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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
29th May 1862.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 67. To the Right Honorable Sir WILLIAM DENISON, K. C. B., Governor of Fort Saint George, Madras.

The humble Petition of Miss M. A. WOLKERS,
Daughter of the late General Doctor WOL-
KERS.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That with sentiments of profoundest deference your Excellency's poor Petitioner begs to submit to your Excellency the following grievance in the humblest hope and expectation, that your Excellency's generosity will in your superior knowledge and deep wisdom redress and relieve her as early as possible.

That your Petitioner's father was employed as a General Doctor under the service of the Dutch Government, but after his decease your Petitioner and her sister having made their applications to the Government through the Collector Cotton, Esq., a pension of 35 Rupees was granted on the grounds of having no other remedy to live as well as being deprived of her relations and also of your Excellency's Petitioner's father having been in the service of the Dutch Government, and after the death of her sister your Excellency's Petitioner was left the only victim of penury and distress, and after her sister's death your Excellency's Petitioner was enjoying the amount of Rupees 24-8 which was then altered at the time of Mr. A Sinclair, Sub-Collector in charge of Tanjur, and after frivolous charges having been brought against her stating that she is a woman of great felicity and who lives a happy life by enjoying the abundance of her properties, the complaint issued without being investigated, immediately was ordered to discontinue the pension by Kindersley, Esq., and as your Excellency's Petitioner having been deprived of her pension for the last 24 years was obliged to live a sorrowful life, mortgaging her properties by degrees, and unable to recover them, was obliged to dispose the said properties, and in this manner her little properties were all ruined, till at last, your Excellency's Petitioner is now brought to a distressed state and destitute of every comforts and conveniences of life, and that your Excellency's Petitioner humbly solicits to have compassion on her in this old age of 68 years, that her remaining period of life may be spent by granting her the former pension. In grateful remembrance of this high act of charity and benevolence,

Your Excellency's Petitioner, as in duty bound shall ever pray.

NEGAPATAM,
5th March 1862.

(Signed) M. A. WOLKERS.

From G. LEE MORRIS, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chedubava, 13th May 1862, No. 411.

With reference to the Proceedings* of Government under date the 17th ultimo, No. 155;

* Political Department.
Petition herewith returned.

I have the honor to state that, from the enquiries made at Negapatam by the late Acting Head Assistant Collector Mr. Plumer, respecting the circumstances of the Petitioner therein referred to, there appears to be no doubt that Miss Wolkers has been reduced to a state of extreme poverty and is now utterly destitute of the means of subsistence.

2. It is true, as reported† by Mr. Kindersley in 1837, that Miss Wolkers was, at that time, the acknowledged heir of a Mrs. Peters—her Aunt—who was possessed of considerable property; but the present enquiry shows that since then not only has the whole of that property been swallowed up by the debts and other liabilities with which it was burdened, but that the Petitioner has never received certain sums which she was expecting from Holland, thus having been brought to a state of destitution, which now compels her to live in the poorest way in a native house, and with a native family who are but very little better off than herself.

† Vide letter to the Accountant General, 21st November 1837.

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ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1862, No. 210.

The foregoing petition with the report thereon of the Collector of Tanjore will be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India with the strong recommendation of Government that, in consideration of her advanced age, and present extreme state of destitution, the stipend of Rupees 24-8 originally enjoyed by Miss M. A. Wolkers be again conferred upon her.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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to the Acting Collector
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Despatch 30th Dec 1884