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## Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 46 Press Mis

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Read again Memorial of Madar-ool-Oomrah Bahadoor, Dewan of the Durbar of the late Nawab of the Carnatic, dated 19th August, and recorded in Proceedings of the 10th September 1861.

No. 10. Read also the following letter from Major R. S. WILSON, Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 10th January 1862, No. 10.

I have the honor to report, as directed in G. O. No. 391, 10th September 1861, on the third clause of the last paragraph of a Memorial addressed to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India by Madar-ool-Oomrah Bahadoor, Ex-Dewan of the late Nabob of the Carnatic, and dated 19th August 1861.

2. Memorialist in the above mentioned part of his Memorial brings forward three claims.

3. The first is for arrears of salary alleged to be due to him from the time of the Regency. Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, in his Despatch, dated 8th December 1859, No. 19, has directed that claims dating from that period shall not be taken into consideration.

4. The second is for arrears of salary alleged to be due to Memorialist from the year 1842, and the third for arrears of salary alleged to be due to Memorialist from the years 1846 and 1847.

5. With regard to these claims, I beg in the first place, to remark, that the Dewan was himself a Member of the Commission appointed for the purpose of enquiring into and settling the debts of the late Nabob, and he remained a Member of that Commission until, the work being completed, the Commission was closed. He was therefore in the best possible position for bringing forward and proving any claims he may have had on the late Nabob. He made no claim however all the time the Commission was open, nor even afterwards, until, having obtainad leave to proceed to Mecca, he was about to embark, he then, ten days before embarkation, forwarded the above mentioned Memorial to Government, [illegible]

6. This conduct appears to call for explanation; and the explanation is easily given. It is well known in Madras that the Dewan's mind was sensibly weakened previous to his embarkation. The Memorial in question was prepared, unknown to him, by some Members of his family, who succeeded by importunity, in inducing the Dewan to affix his seal to it.

7. The Dewan never claimed any arrears of salary, so long as he was master of himself, because he knew well that no such arrears were due. The non-payment to him of the sums claimed in the Memorial, is accounted for as follows.

8. When the late Nabob attained his majority, he fixed the salaries of his Officers on a liberal scale, and set up an expensive establishment. It was soon found necessary to retrench, and this necessity continued to be felt till His Highness' death. Under this necessity, the salaries of his Officers were reduced, but, to save appearances, this reduction was effected by *deferring* payment of a portion of the said salaries, an expedient in accordance with the feeling and practice of Native Courts.

9. The Dewan's salary was first (in 1842) fixed at Rupees 1,000 per mensem. It was then converted into Rupees 600 *cash*, and Rupees 400 *deferred*, it was then reduced to Rupees 900 *cash*, then to Rupees 700 *cash*, then to Rupees 350 *cash*, and Rupees 350 *deferred*, and then to Rupees 600 *cash*, at which it stood at the time of the Nabob's death.

10. It is quite certain that the above mentioned *deferments* were, in fact, *reductions*, and were perfectly well understood to be so, by all concerned. No such claims as those under consideration would ever have been brought before the late Nabob, or before any Native successor he might have had. Their being now brought forward is an attempt upon the known honor and supposed ignorance of the British Government, by people who feel that they may act with impunity under shelter of the Dewan's name.

11. I regret to be obliged to add something further.

12. The Memorial states, with regard to the third claim (for Rupees 2,890) that it was "received at the time of the late Nabob's death, and repaid to the Commissioners for investigating the debts of His Highness."

13. The sum in question was repaid by the Dewan to the Commission, because it was proved by evidence the sufficiency of which the Dewan himself was compelled to admit, that he had so far forgotten his duty as to pay that sum to himself out of the Nabob's Treasury, *on his own authority*.

14. The above fact was established by Proceedings of the Commission, 29th May 1858. The Dewan himself was one of those present on the occasion, and concurred in the unauthorized payment being recovered from him. The Proceedings with his Seal attached are forthcoming if required.

15. I think it right to add that the persons who have taken advantage of the Dewan's infirmity to induce him to seal the Memorial, are those for whom pensions are demanded in the first clause of the concluding paragraph.

16. I beg, in conclusion, to be permitted to remark, in explanation of the delay which has taken place in forwarding this report, that since receipt of G. O. on the subject, I have been in correspondence with the Dewan's family, for the purpose of ascertaining why a reply to his Memorial has been requested by his third son, Hoossein Lootfoollah Khan Bahadoor, instead of by his eldest son and proper representative, Moostuffee-oo-Dowlah. I only succeeded in getting a satisfactory answer on the 6th instant, when Hoossein Lootfoollah Khan called on me.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1862, No. 46.

Ordered that the Memorial, together with a copy of the report of the Government Agent at Chepauk in the matter of the arrears of salary alleged by the Ex-Dewan to be due to him, be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, with the opinion of Government that in assigning to the Memorialist, as Chief Officer, a pension equal to the full pay of his late office, viz., Rupees 600 per mensem, he has been allowed all that he was justly entitled to, and that it does not appear, from a review of past correspondence, that the services rendered by him were such as to give him a claim to greater consideration.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
*Chief Secretary.*

Political Department.

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