late Highness, when Petitioner's father appeared and applied for the same in behalf of Petitioner, but he was informed that it could not be paid to him, but Petitioner himself must come to receive it, although such does not appear to have been absolutely necessary, for the gratuity also could have been paid to Petitioner's father in the same manner as the arrears of pay were paid.

However Petitioner's father intimated the objection raised to Petitioner, and made known the necessity for his coming down and applying in person; but as he was not aware that the Government Agent had issued a Notice to the effect that the parties entitled to gratuity should apply for it within a certain time, Petitioner's father did not make this circumstance known to Petitioner, and therefore Petitioner was quite ignorant of it.

Therefore, as soon as Petitioner was able to leave Belgaum, he came down to the Presidency. He arrived here in February last, and immediately applied at the Government Agent's Office for payment of the gratuity, explaining that he had just come down from Belgaum, when the Government Agent without taking the circumstance of his absence from Madras when the gratuity was paid to others, and of his being entirely ignorant of the Notice issued by the Government Agent, (which never reached him and he never heard of it until the Government Agent alluded to it in his endorsement) gave him a reply, stating that " he should have applied previous to 20th January 1861, and the gratuity will not now be paid," as will be seen from the endorsement enclosed; although when Petitioner's father applied for the gratuity the Government Agent informed him, *it would be paid* on Petitioner's applying for it in person.

Feeling exceedingly aggrieved at the arbitrary manner in which his claim has been rejected, your Petitioner begs leave to submit his case to the consideration of Government, and to represent that it is an established rule of Government, when a satisfactory explanation is afforded for any omission or delay in making a claim within a certain time, such explanation is accepted and the claim admitted. Hence, as your Petitioner has accounted for the delay that has occurred in preferring his claim, he humbly submits that he has afforded a satisfactory explanation, and therefore that an exception should be made in his case, and the gratuity paid him in common with others.

Therefore your Petitioner humbly trusts the Government will perceive that his claim is admissible under the grounds he has advanced, and earnestly prays that the Government will be graciously pleased to authorize the Government Agent to disburse the gratuity due to Petitioner, as he came down from Belgaum expressly for the purpose of preferring his claim in person,

according to the directions of the Government Agent, having been put to some expense in coming down, and it will certainly be a hard case if the gratuity be denied him merely because he failed to apply for it before 20th January last.

For which act of justice, your Petitioner will be deeply grateful, and as in duty bound, ever pray.

No. 1,979 of 1861.
Forwarded to the Government Agent at Chepauk for his remarks.
By order.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
10*th July* 1861.

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 56. No. 1,979 of 1861.

Petitioner has been misinformed. The Agency never issued any arrears to his father as he states.

Petitioner was a rough rider in the Body Guard of the Nabob, and went on leave to Belgaum, on the 21st March 1856. From April 1856, his pay was delivered by the Dewan to Jemadar Kadir Beg, and when the Soldiery were discharged and their arrears were being paid by the Dewan, Petitioner wrote to the Dewan from Belgaum, desiring that his arrears be paid to his father, and they were so paid by the Dewan on the 28th December 1856.

By the Petition Register it appears that Petitioner's father, on the 29th October 1857, petitioned the Agency to issue to him his son's gratuity, but as there was no authority for this from Petitioner, his request was endorsed "not admissible," and nothing more was heard till Petitioner applied on the 25th February 1861.

The gratuity list was open from March 1856 till 20th January 1861, nearly five years, and in that time, if Petitioner be the true person, he had ample time to give, for his father to draw his gratuity from the Agency, a similar authority to that which he had given to the Dewan for his arrears: and on his petition of February last, Petitioner was referred to the order in Government Order, No. 751 of 22nd December 1860.

GOVERNMENT AGENT'S OFFICE,
17*th July* 1861.

(Signed) E. G. BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, 25th July 1861, No. 337.

Under the explanation now furnished by the Agent at Chepauk, the Government does not feel inclined to interfere in Petitioner's behalf. As a rough rider in the employ of His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic, Petitioner obtained leave and went to Belgaum, where he continued to reside according to his own statements until the commencement of the current year. During his absence, Petitioner's pay was disbursed regularly to Jemadar Khader Beg by the Dewan, who also paid to Petitioner's father the arrears due to his son, when the Soldiery of the late Nabob were disbanded, after he had been duly authorized by Petitioner to receive the amount. In October 1857, Petitioner's father applied at the Agency for the gratuity that his son was entitled to, but payment was refused on the ground that he had not been authorized by Petitioner to draw the money. Nothing further was heard of Petitioner until the 25th February 1861, when he appeared at the Agency and applied for the gratuity. A period of nearly three and a half years had elapsed between the application of Petitioner's father for the money and his son's appearance at the Agency, and it is incredible that Petitioner, had he been disposed, could not during that time have furnished his father with the necessary authority to receive his money for him. In the month of December 1860, a Notice was issued in five different languages, with the approval of Government, fixing the 20th January 1861 as the latest date within which claimants to gratuities might appear and make their claims, and such persons were warned that in event of their failing to appear their names would be struck out of the Agency books, and their claims disallowed. The Government see no ground to alter the terms of that Order in the present instance, and Petitioner will be informed that his application is rejected.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Jud. 1979
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No. 610 of 1861

Should have applied previous to 20th January 1861, and will not now be paid.—

Govt Agent's Office
27th Feby. 1861

(Sgd) E. G. Balfour
Government Agent

(True Copy)

Govt. Agent's Office,
1st June 1861.

Government Agent
at Chepauk.

To
Syed Kaufder

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read Petition of Syed Sultan

Dated enter 19th July 1861

Read Remarks thereon of the Agent

at Chepauk

Dated enter 17th July 1861

Order thereon

25th July 1861 No. 337.

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authority to receive his money for him. In the month of December 1860 a letter was issued in 5 different languages, with the approval of Government fixing the 20th January 1861 as the latest date within which claimants to pensions might appear & make their claims, and such persons were warned that in event of their failing to appear their claims would be struck out of the Agency books, & their claims disallowed. The Government see no ground to alter the terms of that Order in the present instance, and Petitioner will be informed that his application is rejected.

W. S. H.

To the Govt Agent at Chenab
for advice to the Petr. } dated 26th

C. 19th July

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Proceedings of the Madras

Government.

Dated 25th July 1864.

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