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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	366	Press Vis.
Dated	15-9-	1962

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
15th September 1862.*

No. 32. Read the following letter from Major R. S. WILSON, Government Agent at Chepauk, and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends; to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 30th August 1862, No. 420.

I have the honor to report as directed in Government endorsement No. 2,015 of 1862, on the Petition* of the grand-children of the late Carnatic Stipendiary

* Herewith returned.

Shurf-oo-Nissa Begum.

2. That lady was a Nickah daughter of the Wallajah. She was stipended in 1801, and died in 1862. Petitioners request that her stipend may be continued to them. I declined to recommend their petition to Government on the following grounds:

3. In G. O., 12th December 1859, No. 723, para. 11, Government says "as regards the Stipends of 1801, these have now run on for nearly 60 years, and should never be continued unless on very strong grounds." In the concluding sentence of the same para. it is also mentioned that the continuance even of such of these stipends as are included in classes 1 and 2 of Dr. Balfour's list, is not to be considered as guaranteed; but will be decided according to circumstances and at the discretion of Government on the lapses occurring.

4. There do not appear to me to be any very strong grounds for the continuance of the pension in question. On the contrary, it would appear as if that branch of the Wallajah's family which Petitioners represent (by female descent throughout) had already received from the liberality of Government, as much as, if not more than, the other branches. The family have received Rupees 416 per mensem from 1801 to 1862. Seraj-oo-Nissa Begum whose position and stipend exactly corresponded with those of the late Shurf-oo-Nissa Begum, died in 1820, Rupees 250 per mensem were continued to her husband, son, and daughter, and on their decease small sums were continued to their respective families. A similar course was pursued on the deaths of other persons similarly situated, for instance, Azeez-oo-Nissa Begum, and Dowlut-oo-Nissa Begum, to whose immediate successors Rupees 130 respectively were continued. On the other hand, another person similarly situated, Rabbiah Begum, having died in 1804, Government was pleased to continue to her family the whole of her stipend. It appears from these facts that Government on such occasions has taken into consideration the length of time the stipend has been enjoyed since its first grant. In case of an early lapse the whole stipend has been continued. In cases of lapses occurring at ordinary intervals, portions of the stipend have been continued, the principle followed in these cases appears equally applicable in cases such as the present, where no lapse having occurred for a very long period, a particular family has enjoyed a great advantage over others having equal claims. The amount already received by Petitioners exceeds the amount which would have been disbursed, had a pension of the same amount been continued for three lives of 30 years each, diminishing by one-third at each lapse.

5. For this reason, and also because Petitioners are not helpless women or children, but men of mature age who are capable of supporting themselves and their families, I do not recommend their petition to Government.

6. I beg to add that the cases quoted by Petitioners as precedents, do not in fact apply to their case.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1862, No. 366.

Mahomed Sultan Hussain,
Mahomed Ukkur Hussain,
Mahomed Murtooza Hussain.

The Governor in Council concurs in the opinion expressed by the Agent in the foregoing letter, and resolves to inform the Petitioners that he declines to grant to them any portion of the stipend which has lapsed by the death of their grand-mother the late Shurf-oo-Nissa Begum.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Read the following
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Agent at Chepauk.

(Dated 30 August 1862 No. 20)

Order thereon 15 Sept. 1862 No. 366.

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Mahomed Sultan Hussain
Mahomed Akbar Hussain
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Petitioners need not be
bothered, but only the petition
which entered fully into
the case.

To the Govt. Agent at Chepauk. 3
Pahyroy, J.P. for Comr. to
the Petitioners at Hyderabad.
in reference to their Petition
dated June, 1862.

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