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AUGUST.

Petition for Pension.

Informing one Akbar Arab of Vellore, who claims descent from a wife of Tippu Sultan, that his request for the grant of a pension is inadmissible.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

Petition from AKBAR ARAB, son of Fātimā Bibi, a two-lakh fund pensioner, residing in Huzruth makan, Vellore, to His Excellency the Governor dated 7th July 1899.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—That Your Excellency's petitioner most submissively begs to state that his mother, the aforesaid Fātimā Bibi, is the own grand-daughter of Misri Bégam and Abbāsi Bégam, wives of His Highness Haidar 'Alī of Mysore.

That subsequent to the demise of the said Bégams the Government were pleased to maintain the surviving members of the family, so much so that the latter enjoyed daily rathibs and fathiha fanoms in the shape of pecuniary aid.

That the said fathiha fanoms were continued until the demise of Karangraizman, the last widow, who was allowed to remain in the mahal in the fort, Vellore.

That subsequent to the death of the said Karangraizman the fanoms in question were lapsed *in toto* and the recipients were left forsaken.

That seeing no other alternative to maintain herself and her family, petitioner's mother preferred her claims and the Government were pleased to grant her a monthly pension of Rs. 2 which she commuted into gratuity.

That on the 29th July 1898, petitioner renewed his claim for the continuance of a pension through his great-grand-mothers and not through his mother when the Deputy Collector in charge of the treasury, North Arcot, provided him with an endorsement, copy enclosed.

That petitioner has been reduced to distressed circumstances—unforeseen misfortunes. In this critical state he has to support a large family consisting of his poor old mother and hapless little children.

That the savings made out of the income of the aforesaid Bégams during their life time are very large inasmuch as only a very few of their relatives and dependants were provided with pensions which at present do not exist, and, in accordance with the treaty entered into between the British Government and the Mysore Raja, the former are bound to protect the surviving members of the Mysore family.

Under these circumstances petitioner prays that Your Excellency will be pleased on consideration of the terms of the said treaty to confer on him a pension compatible with his connection and present hapless condition. For which act of kindness petitioner, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

ENCLOSURE.

Endorsement of the Collector of North Arcot, on petition of 29th July 1898, received from Akbar Arab, son of Fātimā Bibi Huzruth makan, Vellore, dated Chittoor, 5th September 1898, No. 2177/Dis. Acct.

The petitioner is informed that he is not entitled to any portion of his mother's pension as it has been once commuted.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 541, POLITICAL, DATED 16TH AUGUST 1899.

Petition for a pension (Mysore).

C. No. 961—Petition from Akbar Arab, son of Fātimā Bibi, dated 7th July 1899 (received through Private Secretary).

NOTE.

Akbar Arab, son of Fātimā Bibi, who claimed to be a grand-daughter of Misri Bégam, a wife of Tipu Sultan of Mysore, claims a pension on the grounds—1st, that the savings made to Government by the lapsing of stipends granted to Haidar 'Alī's wives is very large, and 2nd, that by a treaty entered into between the British Government and the Mysore Raja, the former are bound to protect the surviving members of the Mysore family.

2. When the Government of India left the control of the steadily diminishing "two-lakh fund" to the control of the Madras Government in 1878 it was on certain conditions as to continuations and disbursements which had for their aim the extinction of the fund in the then early future.

3. On receipt of these instructions from the Government of India, the officer in charge of the Vellore Stipend Pay office was called upon to furnish a list of surviving pensioners and also a list of persons whom the Pay Officer thought should be recommended to India for compassionate grants under paragraph 2 (ii) of India's letter adverted to in the foregoing paragraph.

4. In its final order on these lists this Government gave the Stipend Pay Officer to "distinctly understand" that no further application for "compassionate allowances" would be accepted by Government unless such allowances could be met from lapsed stipends (paragraph 4 of the second Government Order noted in margin).

5. With his letter, No. 18, dated 7th February 1879, the Vellore Paymaster forwarded a petition from "Fātimā Bibi" (the present petitioner's alleged mother) stating that his predecessor had left on record a note of his intention to recommend her to Government for a "compassionate grant" of Rs. 2 per mensem as soon as savings were effected by lapses. This compassionate allowance was sanctioned by Government "for life."

6. Under date, 5th February 1884, Fātimā Bibi petitioned Government for increased pension or, as an alternative, for sanction to the commutation of her pension so as to enable her to go to Mecca. Government refused both these requests, but in September of the same year the second request (for commutation of her allowance to enable her to proceed to Mecca) was repeated and on the recommendation of the Pay Officer sanctioned by Government on the understanding that the Pay Officer satisfied himself that the commutation money was actually spent in buying a

G.O., No. 687, Political, dated 7th October 1884.

ticket to Mecca. As the journey to Mecca was abandoned, the commutation was

G.O., No. 755, Political, dated 13th November 1884.

supercession of previous orders, however,

G.O., No. 140, Political, dated 9th February 1886.

7. In 1890 Government declared its intention to terminate absolutely all Mysore grants—except a few specified in an appendix to the order—on the death of (then)

Paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 18, Political, dated 21st January 1890.

8. The present petitioner applied to the Collector of North Arcot in July 1898

Note.—He would not have been entitled to it if it had not been commuted as it was a life grant.

(Intld.) F.W.G.

(") C.M.S.

to the irrelevancy of the above endorsement and reiterates his request.

9. With regard to the petitioner's claim based on treaty obligations the petitioner apparently interprets the agreement to "provide for the families of the late Haidar 'Ali and of the late Tipu Sultan" as including the descendants in perpetuity of those families. Government's obligations in relation to these families are dealt

with in the letter to the Government of India, No. 595, Political, dated 19th

October 1877, and there is no obligation to continue a pension in perpetuity—please see on this point His Excellency the Governor's notes on pages 11 and 15 of the notes attached to G.O., No. 86, Political, dated 4th February 1897.

10. In the present case the request is for the continuation of a *commuted* stipend and it is submitted that the petitioner is wholly without claim on Government and that a favourable consideration of his petition would re-open questions which have for many years past been considered finally settled. * A draft disposal is submitted for approval below.

(Intld.) F.W.G.
3-8-99.

(") C.M.S.
9-8-99.

† I do not think there is any good ground on which to make any allowance to the petitioner.

(Intld.) G.S.
10-8-99.

* Approved.

† I agree.

(Intld.) A.E.H.
15-8-99.

ORDER—No. 541, Political, dated 16th August 1899.

The petitioner will be informed that his request is inadmissible.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the petitioner (through the Collector of North Arcot).

Public (1897) Department.

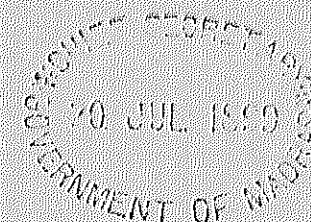
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Private Secretary to
H. E. the Governor

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Political DEPARTMENT.

Petition for a Pension
(My wife)

C. No. 961 ^{Petition}
From ~~the~~ Akbar Arab - son, No. —, dated 7th July, 1897.

of Fatima Bibi — , , , , 181

* Rec^d through Private Secy. Wm. L. G.

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20.2.79

Another Arab, son of Fathima
Bibi who claims^{ed} to be a grand-
daughter of Misri Begam, a
wife of ^{Tippen Sultan} Hyder Ali of Mysore,
claims a pension on the grounds.

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by the lapsing of stipends granted
to Hyder Ali's wives is very large
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tinction of the fund in the near
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3. On receipt of these instructions
from the Govt of India, ~~this Govt~~
called on the Officer in charge of
the Vellore Stipend Pay Office ^{was called upon} to
furnish a list of surviving pensioners
& also a list of persons whom the
Pay Officer thought ^{to India} should be recom-
mended for a compassionate grant
under para 2 (ii) of India's letter
adverted to in the foregoing para.

4. Three lists were received in due
~~course~~ ^{On its final order} ~~this Govt~~
this Govt gave the Stipend Pay Officer
to "distinctly understand" that no
further applications for "compassionate
allowances" ^{grants} would be accepted by Govt
unless such allowances could be met
from lapsed stipends (para 14 of the
second GO noted in margin).

5. With ^{his} letter No 18 d/7.2.77 the
Vellore Paymaster forwarded a
petition from "Fathima Bee" (the
present petitioner's alleged mother)

Please see India's For^d Dept
No 117.7. d/11-2-1878 m.
GO No 122 Pol d/27-2-78.

GO No 122 Pol d/27-2-78.

GO No 374 Pol d/15.7.78.
" " 467 " " 28.8.78.

GO No 71 Pol d/20-2-79

increased pension or
as an alternative, for

GO No 487 Pol d/23.7.82.

GO 687 Pol d/7-10-84.

stating that his predecessor had
left on record a note of his inten-
to recommend her to Govt for a
"compassionate grant" of Rs 2 per
month as soon as savings were
affected by lapses ~~resulting~~
~~from the death of the pensioner~~
~~the death of the pensioner~~
para. This ^{compassionate} allowance was
sanctioned by Govt "for life".

6. Under date 5th Feb 1882 -
Fathima Bee petitioned Govt for
sanction to ^{her} commuting her pension
so as to enable her to go to Mecca.
Govt refused both these requests,
but in September of the same
year the second request (for com-
mutation of her allowance to enable
her to proceed to Mecca) was repeat-
ed on the recommendation of
the Pay Officer ^{sanctioned by} Govt ~~sanctioned~~ ^{on the understanding that the}
Pay Officer ^{would} satisfy himself that
the commutation money was actual-
ly spent on buying a ticket to
Mecca. As the journey to Mecca
was abandoned the commutation
was deferred, Govt refusing a request

for sanction to the use of the money
for the marriage of ^{her} daughters.

In supersession of previous orders,
however, Govt ultimately ^{permitted} ~~admitted~~
the Commutation to enable Fathima
Bi to join her daughter at Quilon,
the daughter having
when ~~had~~ ^{been} by that time been married
to a Sepoy stationed there.

7. In 1890 Govt determined and declared
its intention to terminate absolutely
all ^{Mysore} Grants - except a few specified
in an appendix to the order - on the
death of (them) present holders & gave
notice to all stipendiaries that these
orders were final & would not be
modified.

8. The present petitioner applied to
the ^{Off. of T. Arab} ~~Vellam Ray Officer~~ in July/98
for a pension by virtue of his
descent from a wife of Hyder
Ali (calling himself his great-
grandson) but that Officer inform-
ed Ashber Arab that he was not
entitled to his mother's pension
because it had been commuted.

Petitioner refers to the irrelevancy
of the above Endorsement by the
Ray Officer & reiterates his request.

GO 783 Pol d/13-11-84.

GO 140 Pol d/9-2-86.

para 2 of GO 16 Pol d/21-1-97

Note He would not have been
entitled to it if it had not
been commuted. As it
was a life grant

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9. With regard to the petitioner's
claim based on ~~the~~ ^{his} ~~family~~ obligations
~~under~~ the petitioner apparent-
ly interprets the ~~the~~ agreement
to "provide for the families of the
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(Init.) J.V.G.
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I do not think there is any force
in the claim of the petitioner
to the pension

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