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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
 3rd September 1861.

No. 3. Read the following letter from Surgeon Major EDWARD G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk, and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 9th August 1861, No. 1,014.

Name.	Occupation.	Monthly Salary.	Whole period of personal and ancestral serv.			Rate of pension entitled to per mensem.					
			Rs.	A.	P.	Ys.	Ms.	Ds.	Rs.	A.	P.
O Padum Lalla, son of Kishum Doss.	Havildar, Body-Guard.	17 8 0	49	3	24	8	12	0			

I have the honor to submit the following case for the decision of His Excellency the Governor in Council, once before sanctioned as per margin.

2. This case as regards recommendation, sanction and cancelling of pension likewise, arose out of an anonymous petition received, and the Government Agent's letter which was sanctioned in No. 694 of 29th November 1859. again cancelled same, and it is now re-submitted for the Orders of Government.

3. The evidence subsequently given in the Agency supports the opinion that the pension recommended for this person in 1859, was recommended in accordance with the rules laid down, and I may briefly mention its purport.

4. Raja Eshwar Doss Dayavunt Bahadoor states that 20 years ago, a Private of Nabob's Infantry named Vasudavoo accompanied him to Hyderabad, that, when at Nellore, he pointed out to the Raja, this person, Padum Lall, as his grandson, and obtained leave from Raja Eshwar Doss to visit his daughter and other relatives there.

5. Raja Tej Bhan Bahadoor states that Vasudavoo mentioned to him that Padum Lall was his daughter's son. This information is additional to what was in the Office when recommendation of this person's case was formerly made.

6. A daughter of that Vasudavoo a woman of about 30 years of age, by a kept Telugu woman, *denies all knowledge of this Padum Lall*; but as Padum Lall is approaching 50 and the father of the woman (Padum Lall's alleged grandfather) left Madras for Trichinopoly, about 14 years ago, and did duty there till he died, 10 years ago, though speaking according to her knowledge, her age being about 16 or 17 when her father left this city, she might not know any thing of her father's antecedents.

7. Carnatic Stipendiary No. 2,141 Shavoo Lall, Carnatic Stipendiary No. 1,470 Mahomed Esmaeel, Mahomed Yusuf, Naigue in the guard of honor of Auzum-un-Nissa Begum, and Carnatic Stipendiary No. 1,491 Pursaram, all state that Vasudavoo told each of them that Padum Lall was his grandson.

8. Seeing that Padum Lall is not a Native of Madras, but was born, as he states, in the vicinity of Nellore, it does not seem to me that further proof of his hereditary rights is capable of being furnished than that now obtained, and I have the honor to recommend re-instatement of his name in the place formerly he occupied; and if this be sanctioned, a Memorandum of his pension and arrears to which he is entitled, will be observed below :

MEMORANDUM.

Slut. List.	Name.	Occupation.	Monthly salary.			Period of service.			Amount un- Pension drawn from entitled to 4th October per month. 1856, to 31st Augt. 1861.					
			Rs.	As.	P.	Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
O	Padum Lall, son of } Kishum Doss...	Havildar Body } Guard..... }	17	8	0	49	3	24	8	12	0	515	6	0

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No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 3rd September 1861, No. 382.

The case of Padum Lall is one of those included in the List* of servants of the Carnatic Sirkar, who were admitted to pension in right of personal and ancestral service, and subsequently struck out of it on the representation† of Major Snow, the Assistant Agent, that their names had been erroneously entered owing to the neglect of the Officers in charge of the records in not furnishing all the information in their power. This report, which was submitted 18 days after the despatch of the List to Government, appears to have been made in consequence of certain anonymous petitions received by Major Snow, and there can be no doubt that due enquiry was made into the subject matter of these petitions.

2. It is alleged that Padum Lall, who was a Havildar of the Nawab's Body Guard, was the grandson of one Vasudavoo, a Private of the Nawab's Infantry, and his claim to ancestral service hinges on the truth of this allegation, for it was in right of his grand-father's service, reckoned with his own, that he was originally admitted to a pension of one-half of his pay, or Rs. 8-12 per mensem.

3. It does not appear to the Government that the evidence now adduced in the Agent's letter at all supports the claim; and they are by no means satisfied that the fact of the relationship on which it is founded, has been at all established. In para. 6 it is stated that a daughter of Vasudavoo, now living and 30 years old, *denies all knowledge* of his grandson Padum Lall, and the parties mentioned in paras. 4, 5 and 7 merely state that Vasudavoo *told each of them* that Padum Lall was his grandson, but do not depose to the fact of such relationship being generally known. Raja Eswar Doss speaks to a circumstance that ~~occurred 20 years ago~~, and it seems strange that as one of the Officers in charge of the records, to whose neglect Major Snow attributes the erroneous entry of several names in his List, he did not then state what he knew of the case.

4. Upon a review of all the circumstances, the Government have come to the conclusion that Padum Lall is not entitled to a pension on the ground of ancestral service.

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

Exd. F. Carledge.

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I think the draft may stand. Cases like this on a settled should not be reopened unless upon a cleared evidence, and this one is at least questionable.

The rule of ancestral service has I think been pushed much further than was originally intended. Such claims should not be

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Read the following
letter from the Govt Agent
at Chepauk & Paymaster
of Carnatic Sepoys

Dated 9 Aug. 1861. No. 1015

Order thereon 3rd September 1861 No. 382.

No. 1018 submitted by Major Spoor,
Govt Agent at Chepauk with
his letter dated 8 Nov. 1857.
No. 1020.
Order 12 Nov. 1857. No. 1024.

Read his letter 20 Nov. 1857.
No. 1024.
Order thereon 27th Dec. 1857.

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4. Upon a review of all the circumstances, the Gov. have come to the conclusion that Adam Sall is not entitled to a pension on the ground of ancestral service.

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To the Gov. Agent at
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Native Super. &c.

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