Political (1895) Department.

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G.O., No. 488

Dated 25th July 1895

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[Despatch Abstract.]

IMAMIA BEGAM SAHIBA

Directing the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, to inform -- and her sisters that the question of the grant of house rent to them cannot be re-opened.

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MEMORANDUM.

A careful perusal of the following Statements, Nos. I and II, will show how strong are the claims, to house rent, of the four *shadi* daughters of the late Second Prince of Arcot, of whom three (Imamya Begum, Tyebunnisa Begum, Shabbiriah Begum) are still surviving.

Statement No. I.

(The First Prince's Family.)

The following alphabets are adopted to represent the names respectively of the members of the First Prince's family:—

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A,—his widow, the late Mumtazunnisa Begum Sahiba,
B,—his 1st son, the late Zahirud Doulah (2nd Prince of Arcot),
C,—his 2nd son, the late Intizamul Mulk (3rd Prince of Arcot),
D,—his 3rd son, the late Umdatud Doulah,
E,—his 4th son, the late Muazzazud Doulah (father of the present Prince of Arcot),
F,—his 1st *shadi* daughter, the late Nounihal Begum,
G,—his 2nd *shadi* daughter, the late Hamidatunnisa Begum,
H,—his 3rd *shadi* daughter, the late Mahmudunnisa Begum,
K,—his *nikah* daughter, Rahimunnisa Begum.

1. Shadi Mahal had been the old residence of the First Prince of Arcot and his family. The climate of Triplicane not agreeing with A, the Prince purchased (50 years ago when he was the Prince Regent of the Carnatic) the garden No. 10, on McNichol's Road in Chetput, for her residence. B was allotted Khas Mahal (a house situate North of Shadi Mahal) for his abode, and C, a house to the South of Shadi Mahal (now occupied by the Anjuman's Orphanage). No house was allotted to D and he remained in Shadi Mahal all along. To E, also, no house was given, for he, having married Azamunnisa Begum's daughter (mother of the present Prince), was not considered as being in want of a house, but subsequently he quarrelled with his mother-in-law and returned to Shadi Mahal with his family. To all the four daughters landed properties were given—to F, two gardens, one on Mount Road (now the Freemason Lodge) and the other, too, on Mount Road (next to the present residence of Mr. Branson)—to G, two gardens, one Amir Bagh (now the Elphinstone Hotel) and the other, Brodie Castle—to H, two gardens, one Latif Bagh in Egmore and the other, Nasim Bagh in Adayar (lately the residence of Col. Butler—and to K, a house and garden in St. Thomas' Mount. But still, F and G resided in Shadi Mahal till they were alive, H used to reside sometime in Shadi Mahal and sometime with her mother-in-law (the late Nawab Ahmadunnisa Begum) in Aziz Bagh, and K remained without break in Shadi Mahal.

2. What became ultimately of the said landed properties may be briefly stated as follows:—

A's garden on McNichol's Road was given away by the Prince himself, as a marriage gift to the elder daughter of the late Bashirunnisa Begum (a grand-daughter of the Prince) in lieu whereof His Highness was paying Rs. 100 monthly to A as the rent of her residence.
B retained his house, but after his demise his creditor got it sold through the High Court.
C's house descended to his heirs.
D and E had no houses, as stated in the foregoing para.
F's properties descended to her heirs who sold them since.
G's gardens have been lost in the mortgage transaction of the Prince himself.
H's family is in possession, still, of Nasim Bagh in Adayar, but Latif Bagh has been lost in the mortgage transaction of the Prince himself.
K sold her property and has it no more.

3. Shadi Mahal was originally the property of the First Prince's late mother, and after her death it was sold in auction by the Receiver appointed to liquidate her debts. It was purchased by a company of sowcars who demanded that the Prince should either pay rent or vacate it. An appeal in this connection being made to Government by the Prince whose claims to the Nawabship of the Carnatic were then pending before the British Parliament, the Government sanctioned a monthly rent of Rs. 1,000 for this house, where the Prince passed the rest of his life. And at the time of his demise those of the members of his family who were *actually permanently* residing there, were D, E, F, the children of G, and K. A and H, too, were there, but sometime after the death of the Prince, A went to a rented house in Sydapet and H to her mother-in-law's house, Aziz Bagh on Graeme's Road, Thousand Lights.

4. On the demise of the First Prince, B succeeded to the title; and as by this time Amir Mahal was ready for occupation, he was desired by Government to remove thither; and Shadi Mahal being no more required for the residence of the Prince of Arcot, Government ordered discontinuation of its rent. This roused the resident members of the family and they appealed to Government, with the result that the Government sanctioned the payment of rents not only in favor of the residents of that house but also to the other members, except A. It was distributed in this scale:—each son Rs. 100, each *shadi* daughter Rs. 100, and the *Nikah* daughter Rs. 50. It may be here observed that each of the sons and the *shadi* daughter's personal allowance being Rs. 900, A's proportionate share of the rent would have been about Rs. 144, had she been favored with it, as her personal allowance was Rs. 1,300.

5. A did not join the other members in the application for rent, for she was, first of all, kept in the dark as to the steps adopted by them in that respect, and secondly, she was to such a degree overwhelmed with grief owing to her husband's demise that it took nearly two years for her to recover from the shock and to attend to her domestic affairs. At this stage when she petitioned Government for house-rent, her prayers were not favorably considered and were finally declined. She died two years later during the whole of which period her health remaining in an unsatisfactory state.

Conclusion.—From the above statement, it will been gathered that the refusal of Government to grant A house-rent was inconsistent with the principles of *uniform treatment* always observed by them in dealing with the members of one and the same family. She deserved the concession as wife just as did the others as sons and daughters. In another sense, she was the object of greater sympathy; *firstly*, because she was a widow; *secondly*, she had to support a much larger number of relatives and dependants than any other member of the family; and *thirdly*, because she had no house of her own for her abode and her husband was, therefore, allowing her Rs. 100 monthly as house-rent during his life time, (*vide* the first note under para 2). House-rents were granted by Government under the impression that Shadi Mahal ceasing to be the residence of the First Prince, his family were under the necessity of providing dwellings for themselves. Had it been granted to the only *actual permanent* residents of that Palace, A would have had no right to expect or ask for it. But when the grant was extended to even the other members of that family who were *non-residents* of Shadi Mahal and some of whom had moreover their own landed properties, to leave out A alone in the cold, notwithstanding that she was houseless, must be considered remote from justice. Had A been fortunate in obtaining the rent, her four grand-daughters (b-1 to b-4 in the following Statement) would have shared it, as they did her personal allowance of Rs. 1,300. Three of them are still alive and are feeling the want of a suitable house to live in as the daughters of one who was, in his time, "The First Nobleman" in Southern India.

Statement No. II.

(THE SECOND PRINCE'S FAMILY.)

(*a*) The eldest of the First Prince's sons (B in Statement No. 1) succeeded to the title on his father's death in 1874. The members of his family may be reckoned as follows :—

b—1, b—2, b—3, b—4 } Four daughters by one *shadi* wife, adopted by the First Prince as his own daughters and brought up by him (*vide* his letter of 10-8-68 to the Governor of Madras forwarded with the Chief Secretary's letter of the 12-8-68, No. 199, to the Government of India for their approval).

b—5, Son (half insane, since deceased leaving no issue) by another *shadi* wife.

b—6, Two daughters by the same *shadi* wife. The younger died leaving one daughter married by the eldest son of b-1.

b—7, The first *nikah* wife, two sons and two daughters.

b—8, The second *nikah* wife, two sons and two daughters.

b—9, The third *nikah* wife, one son and one daughter.

b—10, A son and two daughters by different *harams.*

(*c*) What properties the above held and what ultimately became of them may be stated in the following notes :—

1 { b—1, The Ice House Road Market and a Bungalow on McNichol's Road, which descended to her heirs on her death, 3 years ago.

b—2, b—3 { Jointly held the Elphinstone Park (now Roman Catholic Orphanage) in Adayar and two Bungalows, one in Tondiarpet and the other in Guindy. All these have been lost in the mortgage transaction of the First Prince.

b—4, The Mylapur Market and a piece of land also in Mylapur. These too, have been lost in mortgage for moneys raised partly for the Second Prince.

} They inherited these properties on the death of their mother the late Rashidunnisa Begum.

2 { b—5 & b—6, none; b—7, none } But these had Khas Mahal for their residence, but after the Second Prince's death, his creditor got the Mahal sold through the High Court (*vide* the second note under para. 2, Statement No. I.)

3 b—8, For this branch of his family, the Second Prince purchased two houses in Hajjamwadi Street in Triplicane, which are still in their possession and enjoyment.

4 { b—9, b 10 } None. Were provided rooms among the out-houses of Shadi Mahal.

(*c*). On his accession to the title the Second Prince, seeing that his first four daughters (b-1 to b-4) had no houses of their own to reside, accommodated them in Amir Mahal. These four, in fact, commanded the distinguished position of being the representatives of his *zenana.* What distinction they held in the Palace is well-known to Mrs. Firth who used to visit them often. The Prince had more sympathy for two of them (b-2 & b-3) especially, as he was well aware of the loss of their landed properties in the loan transaction of his late father. As his income was hardly sufficient to keep up his own position and to support his large family, he could not provide the two daughters with suitable houses, though he was earnestly anxious to do so. He was, however waiting the result of his appeal to Government for an additional grant on the score of the deficiency of his allowance to meet his wants, but he was not spared to live long enough to see his prayer granted. His successor was destined to reap the crop of the seed sown by him. That is to say, his successor (the Third Prince) persevering on the same lines, succeeded in obtaining an extra grant of Rs. 700 a month, from Government, for his life, though his own family was not so large, nor his establishment so extensive as was that of his predecessor.

(*d*) On the demise of the Second Prince, his four daughters (b-1 to b-4) had to vacate Amir Mahal. They were, in fact, asked by Colonel Baynes, the then Government Agent to remove and to make over the Palace *zenana* to the Third Prince for his family. They complied with the instructions, trusting that they would be favored by Government with house-rent in the same manner as the family of the First Prince was, after his demise. But to their great disappointment, they eventually found that to *every one* soul of their father's family, *except themselves*, house-rent was granted. It may be observed here that among the recipients of the house-rent grants, b-5 to b-7 had Khas Mahal for their residence, though it was sold by the Court several years after the grants were made ; b-8 had their own houses in Hajjamwadi to reside and are still residing there, and yet they were considered as *entitled* to house-rent equally with b-9 and b-10 who were houseless ; and, on the other hand, b-1 to b-4 who were actually houseless and who were sent out of the Amir Mahal *zenana* to make room for the Third Prince's family, were considered as *not entitled* to it.

Conclusion.—The Second Prince's four *shadi* daughters (b-1, b-2, b-3 and b-4) being thus disappointed, had to provide themselves with houses, out of their respective personal allowances (each being in receipt of only Rs. 375 monthly), the effect of which extra expense they commenced to feel as their families began to grow larger. Of the children of the Second Prince, it is *only these four*, three of whom are still alive (as noticed in the last lines of the concluding para. of Statement No. I) who adopted to live a life in keeping with the position their late father held ; and this causes them to be all the more anxious to live in decent houses. At all events, they deserve the sympathy of Government—if not on any special grounds, at least for the same reason that induced Government to extend their favor to the other members of the same family.

Their claims to house-rent are based on two grounds.

Firstly.—That the rent which was due to their late grandmother (A in Statement No. I), they submit, is continuable to them, they being her only heirs and recipients of her personal allowance. The eldest surviving of these four (b-2) having recently memorialised Government on this subject, she was informed (*vide* G. O. of 21-11-1894, No. 820, Pol.) that the claims of A (Statement No. I) to such an allowance having been "disallowed 17 years ago" under G. O. of 20-8-77, His Excellency in Council was "not prepared to re-open the question." But it would be far from justice to assume that A in Statement No. I, who was the only surviving *nikah* "lady of rank" (she is so described in the Schedule submitted by the Prince to Government) of the First Prince, in the face of being houseless at the time of her husband's demise, did *not* deserve the concession, while all the three widows of the Second Prince (notwithstanding two of them having houses), two widows of the Third Prince (notwithstanding both being house-owners), and widows of the late Umalud Doulah and Muazzazud Doulah (who were the would-be Fourth and Fifth Princes) *did* deserve it.

Secondly.—They also claim house-rent as *shadi* daughters of the Second Prince, on the ground that it was granted invariably to all the daughters of the First Prince and to all their half-sisters who (except one) were even inferior to them in rank and consideration.

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Mylapur 20th February
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To
His Excellency the Right Honorable
Lord Wenlock G.C.I.E.
Governor of Madras.

Your Excellency.

I beg most respectfully to place before your Excellency the grievance in which my two younger sisters also share, connected with the grant of house-rent to the families of the late Princes of Arcot. It is to my greatest anxiety that I am doomed to loose my present dwelling-house, to release which from mortgage I asked the Government to grant me a loan, but which was finally declined by the Government of India to my utter misfortune. Next I memorialised your Excellency in Council praying for the grant of house-rent, to which I was not less entitled than the other members of the Arcot family who have been favored with it. To that memorial I received a reply (G.O. of 21-11-94, No: 820) to say that your Excellency was not prepared to re-open the question as such an allowance had been disallowed 17 years ago in case of my late grand mother, Mumthazunnisa Begum Saheba.

2. I humbly beg leave to submit that I and my sisters are entitled to house-rent not only as grand daughters of the late Mumthazunnisa Begum, but also as daughters of the 2nd. Prince of Arcot, as a patient perusal of the annexed Memorandum will show, in which your Excellency will be pleased to observe that of the First Prince's family, one member (my said grand mother) and of the Second Prince's family, I and my sisters have been the only unfortunate individuals to whom house-rent was not granted, while the rest of the members of those families were favored with it, notwithstanding that
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some of them were house owners and in far better circumstances than we have ever been.

3. I must here bring to your Excellency's notice that I and my sisters (Tyebunnisa Begum) were joint proprietors of the Elphinstone Park in Adyar and of two bungalows, but all these were sold by the First Prince's creditors, Raja Eshawar Das and others, in the loan transaction of that Prince by whom we were induced to lend our signatures for him. A mention of this will be found in Colonel Baynes' letters to the Chief Secretary dated respectively 10th July and 7th August 1879. The abovementioned landed properties had descended to us on the demise of our late mother. My last sister (Shabbiriah Begum) too has lost her share of the landed property which she possessed, it being partly due to the debt obtained for our late father. Having thus lost their landed properties, my sisters had no alternative but to engage houses in which they are still residing and are struggling like myself to make their financial ends meets

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4. As for my part, had it not been for the above described loss and injury, my Lord, I would not have been placed in the positiion I am now in. Notwithstanding the loss, I did not hasten to appeal to Government for their kind Consideration till I could do without adopting that Course. But when I found that I was no more able to sustain the burden — having on the other hand to supply the wants of a growing family —, and when other unfavorable circumstances also placed me in a situation the hardships of which I could no more bear, then and then only I opened my mouth before your Excellency's Government, the centre of my hopes and the only quarter which I may look to for succour, from which hope and succour, should I be turned away disappointed, I must consider my prospects as wrecked for ever. But when I take into account the generous dealings of the Government with the family to which I am so nearly connected, I feel confident that after your Excellency has fully studied my pitiable case, you will not deny me the Concession sought for and which has been invariably allowed in the cases of all others of the same standing with me.

In conclusion, it only remains for me to once more solicit deferentially that your Excellency will be pleased to favorably Consider my humble appeal and grant me the boon craved for, for which act of grace, I and my family will ever remain grateful to your Excellency. With profound respect.

I beg to remain,
Your Excellency's
Most devoted and dutiful Servant.

Imamiya Begum Saheba
The eldest surviving shadi daughter of
the late Second Prince of Arcot.

CURRENT No. 34

6/88

No. 122 of 1895.

Paymaster Carnatic Stipends
Office Chepak 11th March 1895.

From

The Paymaster Carnatic Stipends
Chepak

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor by desire of His Excellency the Governor, conveyed through His Excellency's Officiating Private Secretary to submit the following report on the petition of Imamia Begam Sáhiba (herewith returned with one enclosure) praying for House Rent allowance.

2. I have the honor to state that the present petition ~~is~~ seems a vexatious attempt to re-agitate a matter which has been repeatedly disposed of some 18 years ago by G. O. Nos. 493, 339 & 820 dated 20th August 1877, 16th September 1882 and 21st November 1894 "Political" respectively; the gist of which I have the honor herein to submit for ready reference. The petitioner grounds her claim to House Rent *first* in right of her grandmother the late Mumtaz-un-nisá Begam Sáhiba. Government pronounced the latter to have no claim to House Rent that the allowance (Rs 300/- per mensem) granted to her

must

"must be regarded as a full acknowledgment of "her claims on Government;" Secondly in right of petitioner's father (His late Highness Prince Zahir-ud-daula Bahadur) this was clearly refused vide para I clause (b) and para 3 of the late Colonel Baynes letter No: 29" dated 2nd February 1882 embodied with G: O: No: 339 dated 16th September 1882 "Political". I presume that it is in consideration of these facts that His Excellency in Council announced in a recent G: O: No: 820 dated 21st November 1894 – Polt. that this question (now under report) could not to be re-opened.

3. The Petitioner in para 2 of the petition under report states that she and her 2 sisters were the only unfortunate individuals to whom House Rent was not granted; this is not the fact, as 12 persons of her late father's family were excluded vide clauses a, b & c to para I of the late Colonel Baynes letter embodied with G: O: No: 339 dated 16th September 1882 "Political".

4. The petitioner's statement in para 4 of her petition regarding a growing family is an exaggeration as she only has herself, husband and one son to support on an aggregate of stipends amounting to Rs 398/- per mensem, her three daughters having been married are supported by their respective husbands who are in well to do circumstances.

Ahmad Muhi-ud-din Khan Bahadur

5. In conclusion I would beg to remark that the petitioner has not fulfilled the requirements under G: O: No: 331 dated 22nd May 1894 "Political" to wit the submission of a copy of her present petition to the Prince of Arcot, I beg therefore respectfully to suggest that the Government may be pleased as an example to notice with displeasure her neglect in this respect.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant
A. J. Stewart Colonel
Paymaster Carnatic Stipends
Chepak

Political (1895) Department.

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From.

The Paymaster
Carnatic Stipends
Chepak.

To,

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George.

Dated 11 } March 1895.
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CHIEF SECRETARY
11 MAR. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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No: 122 of 1895
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Under the reasons mentioned within States that the claim of Imamia Begam Sahiba for the grant of House Rent may be rejected.

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The Paymaster, Carnatic Stipen

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These ladies refer in their petition to Mrs. Firth, and as she is well acquainted with them, I have talked over their affairs with that lady. It appears that though they are in receipt of nearly 400 Rs. a month, that money is all taken up in paying interest on debts contracted by their rascally husbands, who have other wives & families, more [illegible].

Altho' Imamya Begum's 3 daughters are married to husbands who were well-to-do, still they are now in very much impoverished circes - and the lot of them are pigging together in a wretched tumble down house, and are altogether in a very bad plight.

It seems that it would not help them even if they had been given a share of their father's house allowance of 100 Rs. a month. They were debarred from getting any part of it, because they were supposed to be well off - but they complain that even so, it was not right to have cut them out altogether, as they were the only shadi descendants; and as such entitled to the first consideration. This has some force.

They do not want money, that would do them no good - what they do want is a decent house over their [illegible] and considering their position

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Political Deptt.

C.No. 344.

For orders.

Imamia Begam Sahiba prays for house-rent (1) in right of her grandmother, the late Mumtaz-un-nisa Begam Sahiba and (2) in right of her father (His late Highness Prince Zahir-ud-daulah Bahadur). ~~Both~~ These questions were settled in G.O. 20th August 1877 No. 493 and 16 Septr. ~~82~~ 1882, No. 339, respectively.

No grounds are ~~urged~~ shown ~~to~~ for reopening the questions now. On the other hand, the Paymaster points out two inaccurate statements in the petition. These are (1) that she & her sister are the only unfortunate individuals to whom House rent was not granted as members of Prince Zahir-ud-daulah family and (2) that she has ~~got~~ a growing family.

As to the failure to submit a copy of the petition to the Prince of Arcot (G.O. d. 22 May 94, No. 331 - marked with tape in the volume) the office is not aware of the circumstances under which ~~it~~ the petition was presented to His Excellency.

The order with regard to

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passing petitions through the Prince of Arcot seems to have caused much irritation and it might perhaps be advisable to discontinue the system.

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in the Arcot family, I think Govt. might well provide a house for these three ladies (20 or 30 Rs. a month). But I would first ask if there is no possibility of quarters being found for them in the Shadi Mahal. If this is not possible, the papers shd. be circulated, as my proposals wd. over ride previous G.O's. These Mahomedan men are most of them great rascals – and Mr. Firth says the only possible means of improving them is to stipulate that all pensioners shd. educate their children properly. I shd. like to ask Col. Stewart if this is in any way practicable – or what he wd. suggest for the improvement of these wretched pensioners. As the pensions are now rapidly falling in, we ought to tackle the question of Mahomedan education generally.

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Imamia Begam Sahib

Political DEPARTMENT.

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT MADRAS

Memorandum.

No. 871 D/20.4.95

READ the following CM. 344.

With reference to his letter d 11th March /95, No. 122, the Paymaster Carnatic Stipends is requested to report whether there is any possibility of quarters being found for Imamia Begum and her sisters in the Shadi Mahal.

(From Orders)

Note This is what H.E., it is thought, ~~probably~~ intends – not the 3 daughters of Imamia Begam. i.e. Imamia Begam & her two sisters

CS 16/4/95

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To the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends

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NAWAB KHURSHEED UN NISA
BEGUM SAHEBAH.

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Shadee Mahul
30th April 1895.

Nawab Khursheed un nisa Begum Sahebah presents her compliments to Colonel H.S. Stewart Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, Chepak, and in reply to his letter No 180 dated 24th instant, asking to be informed if quarters can be provided at the Shadee Mahul building for the residence of Imamiah Begum and her 2 sisters, regrets to inform him that no accommodation is available as the whole building is occupied by her people, furniture and other household articles.

Nawab Khursheed un nisa Begum Saheba

(1895)

No. 329 of 1895.

From,

Nawab Khurshid-un-nisa Begum

Dated & Recd. 30th April/95

Stating that there are no quarters available for the residence of Imamia Begum Sahiba & her 2 sisters.

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No: 184 of 1895.

Paymaster Carnatic Stipend
Office Chepak 30th April 1895.

From
The Paymaster Carnatic Stipends
Chepak.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to your Memorandum No: 871 of the 20th Instant, to repor that I addressed Nawab Khurshid-un-nisa Begam Sahiba enquiring whether quarters could be provided for Imamia Begam Sahiba and he 2 sisters in the "Shadi Mahal"; my object in tak this course was that I understand the latter residence is in the possession of that lady. It will be seen by the enclosed (a letter in original from Nawab Khurshid-un-nisa Begam Sahiba) which I beg to forward for the information of Government, she represents that no quarters can be spared for the purpose proposed in your Memorandum under reply.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant
A. S. Stewart
Colonel
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Shadi Mahal house rents

From

The Paymaster
Carnatic Stipends
Chepak.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George.

Dated 30th
Recd 1st May } April 1895.
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CHIEF SECRETARIAT
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Political DEPARTMENT.

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FOR ORDERS.

As the P.C.S. reports that there is no accommodation for Imamia Begam & her sisters in the Shadi Mahal, the papers are submitted to Honorable Members with reference to the latter part of H.E. the Governor's note of 1st April. (marked with a slip)

C.S.
3.5.95

I have no doubt that H.E. is quite right in saying that this lady & her sisters are in a wretched state, but we have nothing to this effect on record. ~~[illegible]~~ It is questionable, therefore, I should say, whether India will sanction the addl. expenditure as a matter of charity for I cannot see that either of the grounds of claim have any validity. However, I do not object to trying if H.E. wishes it, though I should fear it wd. be of very little use to do so.

BH
4/5/95

JG 6/5

Then is it possible for us to provide them with a house, and deduct the rent from their pensions? I believe this would do what they want. It appears that they never get the fingering of their own pensions - but their rascally husbands absorb them all. If we can do this, ~~without going to India~~, ~~[illegible]~~, we must ask them if they would be willing to accept these conditions.

I quite see the force of my ~~hon.~~ colleagues' remarks - and I quite agree that India is almost certain to refuse to add to their stipends - It would most certainly establish an evil precedent as it would encourage extravagance.

W
10 May

Imamia Begum &
House Rent

FOR ORDERS.

The Hon'ble Mr. Bliss C.I.S.
The Hon'ble Mr. Gose

Submitted to H.E. the Governor with reference to the remarks of the Hon'ble Mr. Bliss C.I.S. in which The Hon Mr Gose affirms concurs

C.S.
9.5.95

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Political Dept

C. No. 344 & 590 — 9

Memo. No. 1058 d/16-5-95

The Paymaster C.S. is requested to report whether it would be possible to provide Imamia Begam Sahiba and her sisters with a suitable house, deducting the rent from their pensions. ~~After ascertaining~~ ~~whether~~ ~~make enquiries as to~~ If a house is procurable ~~the~~ Col. Stewart should ~~ensure that~~ ascertain whether the stipendiaries would be ~~willing~~ ~~to~~ agreeable to the ~~proposition~~ arrangement.

[illegible] (From Orders)
15/5/95

C.S.
18.5.95

R.C.S. Despatched
16/5

Please [illegible]
12/7

CURRENT No. 713

15/488

No: 217 of 1895.

Paymaster Carnatic Stipends
office Chepak 22nd May 1895.

From

The Paymaster Carnatic Stipends
Chepak.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to your Memorandum No. 1058 dated 16th Instant to submit the following report for the information and Orders of Government.

2. Regarding the possibility of providing a House for Imamia Begam Sahiba and her 2 Sisters deducting the rent from their Stipends, I have the honor to respectfully point out that I do not think this would be feasible as Imamia Begam Sahib lives at present with her husband Ahmad Ali -ud-din Khan Bahadur in a House at St. Thom her own property although mortgaged. One of her Sisters Shabbiria Begam Sahiba lives with her husband Nazir ali Khan Bahadur in a house of her own at Janay Jahan Khan Road, Triplica and would not I think care to live with her Sister Imamia Begam Sahiba with whom I understand she is not on particularily cordial terms. The other Sister Saib-un-nisa Begam Sahib

wh

who I am told is fairly off, lives with her husband Abd-ub-vasa Khan Bahadur in a house of own at Royapetta, and would not I feel confident care to live with another family.

3. It appears in my humble opinion that Imamia Begam Sahiba has petitioned Government for House Rent merely with the object of obtaining n increase to her stipend vizt the share which he would be entitled to, if such was granted o her vizt Rs 10 per mensem as received by her half brother the late Najib-ulla Khan Bahadur, but which as pointed out in my report No: 122 dated 1st March 1895, she has been distinctly pronounced s unentitled to. I would beg to point out that he other 2 sisters have not agitated about House Rent.

C. No 344

4. I would beg respectfully to submit hat in the disposal of this matter if the Government contemplate extending any clemency to hese Native Ladies I would strongly recommend hat favors shown to them be quite distinct from House Rent for which they have unsuccessfully gitated for the past 18 years, any concessions on his Head would in my humble opinion create wkward precedence and be directly contrary to former decisions.

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5. It is I believe a fact that these Ladies nd their families in former years resided in he ~~Saadi~~ "Amir Mahal" which being a large and commodious Palace was possible, but Mussulman married ~~females~~ families have a prejudice against iving together in anything like a small building, the

the females being Gosha to the male members of the family. I trust therefore the Government will understand the difficulty I experience in procuring a Building for these 3 families and for my abstaining from further action pending instructions after perusal of the above explanation I have now the honor of offering.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant
J. A. L. Stewart Colonel
Paymaster Carnatic Stipends
Chepak.

Dft

CURRENT No. 703

Political (1895) Department.

From
The Paymaster
Carnatic Stipends
Chepauk.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George.

Dated 22d } May 1895
Recd 23
Regd 24

No: 217 of 1895

Gives a detailed report on the
se of Imamia Begam Sahiba
nd solicits instructions after
e perusal of the withinmention
d explanation.

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St. Thomé
6th June 1895
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Dear Mr. MacCartie,

To my certain knowledge, ever since the second Prince of Arcot's death, his four daughters have earnestly pleaded for a house to live in, together, (or house rent) to enable them to live respectably, as from their birth they have been accustomed to live in "Mahals" or Palaces, & they prayed Government to show them the same consideration on their leaving the "Amur Mahal" as was shown to the families of the first Prince of Arcot, when they were obliged to leave the "Shadee Mahal" on his decease; and another reason the three younger sisters also gave why they hoped & expected Government would take their bad case into consideration was – that they had lost all their properties, left them by their mother, by being obliged to give their deals to their late grandfather (the first Prince of Arcot) who according to Mahommedan custom, had brought them up as his own daughters, and therefore could not be refused –

I think I have interpreted these words over & over again for the four sisters, and latterly, for three sisters, for years past! Immamiah Begum Sahiba being now the eldest sister takes the lead in everything, the other two being present, and pleading also, during the conversation – The eldest sister, the late Busheerun Nissa Begum

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Sahiba, who used to be foremost in the matter having died about three years ago –

The three remaining sisters are on the most affectionate terms, & it is quite true that Immamiah Begum Sahiba's pension is mortgaged, & also the tumble down place she lives in, & as soon as

His Excellency's reply
to the petition is received,
should it be in the
negative, the mortgage
will be foreclosed -
I feel very sorry indeed
for these Princesses who
for so many years of
their lives were in
affluent circumstances
and had handsome surroundings,
especially as they were
deprived of their beautiful
houses & lands by their
late grandfather - but
of course if the question
of movement "cannot be
reopened", & Government
cannot do the same on
their behalf as was
done for the families
of the first Prince of

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Col. S.
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Political DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 703.

FOR ORDERS.

Submitted with reference to the notes on C. No. 590 (within).

C.S. / 24/5/95

The petition of Imama Begam Sahib appears to have been a mere dodge to get an addition to her pension

29/5/95

I have been at some pains to find out the truth of this business - and have referred again to Mrs. Firth - whose letter is now put up with the file. d 6. June. 895

Before any thing is finally settled, I wish Col. Stewart to be directed to ascertain from these sisters and their husbands, whether they would be willing to live together in one house, supposing Govt. can find a suitable one, on the condition that Govt. deduct their respective shares of the house rent, from their stipends. Col. Stewart only tells us what he supposes - Mrs Firth what she knows, & Col. Stewart should now make the enquiries, which will, (or will not) corroborate Mrs. Firth.

Col. S. shd. clearly understand that Govt. has no intention of giving them any more money as house rent.

W / 10 June

Houses for Imamia Beg
and her sisters

FOR ORDERS.

H.E. the Governor ~~& Co~~

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Political Dept

Memo. No. 1389 C. No. 703.

The Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, ~~is requested~~ will be directed to ascertain from Imamia Begam, her two sisters and ~~their~~ the husbands of the three ladies whether they would be willing to live together in one house (supposing that Govt. can find a suitable one) on the condition that their respective shares of the house-rent are deducted from their stipends. It must be clearly explained to the above stipendiaries that Govt. has no intention of granting any addition to their stipends in the shape of house-rent

(From orders)

C.S.
10.6.95

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13/6/95

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Bigamy & her sentence

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Begam & her sisters

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CURRENT No. 912
Pol.
To The Chief Secretary
to Government with the Governor,
Stone house Hill

A. H. [illegible]
Pay Carnatic Stipends

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Begum & her sis

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H. S. Stewart Col
P.C.S. 21/488

R. N. to reply & V. to exam
129/1416.

Mylapur, 29th J

RECD. 1-7-95

To Colonel H. S. Stewart M. S. C.
Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends,
Chepauk.

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1. VII. 95.

Sir
In reply to yours No. 257 of 18th June instant, I have the h
to state on behalf of myself and my wife, Imamya Begum Sahiba,
as we lived together harmoniously, in one house, for a long time, with
latter's two sisters and their husbands, nothing would prevent our li
similarly again, provided the house affords sufficient accommod
to supply the requirements of each family in its present stage. But
afraid a suitable house for the purpose will not be available u
a large amount of rent is paid. I take this opportunity of stat
that in lately petitioning His Excellency the Governor about the
of a dwelling house, my wife never expected that a proposal such
one made in your letter under reply would be the result, for it
obvious that could she and her sisters been in a position to save
portion out of their allowances — allowances barely limited to
wants of their grown up families and numerous servants and
-dents — they would not have taken the liberty of troubling the
-ment about the house-rent. Further, my wife does not ask f
addition to her allowance, nor do her sisters. Their humble an
appeal amounts to this, namely, that as all the members of the
Prince's family, at the time Shadi Mahal ceased to be the
residence, were assisted by Government to procure dwelling
for themselves, and as each and every member of the Second
family (except these four daughters three of whom are still
was hel in the same manner when Amir Mahal was
and de ed Prince of Arcot, they also may
-ly fa ng to a decision on this question, lo
may b ct that among the members of the fa
the First d Princes to whom house-rent was
those not the residents of the Shadi

ther and father, the First and Second Princes; and that
y with the several members of a family, Government have
y observed equality of treatment, but in the case of these three
xception has been made, unfortunately, to their great dis-
pointment and loss. They therefore earnestly beseech that you
be pleased to explain the case properly to our paternal Govern-
t so that means may be sanctioned to redress their long stand-
grievance, for which they will ever feel grateful to you.

I have the honor to remain

Sir

Your most obedient and humble Servant

Ahmad Muhi-ud-Din Khan

(189[illegible])

No. 470 of 1895.

23/488

From

Ahmad Muhi ud din Khan B.

Dated 29th June }
Recd: 1st July } 1895

Stating that his wife's appeal to Govt. was for the grant of a house rent allowance similar to other members [illegible] Arcot family.

9-7-95

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9.VII.95.

The Paymaster
Carnatic Stipends,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 16th June 1895 I beg (with the consent of my wife Khayab-un-Nisa Begum Sahiba) to inform you

1. That after the demise of my grand-father-in-law His Highness the late Nawab Azeem Jah Bahadur, the First Prince of Arcot, my grand-mother-in-law the late Mumtaz-un-Nissa Begum Sahiba being the widow of the said Prince and the chief holder, among the mem ers of the Arcot family, of the perpetual gran was the most eligible person to enjoy the allowance for House-rent from the governme and yet in spite of all her efforts to secure th above-mentioned allowance, her claims we over-looked by the government.

2. That eversince the decease of the said un-Nisa Begum Sahiba my wife and continued preferring their claims to the

Governors of Madras and have been personally talking
about the same to their ladies and daughters
while on visits to them. It may not be out of
place here to remark the difference between my
wife and her sisters on one side and the others
n the other the former being the Shadi daughters
nd the latter, the Nikahi children of His Highness
e late Second Prince of Arcot. In spite of this
fference the allowance is granted only to the second

That in as much as my wife's stipend which
e gets from the government is hardly sufficient
 us to lead a respectable life, to provide our
n wants and those of the children whom we are
und to maintain, and to support a large numb
of dependants and old servants, we are forced
 these and other difficulties of the household affairs
pray to the government for granting us the
use-rent.

That it can be easily ascertained that the
nded properties &c. which my wife and her sisters
ssessed have altogether been disposed of by the
rtgagees to whom the mortgage was given by
Highness the late First Prince of Arcot.

That had my wife and her sisters been in

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in the enjoyment of house-rent like other members of
the Arcot family since the demise of my grand-
father-in-law the late Navab Azeem Jah Bahadur
we would have, by this time of 22 years, received
over twenty-six-thousand rupees. We pray therefore
most respectfully that the Government will be
pleased to consider our legitimate claims and
to supply our want by giving each of us separate
houses to be our own personal property.

6. In conclusion, we beg to say that we trust
in your interest towards us and particularly in
this affair and that ere long our grievances will
be redressed for which we will ever be grateful to you.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

dated 8th July 1895.
Madras.

محمد عبد الواسع خان

No. 494 of 1895.

From,
Md. Abdul
Vasia Khan Br.

Dated 8th } July/95
Recd. 9th }

In re: house rent of
his wife & her sisters.

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RECD 8-7-95

To

The Paymaster of the Carnatic Stipends
Chepauk

M.P. RECD 8.7.95
Dupl 8. VII. 95.
26/488

Dear Sir

The undersigned has the honor to state in reply to the memorandum of the Paymaster Carnatic Stipends dated 18th June last, that he and his wife have no objection to live with his sisters-in-law and their husbands in one house, as they had been already living so till demise of the 2nd Prince of Arcot.

And to condition that a third part of the rent of the house will be deducted from the Stipend of the undersigne wife, he is sorry to say, that it is impossible for her to make the allowance, as the expences of the support of her famil and dependan are hardly met with in the Stipend she is in receipt of.

The Prince of Arcot if referred to, the undersigned is sure, will bear evidence to the fact, that the undersigned's wife and her sisters are the only children of the 2nd Prince of Arcot who have adopted a mode of life in keeping with their late fathers name and exalted position, and the income they get is scarcel sufficient to meet their necessary wants. If they were able to pay for the rent of a decent house, they would have enga one long ago.

After the demise of the 1st Prince, although each of hi daughters obtained Rs 400 a month, in this case the Governm did not think of making any such condition, but were pleas to grant them a further sum of Rs 100 each as house rent.

The undersigned's wife and her sisters who are the ela daughters of the 2nd Prince of Arcot, are getting, as the Pay himself knows, only Rs 375 each and the circumstances under which they appeal to Government for help are just the same under which others of similar position were considered deserving.

27/488 - The undersigned and his wife, therefore, respectfully beg that the Paymaster will be good enough to represent their case properly to the Government and ask them to bestow their favour on the three surviving shadi daughters of the late 2nd Prince of Arcot with the same kindly feeling that induced them to confer it in the case of each and every member of the 1st & 2nd Princes of Arcots' families

Now the undersigned extremely hopes that the Paymaster will be good enough as to recommend to the Government either to grant house rent or to favour with a grand house free from any rent, as they feel ashamed to pay visit to the honorable ladies in their small houses. For which act of kindness they will be much obliged to the Paymaster & the Government

I beg to remain
Sir

6th July 1895
Madras

Nazir Ali Khan Bahadoor.

(1895)

No 491 of 1895

From

Nasir Ali
Khan Bahr

Dated 6th July/95.
Recd 8th July/95.

In re: House rent of his wife & her sisters.

Ackd

CURRENT No. 924

28/288 No: 288 of 1895.

Paymaster Carnatic Stipends
Office Chepak 9th July 1895.

From

The Paymaster Carnatic Stipends
Chepak.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In confirmity with your Memorandum No: 1389 dated 15th June 1895, I have the honor to report (as well be seen by the replies enclosed in original) tha Ahmad Muhi-ud-din Khan Bahadur and others represent on behalf of their wives, that the considera-tion shown by Government in offering to provide them with a House on the terms stated in the Memorandum already quoted, is not the natu of relief they pray for, but they still persist in urgi their claims to House Rent notwithstanding that I have conveyed to them the decision of Government "that Government has no intention of granting a "addition to their Stipends in the shape of House Ren I beg respectfully in connection with the disposal their case to refer to my Report No. 122 dated 11th March containing a History of their case and the grounds parties concerned were refused the boon they have -sistently importuned for, for the last 21 years.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient

J. H. Stewart.
Paymaster Carnat

URRENT No. 924

Political (1895) Department.

From

The Paymaster
Carnatic Stipends
Chepak.

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George.

10 JUL 1895

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No: 288 of 1895

3. Enclosures.

Forwards Correspondence received
Imamia Begam Sahiba and
2 Sisters through their husbands
requested in Memo: No: 1389 of
ne 1895.

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Political DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 924

FOR ORDERS.

We now get the answers from the husbands of these ladies, which of course all ask for more money – or money's worth – and they will not listen to anything else. Which is only to be expected from the males of the family.

Govt. has all along refused to give them more than a certain pension – wh. would have been enough for them to live comfortably on – tho' perhaps not luxuriously – but their husbands have been the means of reducing their comforts, & bringing them down to rather desperate straits. I thought we might possibly make some arrangement, by which they could be comfortably housed together, by providing a house suitable for them, & deducting from the pension of each one, their respective shares. If they (or rather their husbands) could have been brought to consent to such an arrangement, matters wd: have been placed on a better footing. But as they refuse to come in on these terms, I see nothing for it, but to decline to entertain their petition.

W 14 July

Submitted with reference to H.E. the Governor's note on C. No 703 (within)

C.S.
12/7/95

12/7/95

I concur
17/7/95

So do I
18/7

House Rent
Imamia Begam & Sisters

FOR ORDERS.

H.E. the Governor
& HON'BLE MEMBERS

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Political Dept

C. No. 344, 590, 703, 912, 924.

Order. d/ 25th July 1895 No. 488

The Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends will inform Imamia Begam Sahiba and her sisters that the question of the grant of house-rent to them cannot be re-opened

(From Orders)

C.S.
19.7.95

24/7/95

P.C.S. (all Q) DESPATCHED AUG 95 copied 29/7
M.S

Note The above order is submitted in lieu of one merely rejecting the petition to save the chance of a Memorial to India being raised in

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19.7.95