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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 5 Press Mis.

Dated 8 / 19 1863

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No. 8. Read the following letter from KHATHOONA BEGUM; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Triplicane, 16th December 1862.

I humbly beg to request that you will be kindly pleased to forward the enclosed Petition, on he reasonable opportunity, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, and oblige

To the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, G. C. B., Secretary of State for India.

The humble Petiton of KHATHOONA BEGUM.

MOST HUMBLY AND RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That your Petitioner has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an Order, pronounced by your Excellency in Council, on her Memorial, dated 23rd December 1861, directing that as your ill-fated Petitioner has no right to the pension, 50 Rupees, allowed to her mother the late Tahera Begum, it lapsed on her death.

That your Petitioner is, indeed, fully incapable to altercate further respecting the above order, emanated from so superior a power, as that of your Excellency in Council, to which she is bound to submit; but her painful circumstances, as well as the reasonableness and humanity, which are the characteristic virtue of the British nobles, persuade her to take once more the liberty of addressing herself to your Excellency, that as almost all the Carnatic stipends have been, through the bounty of the Honorable Government, granted successively to 3 generations from the original receivers, nay, they have been in some instance allowed to persons of the 4th also. Your unfortunate Petitioner, is not otherwise ranked than under the 3rd genereation only, in her family, for the original pensioner, whose family she belongs to, was one late Hider Yar Khan on the receipt of a monthly Carnatic pension of 150 Rupees; and on his demise 100 Rupees was jointly allowed to your poor Petitioner's mother and the late Khateeja Begum; but the Pay Certificate of such joint pension was in the name of the said Khateeja Begum only, as being the head of the family, and was ordered to be made thereon the joint seals of both of herself and that of your Petitioner's mother also; consequently all the Pay Certificates of Khateeja Begum in the Government Treasury, if referred to, will show that all of them bear the seal of your Petitioner's mother the late Tahera Begum also. When Khateeja Begum died the sum of 50 Rupees was, out of such joint pension, 100 Rupees, stopped, and the remaining 50 Rupees was allowed to your Petitioner's mother, as her due portion in the same.

Hence your Excellency may clearly observe that your helpless Petitioner's mother was ranked under the 2nd generation, for the original Pensioner Hider Yar Khan was, according to the Government Rules concerning the Carnatic stipends accounted, the 1st; but as 100 Rupees out of his own pension was after his death, granted jointly to both Khateeja Begum and to your Petitioner's mother, as both of them being the principal members of his family, they jointly and severally answer the 2nd generation, and therefore your Petitioner stands but under the 3rd one only; the other grounds which persuade your Petitioner to beg of your Excellency for a maintenance have been satisfactorily stated in her former Memorial, dated 23rd December last, notwithstanding all the humble and true representations, which entitles your Petitioner to the pension solicited for, she most humbly throws herself in the asylum of your Excellency's protection, who will, she believes, deem her a true object of your pity and compassion as she is quite helpless and poor, and will be charitably pleased to grant her for her only subsistence some portion at least out of the lapsed pension (50 Rupees) of her late mother; for which act of kindness and justice your poor Petitioner as in duty bound,

Shall ever pray,

TRIPLICANE.
16*th December* 1862.

(Signed) KHATHOONA BEGUM.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1863, No. 5.

The Petitioner's case, it is observed, was fully considered by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, and her claim to pensionary support rejected in his Despatch of the 23rd May last, No. 9, paragraph 2. As no additional circumstances are advanced by the Petitioner in support of her prayer, the Governor in Council declines to forward her present appeal to the Home Government.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

Political Department.

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(Dated 16th December 1862.)

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To Khattoona Begum
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