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

No. 40. Read the following letter from MEER ZOOL FAKAR ALLI KHAN and MEER AKBAR ALLI KHAN; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Officiating Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 26th August 1861.

We have been favored with the decision of the Madras Government on our case to the effect that our claim is altogether inadmissible; and we are further informed in the Order of Government that we must consider our claim definitively settled and that the Government would receive no more applications from us. We have therefore no alternative but to appeal against this decision to Her Majesty's Government, and we accordingly enclose a Memorial in triplicate to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, and request that it may be forwarded to its address by an early opportunity, together with the original documents submitted by us.

To the Right Honorable Sir CHARLES WOOD, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

The humble Memorial of ZOOL FAKAR ALLY KHAN and AKBAR ALLY KHAN, sons of the late MEER AMEEN OOD DEEN ALLY KHAN, a near relative of TIPPoo SULTAN, former Sovereign of Mysore.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That your Memorialists submitted on the 22nd March 1852, a petition to the late Honorable Court of Directors through the Government of India representing their near relationship to the late Tippoo Sultan, Sovereign of Mysore, and the distressed condition to which they were reduced, and soliciting that some provision might be made for their support.

2. That not having received a reply to their petition, though its receipt was acknowledged by the Honorable Court of Directors as intimated to your Memorialists in a communication from the Government of India, dated the 30th July 1856, your Memorialists brought their distressed case to the notice of Brigadier Logan, Commanding Vellore, who was pleased to enquire fully into the circumstances, and commiserating their condition, forwarded their petition to the Madras Government, with his recommendation that as your Memorialists were persons of great respectability and high connections but in a state of poverty, their prayer might receive favorable consideration.

3. In the petition and accompanying documents which your Memorialists then presented to Brigadier Logan, they submitted the following statements made by their father Meer Ameen ood Deen Ally Khan in his Memorial to the Government of Bengal, dated 16th January 1835, and by Colonel F. P. Stewart, Paymaster of Stipends at Vellore, in his report to the Right Honorable Stephen Rumbold Lushington, Esq., Governor of Madras, dated 3rd October 1829, in regard to the near relationship of your Memorialists to the late Tippoo Sultan.

*Extract from the Memorial of Meer Ameen ood Deen Ally Khan.*

"Your Memorialist stands related to the late Sultan under the following ties of consanguinity, viz.; Memorialists' grand-mother and the late Tippoo Sultan's grand-mother were sisters. The eldest of these two sisters (Tippoo Sultan's grand-mother) had a daughter and a son, the latter was called Ruzza Ally Khan Bahadoor, and the daughter was given in marriage to Hyder Ally Khan

\* The descendants of these parties, though similarly connected with your Memorialist, have had the good fortune to enjoy pensions.

(the late Tippoo Sultan's father.) The younger sister (your Memorialists' grand-mother) had an issue of two daughters, and one son who was named Meer\* Najabut Ally Khan Bahadoor

Tahavoor Jung; the eldest daughter was married to your Memorialists' father, the younger was given in marriage to Ruzza Ally Khan Bahadoor, who by the above degrees of relationship was the late Tippoo Sultan's uncle.

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*Extract from the letter of Colonel F. P. Stewart, to the Private Secretary to the Governor of Madras.*

"The second Petitioner Meer Ameen'ood Deen Ally Khan states himself to have been in service under the late Mysore Government as Bukshee of Infantry; that at the capture of Seringapatam he lost his property and soon after went to a brother at Aurungabad, who having died, he returned to this part of the country; and being in much distress, and learning that connections of the family in similar degree had been pensioned, he was induced to prefer the present petition. The respectability of the Petitioner and the manner of his employment under the late Government of Mysore have been authenticated to me; he has not previously preferred his claim to pension, and his connection with the family is by the late Meer Raza Ally Khan, uncle of the late Sultan by the mother's side, marrying his mother's sister, and by the late Meer Najabut Ally Khan Bahadoor Tahavoor Jung, uncle by the mother's side to the Sultan, being brother to his mother, the Begums in this case, as in the former case, style him a rather close relation."

4. Your Memorialists also then appended to their petition to Brigadier Logan copies of documents which gave a clear and particular narrative of the circumstances under which the bounty of the British Government, which was so generously and benevolently bestowed on other more fortunate relatives of the late Tippoo Sultan, was not extended to their father Meer Ameen-ood-deen Ally Khan, though he also was a near relative of the Sultan's in the same degree. All these documents together with their petition and Brigadier Logan's report were transmitted to the Honorable the Court of Directors by the Madras Government in September 1858, and your Memorialists need only in this place solicit reference to them and especial attention to the facts and circumstances of their cases therein set forth.

5. In June 1859, your Memorialists learnt that orders had been received by the Brigadier Commanding Vellore, in consequence of a Despatch from the authorities in England, to make a careful and strict enquiry into your Memorialists' alleged relationship to Tippoo Sultan, and if the truth of such relationship were established, to recommend such a compassionate allowance as would be suitable to their position, your Memorialists felt greatly encouraged on being made aware of these orders so consoling to their feelings, and their drooping spirits revived at the prospect of a provision for their support which they were confident would be the result of a careful and impartial investigation of their case. But your Memorialists were sadly disappointed and grieved to learn that Brigadier White, (who succeeded Brigadier Logan at Vellore) relying upon the information furnished to him by Surgeon Balfour, the Government Agent at Chepauk, who was not at all competent to judge of the matter, and who knew nothing of their family except from hearsay and local enquiries, made an unfavorable report to the Madras Government, without giving your Memorialists a full hearing, and the result was a communication to them of the decision of Government that as your Memorialists were not related to the Mysore family, they could not be admitted to any pension under the orders of the Secretary of State for India, dated 31st March 1859.

6. Thereupon your Memorialists submitted a petition to the late Governor, the Honorable Sir Charles Trevelyan, K.C.B., in which they showed that Dr. Balfour, Government Agent at Chepauk, possessed no means whatever to authenticate or contradict the truth of their statement as regards their relationship to Tippoo Sultan, and furnished an original document in their possession, being a letter addressed by Lieutenant Colonel G. M. Stewart, Commanding Vellore, to Colonel Cubbon, Commissioner of Mysore, under date the 8th May 1835, with its enclosure attested by Colonel Napier, then Commanding Vellore, showing the connexion of your Memorialists' father with Tippoo Sultan, and authenticating his service under that Sovereign, and to which also was annexed a copy of a letter from Prince Sultan Mahomed Yaseen Sahib, son of Tippoo Sultan to the address of Captain H. Logan, soliciting that Officer strongly to recommend the case of their father, and which was delivered to him by Colonel G. M. Stewart, attested by his own signature. These documents will at once disprove the statements of Dr. Balfour and Captain Batten, the then Fort Adjutant at Vellore, laid before Government by Brigadier White.

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7. Your Memorialists had further declared in that address to the Madras Government that they were prepared and had every means to establish the fact of their relationship, that the maternal grandmother of their father and the maternal grandmother of Tippoo Sultan were uterine sisters, as well as of the employment of your Memorialists' father, as Buckshee of Asham under the Sultan's Government, as stated in their Memorial to the Home Authorities. *It was in consideration of these two circumstances that Her Majesty's Government was pleased in their Despatch of the 31st March 1859, to instruct the Madras Government to investigate the truth of their alleged relationship to Tippoo Sultan and to grant them a compassionate allowance suitable to their position.*

8. The arguments adduced in this Petition and the documents enclosed in it being deemed by the Government to deserve consideration, it was forwarded to the Collector of North Arcot for report, and that Officer referred it to the Sub-Collector in charge of the Stipend Pay Office at Vellore for further enquiry as to whether the papers produced by your Memorialists bore out their assertion that they were related to Tippoo Sultan. So far as your Memorialists have been able to learn, the reports of both those Officers were favorable to the grant of some provision to your Memorialists on the ground of their proved relationship to the Mysore family, but the Madras Government have decided otherwise, and have informed your Memorialists that they must consider their claim definitively settled.

2. Your Memorialists have therefore no alternative but to appeal to Her Majesty's Government against this decision, which has greatly disappointed their expectations raised as they were by the favorable view taken of their case by the Home Authorities, *once* by the Madras Government, and by the Collector and Sub-Collector of North Arcot. It is a decision which involves them in irretrievable misery, a condition in which Her Majesty's Government, distinguished for its unbounded benevolence and liberality, would not wish to see them continue; and unless therefore their prayer for relief is granted, your Memorialists must drag out the remainder of their wretched existence in penury and want. Your Memorialists accordingly pray that Her Majesty's Government will be graciously pleased to take their case into favorable consideration, and as the fact of their relationship to Tippoo Sultan, as alleged in their original appeal, has been established, to grant some provision befitting their position for their future support, and in arrear from the date of their application to the Honorable the Court of Directors; and thus relieve your Memorialists from the state of poverty to which they are reduced.

And your Memorialists as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

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MADRAS,  
26th August 1861.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1861, No. 409.

Ordered that the Memorial submitted with the foregoing address be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, with reference to the correspondence noted in the margin; and that copies of the Proceedings of Government, showing the grounds on which the claim of the Memorialists has been rejected, be at the same time transmitted for the information of Her Majesty's Government.

*To the Honorable the Court of Directors, 13th September, No. 19 of 1858.*  
*From Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, 31st March, No. 4 of 1859, paras. 37-41.*  
*Proceedings 23rd Sept. 1859, Nos. 19 & 20.*  
*" 8th Jan. 1861, " 38-40.*

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

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Political Department.

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Read the following  
letter from Sir Zulphkar  
Ali Khan and Sir Akbar  
Ali Khan.

(Dated 26<sup>th</sup> August 1861)

Order thereon 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1861 No. 409.

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Hon. R. & C. the Sec<sup>y</sup> of State for India in the margin, and that  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 1859 of 1859. para 5 p. 11. copies of the Proceedings

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Information of the despatch of  
the Memorial given to the Sec<sup>y</sup> on the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept/61.

Memorial of Mr. Gulbadan  
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