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No. 13. Read the following letter from VAZEEROON NISSA BEGUM, Grand-daughter of the late HOOSSAIN MAHOMED CAUN DELAVER JUNG; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 14th October 1861.

In reference to the Order of Government, Political Department, No. 359, dated 8th June 1860, I beg most respectfully to submit again the Memorial in Triplicate to the address of the Honorable Secretary of State for India, dated 29th March 1860, which were returned to me under paragraph 3 of the said Order.

2. In the above paragraph it is stated as the ground for declining to transmit my Memorial to the Home Government, that it contains no new grounds, and that this is very surprising and I believe that a comparison of the Memorial with the one I had submitted to the late Honorable the Court of Directors, which form the appendix to the enclosed Memorial, would have prevented the Government from passing such a remark, and that my solicitation would have received their favorable consideration.

3. I have in my present Memorial to the Secretary of State urged three facts quite new, and such as are not at all shewn in my Memorial to the late Honorable the Court of Directors.

1stly.—In the Memorial to the Court I have alluded to the circumstances of my sisters who were like me supported by my late grand-father being granted stipends on the demise of the said grand-father, and that the enjoyment by their husbands of certain allowances did not serve as a bar for the grant of pensions to their wives (my sisters), and that, supposing that the Government might view that the pensions of my sisters' husbands being very scanty would not serve as a bar for my sisters being pensioned, and that the pension of my husband being greater than those of my sisters' husbands is a bar for my being pensioned. I have in my present appeal quoted instances to shew that the daughters of one Carnatic Stipendiary who had no right at all upon Government were granted pensions, although some of their husbands are in receipt of stipends greater than that of my husband—vide paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the Memorial.

2ndly.—I have alluded in the present Memorial the Despatch of the late Honorable Court ordering the grant of pensions (upon the demise of Carnatic Stipendiaries) to all persons who were supported out of the deceaseds' pensions, and that I have fully established the fact of my having been supported out of the allowance of my late grand-father,—vide paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Memorial.

3rdly.—In my Memorial to the Court I had only stated the fact of my husband having another wife to support, and his pension is hardly sufficient to maintain me and his second wife; and I have in my present Memorial shewn that I am prevented from living with my husband in peace, chiefly on account of the ill-conduct of my husband's other wife, and now at last unfortunately an entire separation has taken place between me and my husband since some months back, and that there is no hope of my living together hereafter until he abandons his second wife, which he will not do; and under the present circumstances I am left without any means of support—vide paragraph 9.

4. I embrace this opportunity to state that there is no obstinacy on my part to go back to my husband and live with his second wife, but the fear of life which is the inevitable consequence to a woman of my position whose husband is warmly attached to his second wife and given up to her persuasion, makes me to seek the present course. I shall be most happy if my husband would keep me separate and allow me separate establishment, and thereby the necessity of my troubling the Government for separate allowances would be obviated. But I regret at the unwillingness of the Agent to compel my husband to do so, as he says in his report to Government, dated 16th May 1860, No. 575, that he can be compelled to allot a portion of his stipend to this Memorialist, but as the stipend is only 35 Rupees per mensem, while in doing so he will be more stinted than even at present. I hear that the Agent has further stated in his said report that there is no change in the views of my husband as to his own social position, and that he is willing to receive me, but I regret the case is not so now, the separation has given much opportunity for my husband's second wife to poison his mind against me and secure his affection towards her.

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5. The only ground upon which my claim for separate pension has been rejected by local Government in their Order of 16th January 1854, and by the late Honorable Court in paragraph 18th of their Despatch of 3rd March 1858, was that I was married to a person who has a stipend of Rupees 35, and nothing else. When I am separated from my husband and involved in the distressed condition in the absence of any support from him from the last two years without any hope of going back to my husband, and when this fact being proved before the Agent he in consequence being moved in entertaining views quite different from what he had held hitherto, to recommend in his said report to Government for Rupees 15 being granted for my support which I had enjoyed from my grand-father, I have to state that the ground in which my claim was hitherto rejected since 1854 is null and void, and that I am now entitled to the said pension and that the lapse of 6 years alluded to in the first paragraph of the said Order, 8th June 1860, No. 359, could not be a bar to my claim.

6. When Hushmuth Jung the grand-son of Budrood Islam Khan, the step brother of Nabob Wallajah had died, the Government declined to grant any portion of the deceased's allowance to his family not upon any such ground as could under any circumstance be annulled, but on such ground as would permanently exist, viz., the distant relationship to the Nabob Wallajah; but 8 or 9 years after, the Government granted pension to his family under the Order of 27th July 1859.

7. I have heard that the late Chepauk Agent, Dr. Balfour, has recommended to Government for another Rupees 15 being granted to my cousin Hoossainee Begum, this lady has not claims similar to that of mine. I claim for such amount, viz., Rupees 15, which I had enjoyed from my grand-father and deprived of in 1854 on his demise. Hoossainee Begum is the daughter of my maternal uncle Hyder Hoossain Cawn who on the demise of his father, my maternal grand-father Delavur Jung, granted a pension of Rupees 300 in 1854, and on his demise recently Rupees 200 out of Rupees 300 was granted to his family except Hoossainee Begum, and should she have any claim for pension it should be out of Rupees 200, and not out of remaining sum of the allowance of my grand-father.

8. I have until this time after my separation maintained myself by the sale of a few articles I had, and nothing is now left for me and that I am now already subjected to great distress, and I am obliged to starve for days together. I therefore humbly solicit that my Memorials may be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India with the favorable recommendation of Government based upon the recommendation of the Government Agent in his said report, and at the same time I pray that the Government would recommend for the grant of a separate allowance in my name and not in the name of my husband as proposed by the Agent.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1861, No. 491.

Ordered that the Memorial submitted with the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India with reference to previous correspondence* on the subject of its prayer, and also to the further Proceedings noted in the margin, copies of which will now be sent with the Memorial.

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

Exd. T, O'Connor.

The Right Honorable Sir Charles Wood
Secretary of State
for India
The humble Petitioner
of Fazeeroos Bissa
Begum the grand
daughter of the late
Hoossain Mohamad
Khan Delavur Jung
Printed by Sheenah.

1 That your Petitioner
keeps most respectfully to submit
her humble appeal once more
before your Excellency in Council
with an earnest solicitation that
your Excellency in Council will
treat her sad case with humanity
and justice.

2 That on the receipt by
your Petitioner of para 18 of the
letter of the late Honorable
Court

Court of Directors of the 3rd March

1858 (noted in the margin) in regard to her appeal to them in 1857 praying for a pension out of the lapse portion of the allowance of your Petitioner maternal

That you will inform the memorialist that we concur on the grounds on which her petition has been rejected.

grandfather the said Delaver Surg. your Petitioner had applied to Government of Madras to be furnished with the grounds upon which her above claim was rejected; and that she was furnished with an endorsement as per margin.

3 Your Petitioner in submitting herewith the copy of her Memorial to the late Honorable Court in 1857 for your Excellency's kind perusal, begs to

N^o 2185 of 1858. The grounds on which Petitioner's claim to a separate provision was not recommended to the Honorable Court by Government were then assigned by the Chepauk

Chepauk Agent vizt. that there was no necessity for the disbursement in as much as Petitioner's husband is in receipt of a stipend of Rs 350-
16 Sept^r 1858 signed (D. F. Carnival) (D. Lightfoot)

to state that although the facts cited therein are sufficient to receive your Petitioner's claim, yet

for the removal of the appeal your Petitioner desires it expedient to urge certain other facts.

4 That in 1858 on the demise of Muzza Ameenoodi who was in receipt of Rs 350 from Government, the Government took out of the said amount had granted pensions to his three daughters separately although their husbands were in receipt of separate allowances. One of the said husbands Meerzoo Shoojah with Bukht is in receipt

receipt of Rupees 50 a month. And more than your Petitioner's husband's pension.

5. That one of the daughters of the said Meerza Ameeroodin, having died before she could receive the pension, the Government paid the arrears accumulated from the death of her father to the date of her death, to her husband.

6. That the said Meerza Ameeroodin was a member of Delhi family, and not in any way related to Salob Wallajah, and since his daughters while their husbands are in receipt of pensions had been treated with such indulgence what more could not your Petitioner who is the granddaughter of Delawar Jung who was the own son of Salob Wallajah and an original stipendiary, be entitled.

entitled to.

7. That your Petitioner begs to add that the late Honorable the Court of Directors have in their Despatch of the 11 March 1856, at para 14 ruled out that upon the demise of such stipendiary whose family is entitled for pensions according to the views of the Court, his stipend after a deduction of only such a portion out of it as is known or may be supposed to have been actually spent by him, shall be divided among those who had previously been supported by it.

8. That since your Petitioner had been supported from the pension of the said Delawar Jung who allowed her a monthly allowance of Rupees 15 even after her marriage and which fact is too well known to all

all, and in particular to the
Quon of his Neighbors the late
Nabob of the Carnatic as he was
temporarily entrusted by Delawar
during with the management of
his affairs when he went to
Trichinopoly. It is extremely regretting
and at the same time surprising
that the Honorable Court having
lost sight of their intention
alluded to should have ~~de~~^{denied}
to admit her claim for a small
share out of the pension from
which she was supported.

9 That your Petitioner having
after brought to the notice of
Government the circumstances
of her husband having another
wife and that his small allowance
being barely sufficient to
maintain himself and his
second wife, he has never
been able to supply the Petitioner
with necessaries of life,
and

and that the Petitioner is prevented
from living with her husband
in peace, chiefly on account of the
ill conduct of his other wife,
and now at last unfortunately
an entire separation has taken
place between your Petitioner
and her husband since some
months back, and that there
is no hope of their living together
hereafter until he abandons
his second wife, which he
will not do, and under the
present state your Petitioner
is left without any means
of support.

10 That your Petitioner
in laying the above before your
Excellency in Council, earnestly
hopes that your Excellency in
Council will after taking
the circumstances stated in the
Copy of the Petition accompanying
no

as well as those urged in this,
into deliberate consideration,
treat the unfortunate case
of your Petitioner with humanity,
which it is richly entitled
to, by allotting to her, a small
pension of Rupees 15 which
she was in engagement of,
out of the remaining sum of the
allowance of her maternal
grandfather Delaver Jung.

For which Act of charity
your Petitioner shall as in
duty bound

Ever Pray.

Madras 2
29th March 1860

Pls. return to Mr. J. G. S. S. S. S.
of 18-1-1861

To
The Honorable the Court of Directors
Of the East India Company
The humble Memorial of
Vajerom Kisa Begum the
Grand daughter of the late Hoosam
Mahomed Khan Delaver Jung.

Most Respectfully sheweth
That Hoosam Mahomed
Khan Bahadur Delaver Jung
recently deceased Zamindar
and the son of the late Wazir
was your Memorialist's maternal Grand-
father, and during his life time non-
riches and protected from childhood her-
self and her sisters. This fact is known
to the Duran of His Highness the Nizam
of the Carnatic and to the whole of the
Mahomedan Community. That the
husbands of her sisters are in the enjoy-
ment of monthly stipends in right of
their ancestors and regulated according to
their Rank. They are however not

of the family of the Nabob Wallajah, a
Circumstance which does not in fact
upon them the necessity of incurring ex-
penses to maintain their dignity of des-
cent, they are the proprietors and owners
of several substantial buildings or houses.

Your Honorable Court are
aware that every individual is per-
sonally dependent and regulated according to
his means. Your Memorialist's husband
is the son of Muzdood Dowlat, who was
the lawful son and son of His High-
ness the Nabob Wallajah. Your Memo-
rialist's husband is on the receipt
of a very limited pension, barely suf-
ficient for his own personal expenses
and utterly insufficient to maintain
the respectability and dignity of his
descent. In order to enable him to do
so your Memorialist's Grandfather dis-
tributed the monthly allowance he al-
located to her, he assigned Memorialist's
husband

husband by making small monthly pay-
ments to him. All the dependants of
her late Grandfather can certify this
fact.

On the death of your Memorialist's
Grandfather, the local Government
deemed it proper to fix and grant pen-
sions to her two sisters from his late
stipend, their respective husbands
being already on the receipt of pensions
and on such circumstances, but this
legal right on the part of your humble
Memorialist was not at all
noticed, while during my Grandfather's
lifetime he allotted a suitable al-
lowance to me. Your humble Memo-
rialist submitted a representation
to the Right Honorable the Govern-
ment Council on the subject
after right to receive the same con-
sideration as her sisters did, and

was informed in reply that her husband
being already on the receipt of a stipend
with which he could maintain and
support her in comfortable circumstances.
Your Memorialist begs to submit with
all respect that if the pension of her
husband was deemed sufficient to main-
tain her, why she could not did her Grand-
father make a separate allowance
both for your Memorialist and her hus-
band. It was only the inadequacy of
his personal stipend that influenced
him to do so. Besides your humble
Memorialist would submit that the
distinction thus made between her-
self and her Sisters, is at least in-
vidious and tends to lower her in the
estimation of her family and relatives.
Another proof of independent Circum-
stances of your Memorialist's hus-
band as well as her own is that the
premises in building in which

we live is a wretchedly dilapidated one
the half of it composed of wood and
the other half overgrown with grass and
in place of Walls, tatters have been
substituted. Is this the picture of a
person in easy and comfortable circum-
stances. They are absolutely without a
proper roof to cover them. Besides
your humble Memorialist's husband
has another Wife to maintain under
all the miserable and unhappy con-
veniences. I have respectfully solicited
the Government to desire their proper
Officers, as well as those of the Public
of the Lament to enquire and report on
the truth or falsehood of her statements
whether this has been done. I am not in
a position to show. In consequence of
her own and her husband's pitiable and
destitute condition she has been compelled
to address your Honorable Court and she
earnestly beseeches your Honorable Court
will

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Dated 7th Nov 1861

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