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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters from the Government Agent at Chepauk.

(Dated 18th, 23rd and 26th July 1862, Nos. 381, 389 and 392.)

ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1862, No. 316.

In Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 23rd December 1857, No. 1,068, the Government after full considerarion of the late Chepauk Agent's Reports and the revised Lists therewith submitted, of the relatives, dependants and servants of the late Nawab of the Carnatic maintained out of the monthly allowance of 12,000 Rupees assigned to his Lady, fixed the future stipend to be paid to Her Highness Khair-un-Nissa Begum at Rupees 9,350 per mensem.

2. In a letter, dated 17th January 1862, No. 35, submitting a report on the state of Her Highness the Begum's affairs, Major Wilson, the present Agent represented (paragraph 2) that Her Highness was married to the late Nawab in the year 1848, and that from that time till 1858, she had no control whatsoever over her household; that she received an allowance of Rupees 1,000 per mensem as Pin money, but that her servants were paid, and her household managed on all points by the Nawab's Dewan. Under the circumstances brought to notice in this Report, the Agent seemed to think it absolutely necessary that Government should take steps for the regulation of Her Highness' affairs—and he submitted as his decided opinion that the only step open to Government in the matter was the removal, to such extent as might be necessary, of the exemption enjoyed by Her Highness from the Courts of Law. His reasons for considering the measure recommended the only one that could be taken are fully given in paragraphs 6 to the end of his Report.

3. In a subsequent letter, dated 25th February 1862, No. 165, Major Wilson, in order to show the true nature of Her Highness' claims, traces her career from the date of her marriage down to the present time. The undermentioned Abstract shows how the allowance of 12,000 Rupees assigned to Her Highness was distributed during the life time of His Highness the late Nawab of the Carnatic.

Amount paid on account of Khair-un-Nissa Begum.			
Average household expenses... ...	Rupees	2,967	
Pin money (a fixed sum)	,,	1,000	
			3,967
Amount paid to Nawab's servants:			
Stipend of Ashruff-un-Nissa Begum, Pensioners, Singers and Charities	,,	4,841	
Amount paid on account of the late Enayut-un-Nissa Begum.			
Support of her servants	,,	1,269	
For discharge of her debts	,,	500	
			1,769
Unappropriated floating balance		...	1,423
		Total Rupees	12,000

In paragraph 18, the Agent remarks that "the confusion of Her Highness' affairs is attributable to her having been permitted to assume a position which she was never allowed to occupy during the Nawab's life time. It is to be remedied by replacing her, as far as possible, in her original position. Government has already removed from her charge the servants of the late Nawab, and has given permission to sue Her Highness in Court on cause shown. If the servants of the late Begum* are now removed from her, Her Highness will be exactly in the position she occupied during her late husband's life time, with the exception that she will be in receipt of an income twice as large as that which she enjoyed during his existence."

* Enayut-un-Nissa Begum, mother of the late Nawab.

4. As the List of the late Begum's dependants, which Her Highness had been so repeatedly called upon to furnish could not be obtained from her, Major Wilson recommended that one should be prepared from the documents in the Agency Office; that a copy of this List should be

furnished to Her Highness for any remarks she might choose to offer, and that the List and the Begum's remarks should be then submitted for the consideration of Government, and that, if it be then found expedient, Government would direct the payment of those now surviving to be made direct from his Office, a corresponding deduction being made from the amount paid to Her Highness.

5. The Government in their Proceedings of the 13th March last, No. 103, approved of the course recommended by the Agent. Major Wilson has now submitted with the letters noted at the head of these Proceedings several Statements showing the details of the actual distribution, during the life time of the late Nawab, of the monthly allowance of Rupees 12,000 nominally assigned to Her Highness by her husband. The Statements forwarded with the Agent's letter of the 23rd July, No. 389, furnish the details of the Abstract Statement appended to his letter to Her Highness, 6th May 1862, No. 280, a copy of which accompanies his letter to Government of the 18th July, No. 381. The N. B. to this Abstract Statement shows that only Rupees 3,759-6-9 are for the Begum's own use. In his communication to Her Highness, Major Wilson says "Government intends to order that all sums payable out of that allowance, *i e.*, 12,000 Rupees, by order of the Nawab being deducted, the balance shall be paid to your Highness for your own use. This arrangement is to commence from the date of the suspension of your Highness' stipend (September 1861)."

6. The Statements forwarded with the Agent's last letter 26th July, No. 392, are an English translation of a Persian document showing how the Begum's nominal allowance of 12,000 Rupees per mensem was actually distributed in April 1855, and a classifying List showing the manner in which the various items contained in the Persian document are classified in the Distribution Statement submitted with the Agent's letter of the 23rd July, No. 389, and referred to in the preceding paragraph.

7. The Government must observe that the Agent has wholly misapprehended the requisition as contained in their Order of the 13th March last, No. 103. That Order simply called for a List of the dependants and servants of the mother of the late Nawab, Enayut-un-Nissa Begum, with the arrears of wages due to them and to the heirs of such as might have died, and it called for nothing more. Government did not ask for, and do not require, detailed information in respect to the manner in which the allowance nominally made to Her Highness Khair-un-Nissa Begum was appropriated during the life time of the late Nawab. Major Wilson had explicitly stated that as the Government had given permission to all of Her Highness' Creditors to sue her in Court on good cause, if the servants of her mother-in-law were removed from her, all that was necessary would have been done. Beyond this the Government never intended to go, to re-open the question of the allowance granted to the Begum in 1857, or in any way to mix themselves up with Her Highness' affairs.

8. The Governor in Council now resolves to return to the Agent his letters of the 18th, 23rd and 26th ultimo, with their enclosures and to direct him, in lieu of them, to furnish a List of the late Enayut-un-Nissa Begum's dependants and servants prepared in precise accordance with the Order of the 13th March 1862. When the List has been drawn up, it should be submitted to Her Highness Khair-un-Nissa Begum for her remarks and should then be laid before Government. The Governor in Council desires that this List be furnished with all possible despatch. As the servants on the death of the Nawab in 1855 were in receipt only of salaries amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 1,269 per mensem, the List should not take long to prepare. Her Highness' stipend, it would seem, has been stopped since September last, and the Government connot permit any further delay to occur in the disposal of the matter.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Government Agent at Chepauk,
(with three letters and enclosures returned.)

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Political *Department.*

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(Dated 18th 23rd & 26th July 1862
Nos 381, 389 & 392)

Order thereon 11th August 1862 No 316

Ex Ex from the Minutes of Consultation dated 23rd December 1857. No 1068, the Govt. after full consideration of the late Chepauk Agent's reports & the revised Lists therewith submitted, of the relatives, dependants & servants of the late Nawab of the Carnatic maintained out of the monthly allowance of 12,000 Rs. assigned to his Estate, fixed the future stipend to be paid to Her Highness Khair

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Amount

Amounts paid pr account of Khair un Nifsa Begum

Average Household expenses - Rs: 2967
Pin money (a fixed sum) —— 1000 — 3,967 — —

Amount paid to Nawab's servants

Stipend of Ashruff un Nifsa Begum
Pensioners, Singers and Charities 2/3 — 4,841 — —

Amount paid on account of the late
Enayut - un - Nifsa Begum

Support of her servants —— 1269
For discharge of her debts —— 500 — 1,769 — —

Unappropriated floating balance —— 1423

Total Rupees 12,000

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To Govt. Agent
at Chepauk,
With 3 letters & enclosures ret[d]

Desp[d] 11th

Pol. 1862. *Department.*

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 11th August-/62

Receiving the allowance to K. A. Khajeh un nissa Begum and the payment of her mother in law's dependants and servants

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