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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

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15th September 1862.*

No. 34. 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 10th September 1862, No. 429.

I have the honor to forward the List of the late Ennayut-oo-Nissa Begum's servants called for in G. O., 11th August 1862, No. 316.

2. With regard to the form of report adopted by me in my letters as per margin,* and also with regard to the information called for in the above G. O., as to the amount of arrears of wages due by Her Highness Khyre-oo-Nissa Begum to her dependants, I beg to submit the following explanation.

* 18th July 1862, No. 381.
23rd " " " 389.
26th " " " 392.

3. In 1857, Government decided on removing from Her Highness' charge such of the servants of the late Nabob as had been paid, during his life-time by assignments on Her Highness' nominal stipend of Rupees 12,000 per mensem. Her Highness was accordingly called on to furnish a return of these servants which Her Highness did, showing a total of 134 persons drawing the amount of Rupees 2,650. That sum was separated from the allowance, and the balance Rupees 9,350 was settled on Her Highness, subject to the charge of supporting the servants of the late Dowager Begum, Ennayut-oo-Nissa. Her Highness having altogether neglected that charge, Government found itself compelled to order a list of the Dowager Begum's servants to be prepared, that they also might be removed from Her Highness' charge. Her Highness being called on to furnish this list, positively refused to do so. It became therefore necessary to search for other means of obtaining the required information; and a document of indisputable authority was found amongst the late Nabob's records, from which the list now sent has been prepared; but from which it also appears beyond question that the list of the Nabob's servants, furnished as above by the Begum in 1857, is quite incorrect, the real total of persons having been 385, drawing the amount of Rupees 4,841, which shows an omission from the Begum's list of 251 persons drawing Rupees 2,191. Since that list was sent in, these persons have been treated by Her Highness as if they belonged to the class of the late Ennayut-oo-Nissa Begum's servants—but the list now sent shows that this is not the case. I beg therefore to submit the position of those omitted persons as one deserving the consideration of Government, and to request permission to add their names to the list herewith forwarded for having been improperly omitted from the one list; if they are not now included in the other, they will, without any fault of their own, be deprived of their rights, and of their means of subsistence.

4. The document above mentioned is a statement prepared by order of the late Nabob, a few months before his death; showing the manner in which Her Highness Khyre-oo-Nissa Begum's nominal allowance of Rupees 12,000 was really expended, for of that nominal allowance, not more than a third was laid out on account of the Begum. Of the other two thirds Rupees 500 was set apart by the Nabob's order for the liquidation of the late Dowager Begum's debts—about Rupees 1,250 were appropriated by the same authority for the support of the same lady's servants—about Rupees 4,800 had been granted by the Nabob in pay or pensions to various servants of his own; and there remained about Rupees 1,400, unappropriated, but available for any purpose His Highness might choose, from time to time, to order. The statement sets forth all the above in detail. It was prepared by the late Ittibar Jung, who had charge of the Begum's establishment in the Nabob's life-time. It is verified by the said Ittibar Jung's son Gholam Modeen, who assisted in its preparation; and also by many other respectable witnesses. Finally its authority is confirmed in the most decisive manner by Her Highness' own conduct, who has continued since 1857, till the present time, to make payments on account of their salaries to those whose names appear in it, although their names do not appear either in Her Highness' list of 1857 or in the list now sent. It cannot be supposed that Her Highness would have made such payments to persons having no claim, and when it is found that Her Highness' actions as well as the claimants' statements, corres-

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pond with the document in question, the authority of that document appears unquestionable, nor has it been questioned by Her Highness, when an opportunity was afforded Her Highness of doing so.

5. I beg respectfully to submit that the measure now proposed is the only one by which justice can be done to all parties; that it is not a departure from the principle laid down in 1857, but on the contrary a carrying out of that principle which has been hitherto in part evaded; that Her Highness the Begum can have no ground of complaint seeing that she has by her own actions admitted the justice of the claims in question, and that if the measure is carried out Her Highness will then be in possession of an allowance (Rupees 6,000) more by a third than she enjoyed in the life-time of the late Nabob.

6. I further beg to submit that the proposed measure appears to offer a means of settling another branch of the question which it will, I fear, be found very difficult to settle in any other way, viz., the arrears of unpaid salary due by the Begum to the various persons who have been hitherto paid out of her stipend. This Office has no means of ascertaining the amount of those arrears. The whole amount of arrears due to the Begum at the time of the Nabob's death was paid to Her Highness with an understanding that Her Highness would settle the arrears of her dependants due up to that time; and that she would continue to pay them their salaries regularly for the future. No precautions were taken against the chance of Her Highness neglecting these engagements, and it is now stated by the said dependants that Her Highness has neglected them to a great extent, but the accounts are altogether in Her Highness' hands, and she refuses to produce them. Unless therefore an amount of pressure were used towards Her Highness to compel her to produce them, which I cannot suppose Government would contemplate, there appear no means of settling the many petitions on this subject now before Government. But if the measure now proposed be adopted, I conceive that the question of arrears might with justice be considered as settled also—for the adoption of that measure would confer on the petitioners, advantages so considerable that the petitioners might fairly be expected to accept the measure as a full settlement of all their claims. These advantages are, first, their being placed on a secure footing as to the receipt of their salaries, and secondly their entering into the secure enjoyment of those salaries on terms more than ordinarily favorable, for they will receive their salaries as in the Nabob's life-time, without coming under the operation of the rules by which the pensions granted to the sirkar servants were regulated. Those advantages undoubtedly form a fair equivalent for any sums that may be due on account of arrears.

7. These remarks, it must be noticed, do not apply to those persons who were removed from Her Highness' charge in 1857, but of those, the number who have claims against Her Highness for arrears is small; and they might be granted permission to sue Her Highness in Court for them.

No. 35.

ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1862, No. 367.

Resolved that the Government Agent at Chepauk be directed to forward a copy of the list of the servants of Enayet-oo-Nissa Begum which accompanied the above letter, to Her Highness Khyre-oo-Nissa Begum for any remarks that she may have to make on the persons entered in the list, and on the allowances payable to them. Her Highness should be distinctly warned that the Government will tolerate no more delay in the settlement of this matter, and that unless she returns the list with any observations that she may have to make upon it within ten days from its receipt, the list will be considered as admitted by her and will be acted on accordingly. The Agent will re-submit the list to Government for final orders at the expiration of the ten days allowed to the Begum, with any remarks that he may find it necessary to offer.

2. The Government will reserve their opinion on the further proposal of the Agent that provision should now be made for such of the Nabob's servants chargeable on the Begum's stipend as in his view were omitted from the list sent in by the Begum in 1857. Major Wilson will as soon as possible furnish a statement of such persons as they now stand, and of the allowances payable to them.

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3. Meanwhile it seems from the Agent's letter (para. 5) that after meeting all claims to which she may be liable on account of her Mother-in-law's servants, or those of the Nabob, the Begum's stipend will under any circumstances be Rupees 6,000 per mensem. There can be no reason for longer withholding from her so much of the stipend allotted to her in 1857 as will be equal to this latter sum. Rupees 6,000 per mensem will therefore be paid to Her Highness with arrears from the date of stoppage—the balance of the stipend, Rupees 3,350, being left for future adjustment.

Extract Minutes Consultation,
23rd December 1857, No.
1,068.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge,

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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from the Govt. Agent at Chepauk

(No. 10 Sept. 1862 No. 429)

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To the Govt. Agent at the Court } Despd 15th M.S.
" Civil Paymaster. }
" Accountant General. } Despd 16th

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT,

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Dated 15 Sept/62.

directing the Govt Agent
Chapman forward to the
Highness by a Mr. Nixon
begging the list submitted by
him of the servants of the late
Princess - on - her Majesty,
and to furnish a statement of
the servants chargeable on the
begum's stipend and that by her
in her list of 1857. Desiring
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the payment of the begum
of 8000 Rs per mensem with
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