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No. 14. Read the following letter from Nabob AHMED OON NISSA BEGUM; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Officiating Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 17th August 1861.

I beg herewith to forward two copies of printed petitions which I request you will be pleased to submit to His Excellency the Governor in Council for his favorable consideration.

To His Excellency Sir WILLIAM DENISON, K.C.B., Governor in Council, Fort Saint George.

The humble petition of Nabob AHMUD OON NISSA BEGUM.

Sheweth,

That your Petitioner is the daughter, and sole representative, and heir of Nabob Azeemoon Nissa Begum, and grand daughter of Nabob Saied Oon Nissa Begum, known as the Nabob Begum. These latter two ladies being respectively the sister and the mother of His Highness the late Nabob Auzumjah Bahadoor (the father of the last Nabob) and of His Highness the Prince Azeemjah Bahadoor, and daughter and widow of the Nabob Azeemood Dowlah, with whom the treaty of 1801 was made—and consequently Petitioner and her mother are Cousin and Aunt of the last Nabob of the Carnatic Ghoolam Mahomed Gouse Khan Bahadoor.

2. Your Petitioner being unwilling to trespass on your valuable time more than is absolutely necessary, and being anxious at the same time that all the circumstances of her case should be brought to your Honorable notice, ventures to give the same as briefly as possible.

3. Your Petitioner's mother Nabob Azeemoon Nissa Begum had been in the enjoyment of an allowance of Rupees 2,000 a month, or Rupees 24,000 per annum, from the time of her father the Nabob Auzeemood Dowlah, and this allowance was disbursed to her annually out of the Punjoomhissa (1-5th share of the Carnatic Revenue) up to 1841. Nabob Ghoolam Mahomed Ghouse Khan, on coming to the Musnud on the 25th August 1842 has undertaken the payment of her allowance *monthly* from that date, but her allowance for 7 months and 24 days from 1st January to 24th August 1842, the day prior to the accession of the Nabob amounting to Rupees 15,548-6-3 has remained unsettled, notwithstanding the Nabob having received the Punchumhissa in *full* for that year from 1st January to 31st December. Out of the allowance of Petitioner's mother for 24 months and 7 days from 25th August 1842 to August 1844, amounting to Rupees 48,451-9-9 the Nabob had only paid Rupees 6,000 for 3 months and so the difference of Rupees 42,451-9-9 for 21 months and 7 days remained unpaid, although His Highness had from September 1844 to November 1845 paid her regularly and from December 1845 to 25th January 1846, the date of the demise of Petitioner's mother, her allowance of Rupees 3,612-14-3 was paid to your Petitioner as the sole heir and representative of the deceased.

4. Your Petitioner begs to submit that the amount due to her mother by the Nabob before and after his accession to the Musnud from January 1842 to August 1844, being 32 months, is Rupees 64,000 and as she has out of this sum received Rupees 6,000 for 3 months, the balance of Rupees 58,000* for 29 months is the amount due to Petitioner's mother.

*From January to 24th August 1842, 7 months and 24 days			Rs. 15,548	6	3
From 25th August 1842 to August 1844, 24 months and 7 days	Rs. 48,451	9	9		
Deduct for 3 months	Rs. 6,000	0	0	Rs. 42,451	9	9
Total amount for 29 months				Rs. 58,000	0	0

5. Your Petitioner's mother addressed the Nabob on the subject of these arrears on the dates as per margin; and your Petitioner after the demise of her mother on hearing that the allowance of the deceased Rupees 3,612-14-3 from December 1845 to 25th January 1846 the day of her death was ordered by the Nabob to be paid to your Petitioner, she had addressed a *letter* to the Nabob claiming the whole of the arrears due to her mother. It would appear

3rd July 1843,	marked	A.	filed in Court	under mark	A. D.
3rd August	do. do.	B.	do.	do.	A. F.
3rd September	do. do.	C.	do.	do.	A. G.
28th December	do. do.	D.	do.	do.	A. H.
22nd June 1844,	do.	E.	do.	do.	A. I.
3rd Sept. 1850,	do.	F.	do.	do.	K.

however that the Nabob had already passed an order referring the matter to the Dewan, as the Head Treasury Officer, and the Dewaan wrote a *letter* to Petitioner's husband Azeezool Moolk Bahadoor forwarding copy of a *Statement* extracted from the Circar Treasury Records with the *order* of the Nabob thereon in which, with reference to the arrears claimed, it was stated "that the arrears of Azeemoon Nissa Begum was Rupees 48,451-9-9 from 25th August 1842 to "August 1844, and out of which Rupees 6,000 "were paid and that the remainder of the said "sum was applied in paying the *debt* amount-"ing to Rupees 40,000 with interest borrowed "from Miss Arathoon by the Thunkey Cutcherry to pay the Nabob Begum for the liquidation "of the balance of the jencey or goods' debts of Her Highness." Your Petitioner's husband addressed a *letter* to the Dewan asking to explain *that* part of his letter of the 23rd October 1850, stating that the remainder of the said sum was appled in paying the debt of Miss Arathoon; and the Dewan at length *replied*, stating "that the Nabob Begum hav-"ing applied for Rupees 40,000 in advance out "of the balance due by the Circar to the Credi-"tors of Her Highness on account of goods supplied to her palace, and in discharge of which "payments were made annually by the Istiffa Cutcherry, and as there was no money at the time "in the Treasury, a Bond was made out in June 1841 in favor of Miss Arathoon, payable in "January 1842; afterwards when His Highness ascended the throne, Miss Arathoon demanded "the said sum on account of its being concerned with Her Highness the Nabob Begum Sahebah, "therefore His Highness caused that the said sum of Rupees 40,000 and its interest Rupees "3,161-4-6 should be deducted out of the arrears of the Widow (Petitioner's mother) of the late "Nujmool Moolk and paid to Miss Arathoon by means of Moomtazool Moolk Bahadoor (Ghoo-"lam Moortoozah Khan) although the said sum should have been deducted from the monthly "allowance of Her Highness the Nabob Begum Sahebah but it is not considered proper to "do so, and therefore the money was deducted out of the arrears of the Widow of the late "Nujmool Moolk." Azeezool Moolk Bahadoor wrote a *letter* to the Dewan in reply stating that it was not incumbent upon the Nabob Begum to pay the said money, and that it is far from justice to pay the said debts which was contracted by the Circar Officer out of the arrears of Azeemoon Nissa Begum, who is in no way concerned in the transaction. Your Petitioner herself addressed a *Petition* to the Nabob questioning the propriety of the Circar taking away her mother's money to pay such debts and the matter having been referred to the Istiffa Cutcherry, that Cutcherry speaks of this claim in the following terms in their *Petition* to the Nabob, "as the "Circar did not after His Highness' accession "to the throne attend to settle the former claims, it was necessary for the Circar to keep aloof "from liquidating Miss Arathoon's debts, and as the Circar has interfered in the matter and "deducted the said amount without any reason out of the allowance of the mother of Ahmud "Oon Nissa Begum, it is legally and morally necessary for the Circar that the sum of Rupees "40,000 be paid to Ahmud Oon Nissa Begum." Whereupon the Nabob passed an *order* "to "ascertain from Moomthazool Moolk Bahadoor "cause of paying Rupees 40,000 to Miss Arathoon out of the arrears of allowance of Petitioner's "mother." But the Istiffa Cutcherry in their *Proceedings* resolved that "there was no "necessity to investigate the above cause from

22nd October 1850, marked G. filed in Court mark N.

2nd do. do. do. H. do. do. L.
6th do. do. do. I. do. do. M.

Statement showing the particulars of the debt herewith appended with mark J.

7th November 1850, marked K. filed in Court under mark O.

29th December 1850, marked L. filed in Court mark P.

8th December 1851, marked M. filed in Court mark Q.

21st December 1851, marked N. filed in Court mark R.

18th January 1853, marked O. filed in Court mark T.

26th February 1853, marked P. filed in Court mark U.

26th April 1853, marked Q.

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"the said Bahadoor as Miss Arathoon's debt was included in the 5 Lacs of Rupees of the time "of the Naibe Mooktiar, and shortly an order "*will be issued for payment* of the said 5 Lacs "from the Istiffa Cutcherry" and finally on a *letter* from Azeezool Moolk Bahadoor to the Dewan the Nabob issued an *order* as follows:—

13th June 1855, marked R. filed in Court mark Y.

21st June do. do. S. do. do. Z.

"That from the statement of Salarool Moolk it is known to His Highness that in conse-"quence of the money of Miss Arathoon having been included in 5 Lacs of the time of the "Regency, which His Highness has accepted to pay. The Members of the Istiffa Cutcherry "resolve to pay to Ahmud Oon Nissa Begum, the arrears of the allowance of her mother, which "was paid to the sister of Arathoon. His illustrious Highness is therefore of opinion that she "should be considered as a creditor of Circar, instead of Arathoon's sister, and to pay to her the "sum claimed by her from the Istiffa Cutcherry by way of instalments is advisable."

6. Before this order could be carried out, the Nabob died, and sometime after a Commission having been appointed by Government for settlement of arrears of allowances and wages due by the late Nabob to his family, and servants, your Petitioner applied to the Commissioners for the arrears due to her. The Commissioners *replied* to the following effect:—

21st July 1858, filed with the particulars of the claim by Petitioner in Registrar's Office on the 22nd February 1859.

MADAM,

"With reference to your communication of the 10th July 1855, we have the honor to "intimate that the Circar records do not substantiate the claim therein set forth."

Signed.

7. Surprised at a decision so opposed to the evidence which your Petitioner was aware the Circar records if properly searched would afford evidence which however was beyond the reach of your Petitioner—Your Petitioner was unable to appeal to your Honorable Council, and had no other remedy left than that of registering her claim in Her Majesty's Supreme Court under Act. XXX. of 1858, and Petitioner's Council having failed to come to an amicable arrangement with the Law Officers of Government her case came on for trial before Sir Adam Bittleston on the 29th October last and subsequent days. The case was dealt with by the Advocate General as raising a question of Law, whether such a claim as this was admitted to be constituted a debt under Act XXX. of 1858. Saying in his address to the Court "*that he was anxious this claim* "*should be tried first, because it was the very strongest case of the sort, that could be laid before* "*the Court.*"

8. On the trial it was proved by the claimant, and admitted by the Advocate General, acting on the part of Government, that the amount claimed as arrears, viz., Rupees 58,000 was the amount actually due to your Petitioner, on account of the arrears of her mother, whose legal heir and representative she is. It was also proved and admitted that these arrears had been repeatedly demanded from the Nabob, both verbally and in writing by Azeemoon Nissa Begum, by the present claimant, and by her husband, as shown by *documents* filed in Court. It was also proved and admitted that the Nabob had referred the matter to the Dewan as head of the Treasury, and to the Istiffa Cutcherry, that he had received reports informing him that the claim was a just one, and that the money had really been paid away to satisfy a Bond of Rupees 40,000 due to Miss Arathoon, and that upon this the Nabob had ordered the Istiffa Cutcherry to treat your Petitioner as a creditor, instead of Miss Arathoon, and to pay her the amount of her claim as shown by *documents* filed in Court.

Under marks A D., A F., A G., A H., A I., K. O. Q. R. and Y.

Under marks L. M. N. P. S. T. U. Z.

9. The learned Judge, Sir Adam Bittleston in summing up spoke as follows:—

"I listened during the hearing of this case very attentively to every thing that Mr. Ritchie "and Mr. Mayne had to urge on behalf of their Client (your Petitioner) and certainly with no

"indisposition to be convinced by their arguments on account of the apparent hardship of the "claimant's case, *she having in* 1855 *by great perseverance succeeded in obtaining the Nabob's* "*sanction to the payment of the arrears of her mother's allowance by the Istiffa Cutcherry and* "*having probably only failed to obtain payment by reason of the death of the Nabob happening* "*so soon afterwards*, but I regret to say that I have not been convinced that this Lady Ahmud-"oon Nissa Begum is a creditor of the late Nabob within the meaning of Acts XXX of 1858 "and XXXVIII of 1860."

And again the Judge remarks "*indeed, I consider it to be clearly proved in this case that* "*there was no dispute about the amount of the allowance which the Nabob must be taken to have* "*promised to give*;" and again with reference to Nabob's order the Judge remarks, "but I cannot "consider even this order as a declaration that he held any property in trust for the claimant or "as any thing more than a *strong acknowledgment that he ought and that he intended to pay to* "*the claimant the arrears of her mother's allowance.*"

And finally Sir Adam Bittleston concludes by saying, the claim therefore "be dismissed, but as I think, *there was a fair ground for urging the claim without cost.*"

10. The proceedings in the Supreme Court having virtually annulled the decision of the Commissioners, the faultiness of which your Honorable Council cannot fail to perceive, your Petitioner hopes that in accordance with the views expressed by Government in Minutes* of Consultation recognizing the obligation of the Nabob to pay all arrears due to immediate family—your Honorable Government will order the payment of Petitioner's arrears on the same principle as those of the other members of the family of the late Nabob as noted in the margin.

* 7th December 1847, marked T.
5th February 1848, do. U.

His Highness the Prince Azeemjah Bahadoor	Rs.	20,800	0	0
Her Highness the late Nabob Saied Oon Nissa Begum, known as Nabob Begum	,,	5,792	0	0
Her Highness the Nabob Khyroon Nissa Begum, Shady Widow of the late Nabob	,,	1,68,755	3	9
Auzamoon Nissa Begum the *Nieca* Widow of the late Nabob	,,	35,933	10	6
Pateha Begum, step grandmother of the late Nabob	,,	600	0	0
Mookhtharoon Nissa Begum, step grandmother of the late Nabob	,,	7,000	0	0
The two daughters of the above lady	,,	4,410	0	0
Azeemoon Nissa Begum, step grandmother of the late Nabob	,,	2,051	9	9
Fathema Begum, daughter of the above lady	,,	400	0	0
Ahmud Oon Nissa Begum the Petitioner	,,	2,000	0	0
Aomatool Fathemah a herm of the late Nabob's father	,,	900	0	0
Mahomed Ally Khan	,,	90	0	0

11. Your Petitioner further begs to state that her claim should be considered by the Government as having been conclusively proved, under the peculiar circumstances; Firstly, His Highness the late Nabob upon the strength of the report made by the Istiffa Cutcherry with respect to her claims, decided by an order that her arrears should be paid, and that she should be treated as a creditor of the Circar in lieu of Miss Arathoon; Secondly, the Advocate General admitted the above decision of the Nabob; and lastly he Judge himself after thorough investigation of the case recorded his opinion that, the claim of the Petitioner was indisputable, but that he was prevented from passing a Judgment in the case as the nature of the claim was such as could not be brought under the Provisions of the Act. Your Petitioner however trusts that the Government will be well satisfied with the legitimacy of her claim from the observation of the Judge "that Petitioner having in 1855 by great perseverance succeeded in obtaining "the Nabob's sanction to the payment of the arrears of her mother's allowance by the Istiffa "Cutcherry and having probably only failed to obtain payment by reason of the death of the "Nabob happening so soon afterwards." Your Petitioner need not urge upon the Government how difficult it must be for the Government to deny her claim as it has been severely tested in a Court of Justice and ascertained to be the most legitimate one, the more so when compared with the case of those who as the immediate members of the family of the late Nabob, have been paid their arrears although their claims were not so energetically urged as that of your Petitioner.

12. Your Petitioner further trusts that your Honorable Council will bear in mind that the Proceedings instituted by her in the Supreme Court at great expense to herself, was owing to

the erroneous decision of the Commissioners and not through any vindictiveness on her part towards Government.

13. Of the documents referred in this Petition, such as she has in her possession, are herewith appended.

Shall ever pray.

SHADI MAHUL,
14th August 1861.

APPENDIX A.

Filed in Court under mark A. D.

From Nabob AZEEMOON NISSA BEGUM; to the late Nabob of the Carnatic, dated 4th Jamadeeoossanee 1259 Hejeree, corresponding with 3rd July 1843.

MY DUTIFUL AND FORTUNATE NABOB MAY YOU LIVE LONG,

After my prayers for your long life, let it be known to you, that I have not obtained my monthly allowance which I was in the habit of drawing annually from the time of my father with the exception of Rupees three thousand. Therefore I give you trouble that you will kindly order to send my arrears.

APPENDIX B.

Filed in Court under mark A. F.

From Nabob AZEEMOON NISSA BEGUM; to the late Nabob of the Carnatic, dated 5th Rujub 1259 Hejeree, corresponding with 3rd August 1843.

MY DUTIFUL AND FORTUNATE NABOB MAY YOU LIVE LONG,

After my prayers for your long life let it be known to you, that I have not yet received the answer to my letter, dated 4th Jamadeeoossanee 1259, Hejeree, corresponding with 3rd July 1843, consequently I trouble you that you will kindly send me a favorable answer.

APPENDIX C.

Filed in Court under mark A. G.

From Nabob AZEEMOON NISSA BEGUM; to the Nabob of the Carnatic, dated 6th Shaban 1259 Hejeree, corresponding with 3rd September 1843.

MY DUTIFUL AND FORTUNATE NABOB MAY YOU LIVE LONG,

After my prayers for your long life, let it be known to you that I have not yet received an answer to my letter, dated 4th Jamadeeoossanee 1259 Hejeree, corresponding with 3rd July 1843, notwithstanding I reminded you by a second letter, dated 5th Rujub 1259 Hejeree, corresponding with 3rd August 1843. Therefore I hope you will kindly favor me with an answer.

APPENDIX D.

Filed in Court under mark A. H.

From Nabob AZEEMOON NISSA BEGUM; to the Nabob of the Carnatic, dated 6th Zeehudjah 1259 Hejeree, corresponding with 28th December 1843.

MY DUTIFUL AND FORTUNATE NABOB MAY YOU LIVE LONG,

After my prayers for your long life, let it be known to you, that I have not obtained my monthly allowance for these *last two* years, with the exception of Rupees three thousand, although I had repeatedly written to you regarding this matter, yet I had not the pleasure of receiving any answer from you. I write this note to re-mind you again.

APPENDIX E.

Filed in Court under mark A. I.

From Nabob AZEEMOON NISSA BEGUM; to His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic, dated 5th Jamadeeoossanee 1260, Hejeree, corresponding to 22nd June 1844.

MY DUTIFUL FORTUNATE NABOB MAY YOU LIVE LONG,

After my prayers for your long life, and increase of dignities, let it be known to you, that

by not receiving my monthly allowance, or these *last two years and six months,* I have been extremely distressed with reference to this matter, I had written to you again, and again, but received no answer, I am unable to forbear the distressed condition that I am now in, I hope you will send my pay in arrears as soon as possible, and oblige.

APPENDIX F.

Filed in Court under mark K.

From Nabob AZEEMOON NISSA BEGUM; to His Highness the late Nabob of the Carnatic, dated 25th Shawal 1266, corresponding with 3rd September 1850.

MY HONORABLE BROTHER AND MY SUPPORTER MAY YOUR WEALTH AND PROSPERITY CONTINUE,

After due respect and offering my prayers for your long life, wealth, prosperity, and dignity; beg to state that I am very glad to hear, that your Highness have issued an order for discharging my arrears from the next Punjoomhissa, for five months as well as a part of the arrears of my recently deceased mother for one month and few days before her death.

With what tongue shall I give you thanks for your beneficence and favor that are beyond expression. May Almighty God give long life to our benefactor and Hatim of the time and continue his shadow over the heads of well-wishers for ever. I hope your Highness will also kindly order to Circar Officers to pay me the unpaid arrears of my deceased mother's allowance since the day of your accession up to August 1844, being twenty-four months and seven days from which my deceased mother had, only obtained from Circar six thousand Rupees, being the allowance for three months.

APPENDIX G.

Filed in Court under mark N.

From MADAROOL OMRAH BAHADOOR, Dewan of Durbar; to AZEEZOOL MOOLK BAHADOOR, dated 17th Jeehudja 1266, Hejeree, corresponding with 23rd October 1850.

TO THE APPRECIATOR OF MY MERITS,

MAY YOUR FAVOR CONTINUE FOR EVER,

A copy of the report which was written on the petition of Ahmudoon Nissa Begum Sahiba on consulting the records of the Treasury of the Circar, has been enclosed herein and forwarded for the information of the said Begum Sahiba together with Orders of His illustrious Highness, may your favor be increased. Written on the seventeenth day of the month of Zeehujja of the Hejeree year 1266.

(Signed) ABDOOL WAHAB.

APPENDIX H.

Filed in Court under mark L.

Copy of the circumstances that has been ascertained from the Record of the Treasury and reported by the Dewan to the Nabob on the 2nd October 1850.

The Petitioner is informed that the arrears of the monthly allowance of Azeemoon Nissa Begum Sahiba the lady of the late Nujmool Moolk commencing from the date of the Coronation of his illustrious Highness, that is to say, from the twenty-fifth day of the month of August of the year of Christ 1844, amounted to forty-eight thousand four hundred and fifty-one Rupees, and ten Annas, minus one quarter—out of which a sum of six thousand Rupees on account of the allowance of three months commencing from the month of September of the year of Christ 1842, down to the month of November of the year of Christ above alluded to, has been received from the Treasury, that is to say, three thousand Rupees on the sixth day of the month of Shawal of the Hejeree year 1258, and three thousand Rupees on the seventh day of the month of Suffer of the Hejeree year 1261, and the remaining portion of the said money has been applied towards the liquidation of the sum of forty thousand Rupees together with interest, which was borrowed by the Officers of the Tunkee Cutcherry from the sister of Mr. Arathoon to be

paid to the respected Nabob Begum Sahiba, in part payment of the amount of balance due on account of the goods supplied to the Palace—besides this up to the death of Azeemoon Nissa Begum Sahiba, a sum of two thousand Rupees due on account of the month of December of the year of Christ 1845 as well as one thousand six hundred and twelve Rupees and fourteen Annas and a quarter due from the first day of the month of January of the year of Christ 1846, down to the twenty-fifth day of the said month of the year above alluded to, that is to say, up to the date of the death, which in all amount to three thousand six hundred and twelve Rupees and fourteen Annas and one quarter, and also the sum of five thousand Rupees on account of the amount of five months' allowance of the Petitioner, stand payable from the Treasury. Written on the twenty-fifth day of the month of Zeeconda of the Hejeree year 1262.

APPENDIX I.

Filed in Court under mark M.

Order of the Nabob, on the Twenty-ninth day of the month of Zeeconda of the Hejeree year 1266, corresponding with 6th October 1850.

It was ordered that Petitioner be informed that so much sum on account of the arrears of her allowance has been paid and so much sum remains due.

(Signed) GHOOLAM ALLY,
Head Moonshee of the Durbar.

APPENDIX J.

Nabob Syedoon Nissa Begum known as Nabob Begum the mother of His Highness the Nabob Auzumjah Bahadoor the father of the last Nabob and of His Highness Prince Azeemjah Bahadoor had during the Regency of her second son His Highness the Prince Auzeemjah Bahadoor contracted debts for which the Circar became voluntarily responsible in consideration of Nabob Begum having relinquished a portion of her annual income amounting to Rupees 2,06,000 out of her full allowance of Rupees 3,50,000 which she received from the time of her husband. The Circar accordingly made arrangements in 1836 for the payment of these debts in the following manner. The debts were divided into two parts. One for the ready money received, and the other for goods received. For the money borrowed Tunkey Cutcherry Bonds were issued, but for the goods debts it was arranged that they should be paid by yearly instalment of Rupees 40,000, this yearly instalment was paid to Her Highness the Nabob Begum regularly up to 1840, for the discharge of the said goods debts. In June 1841, the Nabob Begum requested the Circar to pay her the instalment of the year 1841, in advance, but there being no cash in the Treasury the Circar ordered a Bond for Rupees 40,000 to be made out by Treasury Officer, and this Bond was given into the hands of Goolam Moortoozah Khan to raise the loan and deliver the cash to the Nabob Begum: although the money was obtained by him from Miss Arathoon ostensibly for the purpose of being given to the Begum, yet no money has ever reached the Begum, as he has appropriated the same for his own purpose. On the Nabob ascending the Musnud in August 1842, Rupees 40,000 were still due to Miss Arathoon, as it was included in the 5 Lacs list of Regency debts of the Treasury, which the Nabob had accepted to pay in his letter to Government, dated 20th April 1853, and which was filed in Court under mark V, and which is herewith subjoined.

Copy of the Circar letter to the address of the Honorable Governor Sahib, dated the tenth day of the month of Rujub of the Hejeree year 1269, which corresponds with the 20th day of the month of April, of the year of Christ 1853.

In reply to the letter from that kind friend bearing date of the fifteenth day of the month of February last, giving cover to a paragraph of the Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors your friend has to state that the debts of the Circar contracted in former time and subsequent to the institution of the Istiffa Cutcherry together with a sum of five lacs of Rupees of the Naib-i Mooktiar's time, and seven lacs of Rupees on account of the arrears of the wages of the servants of the Circar amount in all to thirty-seven lacs of Rupees, which money excepting the

debt on account of Naib-i Mooktiar (which has now been ordered to be paid) and the debt of Pondicherry Veeraperma Pillay on account of Mr. Maclean and the debt of Miss Arathoon is now under liquidation by annual payments with the consent of all the other creditors of the Circar according to the arrangements and settlement made by the Istiffa Cutcherry without any kind of complaint.

APPENDIX K.

Filed in Court under mark O.

From GOOLAM ABDUL ⌈KADUR Styled AZEEZOOL MOOLK BAHADUR, to MADAROOL OOMRAH BAHADOOR, Dewan of the Durbar, dated 2nd Mohorum, 1267, corresponding with 7th November 1850.

MY DEAR MAY YOUR FAVOUR CONTINUE.

I received your letter of the 17th Zehazah 1266 Hejeree with an enclosed statement written from Circar Treasury of records with reference to the arrears of the Widow of the late Nujmool Moolk, dated 25th Zecoonda, 1266 Hejeree, but I do not understand the meaning of the following paragraph described in your letter " that the remainder of the said sum was applied in paying the debts amounting to forty thousand Rupees with interest borrowed from the sister of Mr. Arathoon by the Tunkey Cutcherry for the purpose of paying to His Highness Nabob Begum Sahiba a part of the jinsee arrears of Her Davadee." I hope you will satisfy me by writing it distinctly and clearly and oblige.

APPENDIX L.

Filed in Court under mark P.

From the Dewan, to AZEEZOOL MOOLK BAHADOOR, 29th December 1850.
To THE APPRECIATOR OF MY MERITS

MAY YOUR FAVOUR CONTINUE FOR EVER.

In reply to your kind letter dated the second day of the month of Mohorum of the Hejeree year 1267, I inform you that the circumstance of deducting forty thousand Rupees in the Circar from the allowance of the Lady of the late Nujmool Moolk is as follows: That the respected Nabob Begum Sahiba required forty thousand Rupees to be advanced to her out of the amount of the balance due on account of the goods supplied to her Palace and in discharge of which payments were made annually by instalments from the Tunkey Cutcherry. There was no money at that time in the Treasury, a Bond was drawn by the Officers of the Treasury in the month of June of the year of Christ 1841, in favor of the sister of Mr. Arathoon, payable in the month of January of the year of Christ 1842, and sent to the said Begum. Azeemjah Bahadoor made no payments to Soucars in the said month of January, and therefore the money of the said Bond was not paid to the sister of Mr. Arathoon, but afterwards when the administration of the State descended to His illustrious Highness, the said sister made a demand for her money, because it was due on account of the respected Nabob Begum Sahiba. His illustrious Highness therefore caused a sum of forty thousand Rupees on account of the principal, and three thousand one hundred and sixty one Rupees and four Annas and a half on account of interest, to be deducted from the allowance of the Lady of the late Nujmool Moolk, and paid to the said sister through the means of Moomtazool Moolk, although this sum was to have been deducted from the allowance of the respected Nabob Begum Sahiba, yet His Highness did not think it proper to do so, and deducted it from the monthly allowance of the Lady of the late Nujmool Moolk; may your avor be increased. Written on the twenty-fourth day of the month of Suffer of the Hejeree year 1267.

ABDOOL WAHAB.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
5th December 1861.

APPENDIX M.

Filed in Court under mark Q.

From GOOLAM ABDOOL CAUDER Styled AZEEZOOL MOOLK BAHADOOR, to MADAROOL OMRAH BAHADOOR, Dewan of the Durbar, dated 14th Suffer 1268 Hejeree, corresponding with 8th December 1851.

MY DEAR MAY YOUR FAVOUR CONTINUE,

In reply to your letter of the 24th Suffer 1267 Hejeree, stating that the monthly allowance of the widow of the late Najmool Moolk was deducted to pay for the Bond of the Treasury executed in favor of the sister of Mr. Arathoon in consequence the said Bond being given to Her Highness the Nabob Begum Sahiba for the part of the jinsee debts of her Davadee which she was in the habit of obtaining by annual instalments from Tunkee Cutcherry. I beg to inform that it was not incumbent upon Nabob Begum Sahiba to pay the said money. Because Her Highness the Begum Sahiba had not borrowed the Bond from the Treasury that the said money should be deducted out of the stipend of the aforesaid Begum Sahiba and paid to the creditor, but Her Highness Nabob Begum Sahiba obtained a Bond through Tunkee Cutcherry for Rupees 40,000 the usual instalment for 1841, out of the balance due by the Circar to the creditor of Her Highness on account of goods supplied to Her palace so that these circumstances are clearly mentioned in your letter. In this state of things, if the Officers of Circar fail to pay their creditors, then Nabob Begum Sahiba will not be answerable for it, then how is it possible, that the Circar should deduct the above amount out of the stipend of the widow of the late Najmool Moolk to pay the Circar debts. Because at the time of Prince's Regency the officers of Circar had borrowed money from different Soucars in the same manner as they borrowed from the sister of Mr. Arathoon, on executing bonds respectively and applied it in different uses. When His Highness ascended the Throne if his mind was to pay all the above debts he would have also paid the debt borrowed from the sister of Mr. Arathoon. In short, it is far from justice to deduct the stipend of the widow of Najmool Moolk for the purpose of paying the Circar *debts in which she was by no means concerned.* But true it is that when Mumtauzool Moolk Bahadoor had deceitfully obtained the Bond from Nabob Begum Sahiba and got the money from the sister of Mr. Arathoon, he applied it in his own uses and perhaps in the hopes of borrowing some more money in future from her, he made the Circar to pay her so unjustly as above alluded to, otherwise there was no reason to pay to the sister of Mr. Arathoon the whole sum with interest while the Circar has not paid anything to other Soucars, who have still Bonds of the same kind, so that it appears that the said Bahadoor is looking for his own good.

I hope therefore, that the Circar will consider well with reference to this matter, and do justice and pay the arrears of the widow of Najmool Moolk by recovering the money that was given in his hands to pay to the sister of Mr. Arathoon having been deducted from the money due to Mumtauzool Moolk Bahadoor by Circar.

APPENDIX N.

Filed in Court under mark R.

From AHMUDOON NISSA BEGUM, to the NABOB OF THE CARNATIC, dated 27th Suffer 1268 Hejeree, corresponding with 21st December 1851.

MY DEAR BROTHER, AND MY SUPPORTER, MAY YOUR WEALTH CONTINUE,

After due respects, I beg to state that last year your Highness had issued an Order that a sum of Rupees eight thousand six hundred and twelve to be paid to me, the above amount *being my stipend for five months and that of my late mother for one month and a few days which the* Circar had delayed to pay at the time when my mother had departed this soul, but the Officers of Circar did not pay me the whole amount above alluded to, they have stopped Rupees three thousand out of it, and in the present year I have not obtained my pay for one month. I hope your Highness will kindly give orders to pay me the said four thousand Rupees.

I further beg to state that the stipend of my deceased mother amounting to Rupees forty-two thousand four hundred and fifty-one for twenty-one months, *that is from December* 1842 *up to August* 1844, *was not* paid to me up to this day. Last year when I had presented a complaining Petition to your Highness connected to the matter above mentioned, I was informed that the said amount of stipend was paid to the sister of Mr. Arathoon for the purpose of discharging the Treasury debts by means of Ghoolam Moortoozah Khan, the same being borrowed from her by the Officers of Circar in the time of Prince's Regency to pay a part of the jinse arrears of Her Highness the Nabob Begum Sahiba's Davadee, which she was drawing by annual instalments from Tunkee Cutcherry. Oh! investigator of justice, what do they mean by giving amount of the stipend of my deceased mother in the hands of Ghoolam Moortoozah Khan to pay the Treasury debts. If the Circar Officers think that the said amount of money was due by Her Highness Nabob Begum Sahiba then why did they not demand it from her? moreover when my deceased mother had made her repeated applications for her Stipend that was due by Circar, then why did they not inform her the circumstance as they have now done to me? As Almighty God has made your Highness to do justice to the oppressed and helpless creatures, I beg to hope that according to the custom of Great Kings, Your Highness will yourself make a minute enquiry into this case or give orders to some of your just Courtiers to do so, so that they shall be able to know right from wrong and not disappoint me from having my rights. The copies of the letters of the Circar Officers with answers is enclosed herein for the perusal of your Highness.

APPENDIX O.

Filed in Court under mark T.

Report from the President and other Authorities of Istiffa Cutcherry, 18th January 1853.

In the matter of the Petition of Ahmud Oon Nissa Begum received, enclosed in a letter of the Madarool Maham of the Durbar, and which is herewith enclosed, we have the honor to re- present that the sum of 40,000 Rupees of the sister of Mr. Arathoon which by order of Azeemjah Bahadoor was paid as an advance for the balance of the value of provision supplied to the Dava- dee of Nabob Begum Sahiba Khoodsia, has been paid by the Circar. As the Circar did not after His Highness' accession to the Throne attend to settle the former claims, it was necessary for the Circar to have passed over and to keep aloof from liquidating Mr. Arathoon's sister's amount—and as the Circar has now interfered in the matter, and deducted the said amount with- out any reason out of the allowance of the mother of Ahamud Oon Nissa Begum, it is legally and morally necessary for the Circar, that the said sum of 40,000 Rupees be paid to Ahamud Oon Nissa Begum and the amount that has been paid be numbered among the Circar losses.

To write more exceeds the bounds of respect.

7th, Rubeeoossane 1269, Hejeree.

APPENDIX P.

Filed in Court under mark U.

Dated on the 17th Jamadeelawul 1269 Hejeree, corresponding with 26th February 1853.

Ordered that Momtazool Moolk Bahadoor be consulted with for the propriety of paying 40,000 Rupees to Mr Arathoon's sister by deducting it out of the allowance of Ahamud Oon Nissa Begum Sahiba.

(Signed) GHOLAM ALLY,
Head Moonshee of the Durbar.

APPENDIX Q.

Dated 16th Rujub 1269 Hejeree, corresponding with 26th April 1853.

Resolved.

On Saturday the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Members in the matter of the claim of 40,000 Rupees arrears of the mother of Ahamud Oon Nissa Begum, the orders for the investigation o

which from Moomtauzool Moolk Bahadoor had been received from His Highness, that the same be for a short time suspended because the transaction is enclosed in the five lacs of Rupees of the time of the Naib-i Mooktiar and shortly an order will be issued for payment of the same from the Istiffa Cutcherry.

(Signed) Moortaza,
(,,) Ghoolam Ally,
(,,) Mahomed Alli,
(,,) Ahamud Alli,
(,,) Abdool Wahab.

APPENDIX R.

Filed in Court under mark Y.

From GHOOLAM ABDOOL CAUDER, Styled AZEEZOOL MOOLK BAHADOOR; to MADAROOL OOMRAH BAHADOOR, Dewan of the Durbar, dated 27th Ramzan 1271 Hejeree, corresponding with 13th June 1855.

MY DEAR MADAROOL OOMRAH BAHADOOR, MAY YOUR FAVOR CONTINUE.

After my compliments I give you trouble by informing you this, that for about these last three years I have not received an answer to my letter of 14th Suffer 1268 Hejeree. In reply to your letter dated 24th Suffer 1267 Hejeree, with reference to the stipend of the widow of the late Najmool Moolk that was deducted by Circar, I hope you will oblige me by sending me an answer as soon as possible.

APPENDIX S.

Filed in Court under mark Z.

Dated 5th Shawal 1271 Hejeree, corresponding with 21st June 1855.

The order was passed by the Nabob that, from the statement of Salarool Moolk, it is known to His Highness that in consequence of the money of Mr. Arathoon's sister, having been included in the 5 lacs in the time of Regency which His Highness has accepted to pay the members of the Istiffa Cutcherry, resolved to pay to Ahamud Oon Nissa Begum the arrears of the allowance of her mother, which was paid to the sister of Mr. Arathoon, His illustrious Highness is there- fore of opinion that she should be considered as a creditor of Circar, instead of Arathoon's sister, and to pay to her the sum claimed by her from the Istiffa Cutcherry by way of instalments is advisable.

APPENDIX T.

Public Department, No. 559.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 7th December 1847.

Received the following letters from the Government Agent at Chepauk.

Here enter 22nd November 1847, Nos. 72, 73, 74, 75. By the 5th Article of the Treaty of 1801 it is stipulated that one-fifth part of the net Revenues of the Carnatic shall be annually allotted for the maintenance and support of the said Nabob and his own immediate family and under date the 10th September 1819, the Government Agent at Chepauk reported on the num- ber, state and circumstances of the family and dependents of the late Nabob of the Carnatic Azeemood Dowlah Bahadoor, from which it would appear that the following monthly allowances were assigned to the three ladies whose Karythas are now under consideration.

To Azeemoon Nissa Begum Rupees 2,004.
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2. These ladies have long enjoyed the stipends assigned to them, and as the character and good faith of the British Government are concerned in maintaining them in a state be-

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Resolved that the Governmeet Agent at Chepauk be requested to inform the Begums i reply to their Karythas that His Lordship in Council has urged on His Highness the Nabob the propriety of an early compliance with their just demands.

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The sentiments of Government respecting the claims of the Ladies named in the margin, have already been recorded in a resolution, dated 7th December last, those views have received the concurrence and approval of the Supreme Government, and it is only now necessary to observe that the one-fifth share of the Revenues of the Carnatic, besides being as already noticed "for the maintenance and support of the said Nabob" and "of his own immediate family" is also stated in the Treaty to be "for the Mahal of His late Highness the Ameerul Omrah" which shows, that the support of the Mahals of the preceding Nabob or Nabobs was intended in tha stipulation.

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By order,
(Signed) H. C. MONTGOMERY,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1861, No. 537.

Resolved that a copy of the above Petition be forwarded to the late Commissioner Dr. Balfour, and that he be requested to report what enquiry was made by the Commissioners on Petitioner's claim, and with what result—also whether in any case the Commissioner recommended payment of such arrears as those claimed by Petitioner, viz., such as were not due to a party alive at the time of the Nabob's death, but to another party then deceased and through whom the claim of the first party was derived. Dr. Balfour will also state whether Petitioner is her mother's sole heir, or whether the latter has any other representative.

2. Resolved also that the Petition be forwarded to the Government Agent at Chepauk, and to the Government Law Officers for any information that they may be able to give regarding it.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

APPENDIX **R.**

Filed in Court under mark **Y.**

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Political Department.

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By order,

(Signed) H. C. MONTGOMERY,

Offg. Chief Secretary.

Referred to Chief Secy who will inform H. Ex the Govr what is delaying the final settlement of the question herein set forth — It is even nearly a year since the matter was referred for disposal —

By order
W.S. (?) P.S.

17 June 1862
Guindy (?) [illegible]

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1 This claim dates from August 1844 that is it is of 17 years standing — I don't clearly understand, but I doubt whether it was ever intended to pay such demands as these — Did any of those noticed in the margin of page 10 go back as far?

2 It seems that the Petr did apply to the Comn. who told her that the Circar —

record did not sub-
-stantiate her claim -
Did she appeal from
this?
3. The commission has
now closed and it is
very undesirable to reopen
the matter -
4. Perhaps the petition had
better be referred to the Ch.
-[illegible] Agent for his re-
-marks - but he must
have a hint to be careful
how he writes.
5 - There is reported com

so it may be discover-
-ed whether it be
necessary to apply to
the Advocate General -

The appendices T U
prove nothing - They
only show that during
the Nabob's life she was
urged by him in general
terms to pay the petition-
er money among others -
but that is a very differ-
-ent thing from her
undertaking the payment

of such old arrears
Remitted.

Mr French

Political No 383.

Memo

This Petition relates to a claim of Nabob Ahmed oon Nissa Begum against the Nawab's Estate for Rs. 58,000 on account of arrears of allowance due by the late Nawab to her mother Nabob Azeem oon Nissa Begum. There is no record of this particular case in the Govt. Proceedings, but there is a record of the cases noted in para 18 of the Petition. The Commission have closed its labours & final Texts have been submitted. The original papers being the Proceedings

Proceedings of Govt which form the Appendix to the Petition, I & V, are not in the Office, but are I learn with the Law Off. Govt together with the papers connected with the investigation and settlement yielding assets to the Nawab's Estate. The Petition may be circulated to the Members of Govt or sent to the Chief Secy to Govt & it may be referred to the Advocate General, if such reference be at all necessary for his report upon the case as decided in the Supreme Court, with especial reference to the statements made in paras 7, 8 & 9 of the Petition.

A. D. S.

23 Aug 81.

If the decision of the Commissioner for investigating & settling claims for arrears of wages &c on the cases noted in para 6, be required, they will be got up at once. Further search was made for the Proceedings of Govt alluded to the Petitioners, but without success.

Seen first to Mr
Pycroft. The decree
of the Sup: Court quashes
the claim as one of
right — and I do not
see the use of contesting
such claims in Court
if other words be at-
tached to them from service
-dity. These cases are
however peculiar & Mr
Pycroft will know
whether this one sh^d be
literally considered [illegible]

Political Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Nabob Ahmed oon Nissa Begum. —

(Here enter 17 Augt. 1861.)

Order thereon 5th Novr. 1861 No. 537.

Resolved that a copy of the above Petition be forwarded to the late Commissioner Dr. Balfour, and that he be requested to report what enquiry was made by the Commissioners on Petitioner's claim, and with what result — also whether in

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of such arrears as
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Petitioner - viz: such
as were not due to
a party alive at
the time of the Nabob's
death, but to another
party then deceased
and through whom
the claim of the first
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Dr. Balfour will
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JP

15 C. L. Letter

Surgeon Major E. J. Balfour. 3
to the Govt. Agent at Chepauk. 3
" Govt. Solicitor. 3
} Despd 6th

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Political 1861. Department.

No.

PROCEEDINGS of GOVERNMENT.

Dated 2 Decr 1861.—

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Memo.

After wading through a mass of papers in the Office & those received from the Govt. Solicitor's Office, I have been enabled to trace the original instructions respecting the settlement of accounts of wages, allowances &c and to complete the Memo. of the Chief Secretary with explanatory marginal notes. Should the Memo. be approved, it can be recopied for circulation to the Members of Govt. There is one point on which information can be furnished by the Agent alone, as we have not the Accounts to

refer

refer to - that in, received
-lar to the present one in
which the arrears of allow-
-ance due to a member of
the family who died before
the pension demise, were
paid to the heir or repres-
-entative

A. R. S.
20 Oct. 61.

Memo to the effect of the Chief Secretary's
Notes on the Petition of Nabob Ahmud
oon Nissa Begum, claiming arrears of al-
lowance due to her mother by the late Nawab
of the Carnatic.

This Petition is circu-
-lated to the Members of Govt.
for their orders as to its disposa-
-sal. They will have in the
first place to consider whether
they will entertain the applic-
-ation at all, or whether they
will reject it in limine on the
grounds.

1st That the Commissioners for
investigating the arrears of
Stipends, Salaries &c. due by
the Nawab did not find
the claim to be substantiated.

2d That the Petitioner did
not appeal to Govt. against
their rejection of her claim,
but chose to seek her re-
-medy in the Supreme Court,
where she failed.

3d That the Commission
has been dissolved - its ac-
-counts closed, and cannot
be re-opened.

2. Further it is to be observed
that

I think that there are
fair grounds for a full
investigation of the claim
this fact that the Supreme
Court refused to admit it
does not make against
that as the decision was to
the effect that the claim
did not come within the
limits of Rule defined
by a certain Act enacting

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that the Petitioner does not claim arrears of Stipend due to herself but to her mother who died 25th January 1846. about ten years before the death of the Nawab and 17 years prior to the present date. The † Orders to the Commissioners referred generally to payment of arrears of Stipends &c. due by the Nawab, but whether they contemplated payment of such arrears as those claimed by the Petitioner, or only those due to relatives who were alive at the time of the Nawab's decease, does not appear. The late Commissioner will be able to say whether any such # arrears as those now claimed have been paid in any other case. His Highness Prince Azeem Jah received the arrears due to his mother Saeed oon Nissa Begum, but she survived the Nawab.

† The Orders originally issued in respect to arrears of wages and allowances were those contained in the last para of Gt: Mr: Cons: 23d Oct. 1856 No 379. See also last clause of the last para of Gt: Mr. Cons: dated 24th Dec. 1856 No 532. viz "The Examination of the claims to arrears "of wages and allowances exhibited in "the Statements submitted by the Agent "with his letter of the 6th "Instt" i.e. 6th Dec. "1856 No 184 / and verification of the al- "leged services and arrears - and report "upon the several claims". In the Statement referred to under the head of "Mahalat" are included "all payments "to the immediate family the Begums "&c &c. The total arrears due is inserted "at Rs 2,76,872-15- of which amount Rs "143,109-1-3 accumulated during the "year of the Nawab's demise".

That is arrears due to members of the Carnatic family who died prior to the late Nawab, and claimed by their heirs or representatives.

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Note
The arrears of these allowances have however been paid in all cases in which the claims have been substantiated.

Vide Gt: Mun: Cons:.
24th April 1857 No 318
last para

3. It is to be remarked that these family allowances which may have been intermitted for sundry domestic reasons not easy to trace stand in a different light from debts for goods had and delivered - or even from arrears of wages for services done and performed. It is to be noted too, that the payment of all these arrears of Stipends, allowances, pensions and wages has been expressly stated by Government to be a mere act of grace and bounty on their part and in no way obligatory on them.

4. If however the Members of Govt think fit to go into the claim - which certainly as put in the Petition has a plausibility about it - Dr Balfour, as late Commissioner, might be called

called upon to report "what proceedings were held by the Commission upon the claim what enquiry was made, and with what result" on receipt of his report reference might if necessary be made to the Govt Law Officers to know their opinion on the claim and what took place about it in the Supreme Court— or the Law Officers might at once be directed to report on the Petition in communication with Govt Balfour.

5. In the orders I to V in the Appendix to the Petitioner, the Nawaub is urged to pay the arrears due to certain Ladies & to continue them allowances for the future.* These orders bear date 7th Decr 1847. 5th Feby 1848 - whereas Azeem oon Nissa Begum, one of the ladies named, Petitioners Mother, had died on the 25th Jany 1846 & the orders as regards at least

"but continue to the Ladies of that "family the allowances they "had so long been accustomed "to receive"

Vide Govt Minr of Counc: 4 October 1858 - No 6444. which sanctions the payment of arrears only from the date of accession of his late Highness to the 31 Dec 1854

least the continuance of the allowances could not apply to her.

6. The Petitioners claim can under any circumstances hardly hold good for the Rs: 15,000 which accrued prior to the Nawab's accession - No arrears have been paid to any one for periods prior to that date. It is said that the late Nawab drew the Punjum Nissa for the whole year 1842 but for the period antecedent to his accession August 25th he probably drew only the balance of the Punjum Nissa - Prince Azeem Jah drew the monthly allowance Rs. 10,000 - and out of it should have paid all stipends to the Family - They are not chargeable on the balance of the Punjum Nissa -

7. After thinking a good deal over this matter

* These papers were only lately received from the Govt Solicitors Office and the further correspondence that ensued thereon traced in the office - It will be seen from Govt Minr Counc: dated 7th March 1848 No 99 that in sanctioning an advance of three lacs of Rupees to the Nawab, the Govt in para 5 of those orders stated that they did so "on the understanding that His Highness would not only discharge the arrears due to the family of the late Nawab Azeem ud Doulah -

The Petitioner herself states in para: 3 that the allowance to her Mother was disbursed annually out of the Punjum Nissa.

In his letter of the 11 June 1856 No 35 the Agent furnishes a Statement of the Stipends granted to the Members of the Carnatic Family which, he says, were drawn from the one-fifth share of the Carnatic Revenues -

matter it seems to me that the claim is one that should not be summarily rejected, but that reference should be made to the late Commissioner Dr. Balfour - to the present Agent - and to the Law officers for any information that they may be able to afford. If the case is as stated, the claim seems a strong one - The Govt. professed to discharge all arrears of allowances to the Carnatic Family which accrued during the incumbency of the late Nabob, and it is not easy to say on what principle these should not be paid - That the arrears were due not to the Petitioner herself, but to her mother, does not seem to affect the question -

This draft has been prepared accordingly

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Memorandum
on the Petition of Nabob Ahmud oon Nissa Begum claiming payment of the arrears of allowance due to her Mother by the late Nawab of the Carnatic. —

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Forwarding for report to the late Commissioner Dr. Balfour and asking the Government agent at Chepauk & to the Government Law officer copy of a petition from Nabob Ahmed oon nissa Begum requesting payment of the arrears due by the late Nabob to her as the sole heir and representative of her deceased mother Nabob Ahyeen oon =nissa Begum.

Rec. Letter to Engd. 25th Septr.
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