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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

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(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

Govt. of {1895} Madras.
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G.O., 9th April 1895, No. 224.

APRIL.

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331 of 22.5.94 s.c.

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Current No. 350

Pol. DEPARTMENT.

From

Nawab Khurshudu Nissa
Begum Saiba

No.

Dated 12 . 3 . 95

Received 12 . 3 . 95

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Stating that a detailed letter with refnce to Go No 331/22/5/94 is to be sent by her soon & requests to postpone the submission of papers to Govt. till the letter is received

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Paymr.

CURRENT NO. 357

CHIEF SECRETARIAT 12 MAR. 1895 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Shadee Mahul
12th March 1895

To

The Honorable J. H. Price C.S.I.
Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort St. George.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that a formal and detailed letter is about to be sent to you by me with reference to G. O. dated 22nd May 1894 No. 331, Pol., and to request that you will be so good as to defer the submission of papers to Government in the matter till the above letter is received-

I remain
Sir
Your's faithfully

Nawab Khursheed un nisa Begum Saheba,
Mother of the Prince of Arcot.

to address our parental Government or to the

Shadee Mahal
25th February 1895.

To

Her Excellency Lady Wenlock C. I.
&c &c &c

Your Ladyship-

I trust that I will not be considered to trespass the limits of etiquitt if I request your Ladyship to bring the following circumstance to the notice of His Excellency Lord Wenlock for his favorable consideration-

Recently an order has been passed by Government dated 22d May 1894 No 331, Political, by which it is ruled that every member of the Arcot family who may have occasion to address Government or the Paymaster, Carnatic stipends, should forward a copy of such communication to the Prince of Arcot- and this order was given publicity to by the Paymaster through local journals-

Your kind Ladyship will understand that the promulgation of this order has caused much sensation in and concern to the Arcot family in general and to myself and family in particular being near relatives-

There may be several communications of a confidential nature which we might wish to address our parental Government or to the

Paymr.

Paymaster, and it would indeed bear very hard upon us concerned to see that our Secret affairs should be divulged to the Prince.

Under these circumstances I venture to request that His Excellency Lord Wenlock may be moved to reconsider the above order which has been the source of much grief to the unfortunate Arcot family as it is a very humiliating order, and never issued even in the days of our grand-parents to whom we naturally owed obedience.

Hoping that your Ladyship will kindly understand and sympathize with myself and the whole Arcot family and use your high influence with His Excellency on our behalf, for it is one thing to make known our wishes and family affairs to a parental Government and quite another matter to let our sacred family affairs be known to others.

I remain

Your's very Sincerely

Nawab Khursheed un nisa Begum
Sahebah.

1895
Pol. Dept.
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CURRENT No. 354

No: 124 of 1895.

Paymaster Carnatic Stipends
Office Chepak 12th March.

From

The Paymaster Carnatic Stipends
Chepak.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor in compliance with a request contained in a Demi-official Letter from the Officiating Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor to forward for His Excellency's information the following report on the subject contained in the enclosed petition of Nawab Khurshid-un-nisa Begam Sahiba (herewith returned) praying for a reconsideration of G: O: No: 331 dated 22nd May 1894 "Political"

2. Regarding G: O: No: 331 dated 22nd May 1894 "Political" I have the honor to state that when the Prince of Arcot addressed his letter to me embodied with the Order just mentioned, I did not accept his request to have petitions for continuance of allowances and applications for leave &c from the Members of the Arcot Family submitted through him, but suggested to Government that copies of what the Prince asked for might be furnished if the Government thought his request a reasonable one. When I made this recommendation it never struck me that this arrangement

would

ould cause such deep annoyance and dissatisfaction to e chief members of the Arcot Family as it now turns out be the case as they look on this Rule as interfering with their liberty and an encroachment on their rights, and privileges, urging that neither of the former Princes of Arcot claimed any similar privilege or authority over the Arcot Family. I regret to say that this *ultra* sensitiveness arises in a great measure because there is a lamentable state of discord and rivalry between the Prince and his near relatives rendering it exceedingly difficult to adjust their grievances. As is known to Government a number of petitioners have already appealed against this Order and received from Government a reply to the effect that "Petitioners will be informed that the Order complained of, considering the limitation of its scope, cannot in the opinion of Government prejudice them in the manner they point out", vide G. O. No: 590. dated 23rd August 1894 "Political".

3. The enclosed petition now under report appeals against the G. O. above quoted on the grounds that their family secrets become public, this is no doubt the case, when copies of their petitions are furnished to the Prince of Arcot in *English*, as the latter not being acquainted with that language is obliged to have these petitions translated to him.

4. From a perusal of G. O. No: 331 dated 22nd May 1894 "Political" it is apparent that Government directed that "Every member of the Arcot Family should, when petitioning Government or the Paymaster, forward a copy of the petition to the Prince of Arcot" in my humble opinion this was more than either the Prince of Arcot or the *Paymaster* asked for, which was only that copies petitions for "*Continuance* of allowances and *applications* *for leave &c.*" should be furnished to him, vide Prince of Arcot's letter embodied with G. O. No: 331 dated 22nd May 1894 "Political", I take it that "&c" only signifies petitions of like nature and does not include Family Secrets.

5. I would therefore respectfully beg to sugg that to rectify these grievances G. O. No: 331, dated 22nd May 1894 "Political" be modified as follows:—

After the word "Paymaster", in the 3rd line of G. O. add "for continuance of allowances and applications for leave (or matters of that nature not including strictly confidential private family matters)".

This order to be considered only personal and not to be extended to the successors of the present Prince of Arcot.

6. I have the honor in conclusion to state that if permitted I would always exercise my discretion in keeping the Prince acquainted with any matters petition ed about by the Arcot Family the purport of which I deemed it expedient the Prince should know and d all in my power to satisfy him that I would endeavou to see that his position was not ignored.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

A. S. Stewart
Colon
Paymaster Carnatic Stipen
Ch

The Paymr. said nothing
about this. He said "pe tions &c."
It is a pity he did not make his
letter clearer. In para 2 of his letter of
30.3.94, No. 1 he distinctly said
"all references from the
members of the Arcot
family"
C.S.

CURRENT No. 354

590 of 23.8.94
331 of 22.5.94 orig.

Political (1895) Department

From

The Paymaster
Carnatic Stipends
Chepak

To,

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
12 MAR. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated 12
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No: 124 of 1895.
Enclosure one

Gives his remarks on the petition of Nawab Khurshid-un-nisa Begam Sahiba, referred for report by the Offg: Private Secretary to H: E: the Governor.

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CURRENT No. 368
Pol.

From

Nawab Khurshid-un-nissa
Begum Saiba
a Member of the family of
the Prince of Arcot

Cwd 350 & 354

Dated 15. 3. 95
Recd 16. 3. 95

Encl-1

Subject

Requests to reconsider G.O. No 331 of 22nd May 1894. for reasons mentioned in the petition

S / Keep till the papers were in case releases

CS
18/3/95

R.O. for papers.
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Please put up G.O. No 331 of 22/5/94 & further papers before submitting this current.
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Extract from H. H. the First Prince
of Arcot's letter to Government dated
12th January 1874 No 3-

Para I. "It is my long cherished desire that none "of my successors should have authority in any "manner over the other members of my family "and their connections - I have already brought "this to the information of Government in para "11 of my letter No 7, dated 22nd January 1872, and "I now confirm it"-

X X X X

Para 3. "I beg to respectfully state that as the Head "of a family (namely myself) having expressed "his desire purely with the object of preserving "peace and harmony among his family it would "be desirable that such representation should "be given consideration to"-

X X X X X

(Signed) Azeem Jah

Para 11 of the First Prince's letter
to Government No 7, dated 22nd
January 1872, referred to in the above
Communication -

Para 11. "I further express my desire that each "member of my family whether male or female should

"should draw direct from the Madras Bank the
"respective share of each which has been assigned
"by me and sanctioned by Government *without*
"the interference of my successors for the time
being"

Extract from the Government Agent and Paymaster's letter to H. H. Zaheer-ood Dowlah Bahadur the 2nd Prince of Arcot - dated 2nd February 1874.

"Captain Tyrrell presents his Compliments
"to H. H. the Prince of Arcot and begs to inform
"His Highness that the Right Honorable the
"Governor in Council has sanctioned in accordance
"with the wishes of the late Prince (Azeem Jah
"Bahadur) that all his sons, daughters and
"Moomtaz-un Nisa Begum his Nikah Lady
"should get their shares of the allowance direct
"from the Madras Bank on receipts to be signed
"or sealed respectively by them"-

X X X X

(Signed) F. H. Tyrrell, Captain
Government Agent and
Paymaster of Carnatic
Stipends, Chepauk -

(True Extract)

Nawab Khursheedun Nisa Begum
Sahebah -

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CURRENT No 368 Shadee Mahul
15th March 1895

To

The Honorable Mr J. F. Price C.S.I.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
15 MAR 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Sir

With reference to G. O. dated 22d May 1894 No 331, Political, we have the honor to submit the following circumstance for the favorable Consideration of Government with a full hope that redress will be granted to us.

2. His late Highness the First Prince of Arcot who was the founder of the Arcot family was very wise and experienced and was well aware of the fact that full concord and sympathy among his family was impossible - He therefore twice wrote to Government requesting them to keep his family always independent of the Prince of Arcot for the time being - This request was recognized as His Highness' Will by Government who accordingly ruled that all members of the Arcot family should draw their stipends independently of the Prince for the time being - as will be seen from the First Prince's letters to Government dated 22d January 1872 No 7 and 12th 1874 No 3 respectively, and also fr

Paymaster's letter to the 2nd Prince of Arcot dated 2nd February 1874 embodying the orders of Government thereon (Vide Extracts enclosed)-

3. Ever since that time no Prince of Arcot has ever thought to claim any control or privilege over the Arcot family or their affairs, and the present innovation is neither supported by any rule nor usage and is naturally looked upon as an encroachment by the present Prince on the rights and privileges of the family-

4. A report is gaining ground in certain quarters with an intention of prejudicing the mind of Government that the withdrawal of the G. O. referred to above would somewhat tend to lower the estimation of the Prince in the eyes of the public - This supposition is based on a misconception of the real state of affairs- We do not for a moment wish for any injury to ~~the Prince~~ honor or position of the Prince- on the other hand the more he is honored by Government the more we are pleased, for, it would raise our position also - but our objection to the provisions of the G. O. is based on principle as it affects our own liberties and privileges and is calculated to disturb the arrangement so wisely recommended by the First Prince of Arcot and accepted by Government and which has hitherto

been

been strictly observed and worked harmoniously

5. As far as the Paymaster is concerned his recommendation in support of the present Princes application for attempt to interfere in our own private affairs was obviously due to his non-acquaintance with the Correspondence referred to above between the First Prince of Arcot and Government relating to the present question-

6. If it was intended by the above G. O. that questions relating to the stipends and leave of the family should alone be referred to the Prince for his remarks we beg to submit that the Paymaster himself can refer such cases to the Prince when deemed necessary, as he has done sometimes before the order came into existence - but there exists no necessity of our again submitting the copy of our Communications to Government and the Paymaster, to the Prince - We also submit that no such order has been considered expedient in the case of the Carnatic family whose number is almost ten times greater and whose stipends unlike those of the members of the Arcot family are susceptible to reduction or lapse in each case - If therefore there were any cases in the disposal of which the Paymaster required any

possible

possible assistance they were those of the Carnatic family - but when these cases are, as a rule decided without any reference to any body, it is not understood what special difficulty the Paymaster would encounter in the matter of the Arcot family pensions which are of a perpetual nature and therefore involve no intricacies-

7. There are several instances of Government order being cancelled or revoked when necessary, and the adoption of such a course by Government is always appreciated as they show how open the Government is to correction and ready to do justice-

8. It may also be mentioned that a mother is more cognizant of the feelings and manners of her son than any body else, and it can therefore be submitted with some authority that the present crisis and other unfortunate disputes between the Prince and the family are not due to the Prince who is of very quiet and affable disposition but brought about by those around him with a view to create a gulf between him and the family and thereby to serve their own ends-

9. Under these circumstances we respectfully beg to solicit that our paternal Government will be pleased to reconsider the G. O. in question which has really disturbed

disturbed the peace of mind and affected the feelings of the family - for which the whole family will ever feel most thankful-

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servants

Nawab Khursheedun nisa
Begum Sahebah
mother of the Prince of Arcot

Ghulam Mohammed Ghouse Khan Bahadur } brothers of the Prince of Arcot
Abdul Ali Khan Bahadur }

Amatur Rub - Fatimutun nisa Begum,
sister of the Prince of Arcot.

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50—8-3-95.

C. No. 350 + 354

FOR ORDERS.

It seems unnecessary to await the "formal & detailed letter" promised by Nawab Khurshid-un-nisa Begam in C. No. 350.

As the order of May 1894 has caused annoyance & dissatisfaction among the members of the Arcot family, ~~it appears~~ the best course appears to be to withdraw it altogether, leaving it to the Paym. to keep the Prince acquainted, as suggested in para 6 of C. No. 354, with any matters finding place in petitions which the Prince should be informed of. Govt. does not desire to be troubled with the "confidential private family matters" of the Arcot family & if the modifications suggested by Col. Stewart in para 5 of C. No. 354 are carried out the result will probably be that those private family matters will be purposely introduced into petitions to bring them within the excepted clause of the rule. The Paymr. is the only source, it is submitted, from which ~~this~~ communications on confidential matters relating to the Arcot family should reach Govt.

Should it be decided to cancel the order of May 1894, the Paymaster might be told to explain to the Prince that this has been done solely because it has caused annoyance to the older members of the family.

This is I submit the best course

CS
14/3/95

Had Col. Stewart made matters clear at first the G.O. would never have taken the form that it did. I objected to the proposal when he came to see me but he pressed for the order on the ground of "Mamool" and "Izzath" so I did not as I otherwise would have done send up a note opposing the proposal

16/3/95

Petitions from Arcot Family

FOR ORDERS.

H.E. the Governor

I have misled myself in this matter - as I was under the impression that the original order of May '94 - confined the double disposal of ~~certain~~ petitions to those merely wh. asked for leave or continuance of pensions etc. but I find now that it applies to all petitions. This is evidently going too far, and I am inclined to believe now might be entirely rescinded -

Col. Stewart is very anxious to keep up the dignity of the Prince of Arcot - but the other members of this family appear to be much more concerned about their own dignity - and do not care a rush about his.

Under all the circs - I think it would be better to revert to the status quo - and explain to the Prince that it is found that the new system ~~has been~~ has so many objections that Govt. considers it advisable to replace these matters on the old footing. (As this wd. cancel an existing G.O. these papers shd. be circulated.) Col. Stewart will of course undertake to keep him informed of all that he ought to know.

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22 Mar

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* Note. Received after papers circulated

C.S.

Political Department

Read again G.O. of 22. 5. 94, No. 331 - (P)

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(From Orders)

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