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G.O., No. 473

DATED 13-7-94

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the O.C.S to inform Haji Ahmad Ali Sahib and others, members of the family of Rafat-ul-Mulk, a Carnatic Stipendiary that Govt is not prepared to interfere in the management of the household affairs of the latter.

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CURRENT No. 658

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
10 MAY 1898
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Order

From The Paymaster Carnatic Stipends Chepauk

No. 182 of 1898

Dated 9th
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SUBJECT.

Forwards, with his remarks, a petition addressed to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, by the children of Rajah-ul-mulk Bahadur, for the favourable consideration of Government.

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Madras
27th April 1898

To,

His Excellency the Governor in Council
Ootacamund.

(Through,
the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.)

The humble petition of the sons and daughters of Rafat-ul-mulk Bahadur

Respectfully sheweth,

That your petitioners father, Rafat-ul-mulk Bahadur is the first Thadi son-in-law of H.H. the late Azimjah Bahadur, first prince of Arcot, and as such is supposed to occupy high social position. He is in receipt of a total monthly allowance of Rs 291-10-8 from Government for the maintenance of his social position and Children, who become sharers in his stipends after his demise.

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That your Excellency's petitioners request to bring to your notice that owing to old age, general infirmity and principally mental weakness he has naturally become

become incapacitated for the proper manage-
ment of his household affairs or the
maintenance of his high social rank.
The various conflicting letters and petitions
he has addressed to the Carnatic Pay.
masters from time to time bear ample testi-
mony to his present failing mental facul.
ties. In Consequence of his existing physical
Condition and want of Common sense, he
has rendered himself a tool in the hands
of a Clique headed by a woman of low.
birth who has been bred and brought up
by his eldest daughter as a maid servant
and who exercises enormous influence over
him, much to the petitioners' pain & sorrow.
As a result of the working of this selfish
Clique, of which the woman referred to
is the Chief factor, his Children were Com.
pelled one after another, which they are
now debarred from visiting even in Case
of any sickness of the old gentleman,
nor is the old gentleman allowed to
visit any of his Children.

That as already stated above your
petitioner's father is in receipt of a hand.
some sum of Rs 291 - 6 - 8 out of which
only a small amount of Rs 12 is set
apart for his boarding, the remainder
being utilised by the above said woman

and

and the members of the Clique, while his
Children, some of whom are yet unmar-
ried and unprovided for, are not bene-
fited, even to the smallest extent.

× 1 daughter & 1 son.

That the present society in which he
has allowed himself to move is dero-
gatory to his position, one injurious effect
of the baneful influence of this society
being that even the only house he possessed
has been mortgaged for about Rs 4000.

That your petitioners submit that it
is extremely painful to them to see their
old father being placed in the hands
of mean scheming persons who having be-
come sole masters of the situation do
not allow him even the ordinary Comforts
of life Compatible with his high Social
status. As in Consideration of the relations
existing in the past between the Carnatic
family and the British Government,
the latter has always evinced a desire
to do all in its power for the social,
material, and moral well-being of
the above said family, petitioners most
respectfully but earnestly appeal to your
Excellency to take into your sympathetic
Consideration the present deplorable
Condition

Condition of their fallen and orden an
investigation being made forthwith into
it with a view to remedial measures
being adopted to release him from
the grasp? of the selfish clique referred
to and thus place his domestic —
affairs on a sound and satisfactory
basis.

And your Excellency's Petitioners shall
ever pray.

1 (Signed) Hajee Ahmed Ali (Son)
2 (do) Muhammad Abdun Razzak (son)
3 (do) Muhammad Abdul Vahab (son)
4 (do) Hajee Abdus samad (son)
5 (Hand mark of) Fathima Begum (daughter)
6 (do) Mohemdy Begum (daughter)
7 (Signed) Azeez Ahmed (Son)
8 (Hand mark of) Rahim-un-nisa Begum (daughter)
9 (do) Mahmood-un-nisa Begum (daughter)
10 (Signed) Muhammad Vali Ahmed (Son)
11 (do) Muhammad Abdul Ahad (Grandson)
12 (do) Muhammad Abdul Vahab guardian for Moiz-ud-dein (Grandson)
13 (Hand mark of) Fathat-un-nisa Begum (Grand-daughter)

No. 182 of 1898
Current No. 658

Paymaster Jarnatic Stipends
Office Chepak 9th May 1898.

From

Lt. Colonel D. D. Pryce I.S.C.
Paymaster Jarnatic Stipends
Chepak.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a petition to the address of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, received from Haji Ahmad Ali Sahib and others members of the family of Rafat-ul-mulk, for the favourable Consideration of Government.

2. In doing so I have the honour to State that I am aware of a G.O. passed in 1890 (No. 551 dated 17th November 1890 "Political") declaring this office to be no longer a "quasi" Court of inquiry and arbitration, and as the present application of the petitioners is not a case relating to maintenance and the like, but one in which Government may (should they consider it advisable) use their discretionary powers, as was done in the cases disposed of by G.O.s No.s 57 Jud: 4222 dated 31st January 1884 and 22nd March 1887 "Political", respectively, I have submitted their application for the orders of Government with my following remarks thereon.

3. Rafat-ul-mulk is the first Shadi Lon-in-law

law of His late Highness Azim Jah Bahadur the first Prince of arcot, and as such he is considered in the family as an old man of some rank and position. He is according to my office records 82 years old, and draws 3 allowances viz:- (1) Rs 100 per mensem in right of his wife, (2) Rs 16-10-8 per mensem as house rent from the same source and (3) Rs 175-0-0 per mensem as a dependant of Her late Highness Nawab Said-un-nissa Begam Sahiba vide Gos Nos 202 dated 7th April 1876 "Political" No. 335 dated 11th May 1877 "Political" and E. M. C. No. 67 dated 19th January 1857 respectively. The first allowance being of a perpetual nature is reversible on his demise to his 4 Shadi Sons and the family of the 5th predeceased Son (Petitioners No. 1 to 4 and 11 to 13). The second allowance being a house rent will lapse on his demise and the 3rd allowance is returned Continuable in appendix F. to Gos. No. 359 dated 22nd May 1885 "Political" - vide Serial No. 43 - appendix A, Part II, Pages 5, of G.O. No. 135 dated 1st March 1897 "Political".

4. From Enquiry I learn that Rafat-ul-mulk Bahadur is now residing with an ordinary woman of low birth named Aisha Bi aged about 35 years, who exercises much influence over the old man and appropriates the whole of his income. None of the petitioners are allowed access to her house, even to inquire after the health of the old man. The first four petitioners who are the Shadi Sons of Rafat-ul-mulk Bahadur and in receipt of a monthly allowance of Rs 100 each plus a house rent of Rs 16-10-8 each per mensem, came to my office and presented the petition under report. All of them unanimously corroborate the above with certain additions and ~~exaggerations~~. They say that their father is a puppet in the hands of Aisha Bi and he is not properly taken care of in his dotage, they add they do not want any money as they are amply provided for, their own desire is that the management of their father be put in better hands and that he be relieved from the clutches of Aisha Bi and properly taken care of by somebody whom the government may be kindly pleased to nominate.

5. Should government be pleased to accede to their prayers, I would prefer the old man's 4 Shadi Sons than any other stranger to manage the household affairs of their father Rafat-ul-mulk Bahadur, as their allowances would be a sort of security for the proper management of the affairs entrusted to them.

I have the honour to be
Sir
your most obedient servant

H Hyde Lt. Colonel
Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends
Chepauk.

Political Dept

C. N° 658

O. M. N° 1322 d/15° June 1898.

Refce on C. N° 658

The Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, is requested to visit Rafat-ul-Mulk and to report on his capacity to manage his own affairs.

(From Govt)

RTJ
14/6/98

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14.6.98

15/6/98.

Return to P. after despatch.

The Paymaster
Carnatic Stipends } (Govt)

Desp'd
15/6/98.

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Political (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 914

From The Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.

Order

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SUBJECT.

Re the management of Rafat-ul-mulk Bahadur's affairs.

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Correct № 914

C. S. Office
Chepák
Madras
30th June, 1898.—

CHIEF SECRETARY
4 JUL 1898
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From

Lt-Col: D. D. Dyer
Paymaster Carnatic Stipends

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government, Madras.—

Sir,

I have the honour, with reference to
your Memo № 1322 dated 15th June 1898
to report, that, in accordance therewith
I have visited (twice) Rafat-ul-Nissa Bibiden
— he is an infirm old man (82 according
to the records in the office) but his
intellect appears perfectly clear, so that
he should be able to manage his own
affairs

I have the honour, to be
Sir
Your most obt Servt

D. D. Dyer Lt Colonel
Paymr C. Stipends

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Political DEPARTMENT

C. No. 658 & 914

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

~~THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.~~

~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

SUBJECT.

Rafat-ul-mulk Bahadur.

FOR ORDERS.

This current relates to a petition from thirteen members of the family of Rafat-ul-mulk, a shadi son-in-law of the late Nawab Azim Jah, the First Prince of Arcot Carnatic Stipendiary, ~~and a carnatic stipendiary~~. The petitioners pray that the affairs of Rafat-ul-mulk may be placed under proper control.

2. Rafat-ul-mulk is in receipt of three stipends aggregating Rs. 291-10-8 per mensem :-

(a) Rs. 175 per mensem under H.H.C. No. 67, dated 19th January 1857 derived from his wife's grand mother, H.H. the late Said-un-nissa Begam;

(b) Rs.100 per mensem in right of his wife who was the eldest shadi daughter of the Nawab Azim Jah;

(c) Rs.16-10-8 per mensem, his share in the distribution of the House rent of Rs. 100 paid to the family of Ammatul Vali Valiyat-un-nissa Begam. Of these three allowances (b) is perpetual and will descend to his sons

on

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Please see also letter No. 472, Pol., dated 29th November 1856.

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G.O.No.212,Pol.,d/ 7th April 1876 F

G.O.No.335,Pol.,dated 11th May '77 C

on his death, (a) is"continuable" vide appendix F to G.O.No.359,Political, dated 22nd May 1885, and (c), the house rent allowance, will lapse on the death of the present grantee vide Notes connected with G.O.No.64,Political, dated 1st February 1894.

3. The petitioners state that Rafat-ul-mulk is [redacted] old [redacted] and weak-minded, that he has fallen into the clutches of a woman of low birth, that the latter has gained complete ascendency over his mind, and that she keeps him on the barest pittance and monopolises the balances of his large stipend herself. They pray that Govt. will investigate the matter and do something to save Rafat-ul-mulk from degradation.

4. The Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, who has made enquiries about Rafat-ul-mulk, has ascertained that the stipendiary is 82 years old according to the records; that it is true that he is unduly under the influence of a woman of low birth named Aisha Bi; and that the family of Rafat-ul-mulk cannot gain access to him.

The first four petitioners, shadi sons of Rafat-ul-mulk, have asked the Paymaster to devise some means of protecting him. The Paymaster does not think the sons are prompted by any desire to obtain undue control over Rafat-ul-mulk's money as they themselves are in receipt of good pensions (Rs.176-10-8 each) The Paymaster recommends that the four sons may be put in

G.O.No.551,Pol.,dated 17th November 1890 (para.2)

in charge of Rafat-ul-mulk's affairs.

5. The Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends has no authority to ~~at~~ arbitrate on family disputes among stipendiaries and therefore submits the matter to Govt., which may if it desires use its discretionary powers as it has done in the past.

6. The precedents for the interference of Govt. furnished by the Paymaster are the cases of Fatimah Begam and Amat-ul-khadija Begam disposed of by G.O's. Nos. 222,Political, dated 22nd March 1887 and 57,Political,dated 31st January 1884. ~~In the first of these~~ Fatimah Begam, shadi daughter of Azim-ud-daulah Bahadur, first titular Nawab of the Carnatic was in receipt of Rs. 450 per mensem (inclusive of house allowance). When old and unable to manage her affairs, the Paymaster was authorized to draw her stipend and to distribute it in accordance with a fixed scale among her relatives. This arrangement was made at the request of the pensioner herself and with the consent of the several members of the family. In the second case cited, Carnatic Stipendiary Amat-ul-khadija Begam being unable to manage her affairs owing to old age and weakness of intellect her pension of Rs. 15 per mensem was, during her life time, drawn by her son Murtuza Husain.

7. The first precedent cited by the Paymaster is not to the point as the

the transfer of the control of the pension was made at the request of the petitioner herself. In the second case the pensioner was decidedly of weak intellect. Rafat-ul-mulk although not leading a proper life does not however appear to be physically or mentally unable to manage his affairs and it is doubtful whether Govt. should interfere. It has been laid down (vide para. 9 of H.M.C. No. 230,d/ 19th March 1897 on page 51 of the green book) that as these carnatic stipends of 1855 have been conferred from the pure bounty of Govt., they are subject to be at any time suspended, or withdrawn altogether, should the misconduct of the recipient, in the opinion of Govt. render such a measure desirable. In the case of H.H. Nawab Khan-un-nisa Begam two years ago Govt. ultimately decided to leave her to herself (please see the papers ending with G.O.No. 503-4,Political, dated 7th August 1896). Perhaps it would be best if the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends were asked to procure, if possible, a medical opinion on the fitness of Rafat-ul-mulk to manage his affairs.

C.W.S. 7.6.98

No case has yet been made out for the interference of Govt. and if Rafat ul Mulk likes to live with the woman Aisha Bi in preference to living with his sons, he can please himself. His children do not want his money. It is said however that his relations cannot get access to him & know how he is getting on. I think therefore that Col. Pryce may be told to see him & if in doubt as to his capacity to manage his own affairs, be authorized to procure a medical opinion on the subject A.A 8.6.98.

I agree with the Chief Sec., except that I think that Col. Pryce might form his own opinion as to Rafat ul Mulk's capacity, without the aid of a Medical Opinion.

A.H 12.6.98

C.9-798
R.12-7.98

H.E. The Governor.

Political Dept.

With reference to the correspondence flagged R, please see the Paymaster's reply (C. No. 914) to the reference made to him. Col. Pryce reports that Rafat-ul-mulk, whom he has visited twice, is infirm and old, but that his intellect is perfectly clear & he is able to manage his own affairs. Draft order is submitted for approval.

C.W.S. 6.7.98.

It has been in effect decided to leave Rafat-ul-mulk to himself if he seemed able to manage his own affairs. Col Pryce reports that he is. I have therefore inscribed the draft order.

7-7-98.

A.H.H. A.A. 6.7.98

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Political DEPARTMENT.

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The Govt. is not prepared to interfere in the management of Rafat. ul. mulk of his affairs and the petitioners will be informed accordingly by the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends

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