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*Draft note
3/9/89*

From

*A. A. Sim Esquire J.C.S.
Private Secretary to
H. E. the Governor.*

No.



Order

Dated 6th September 1899.

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SUBJECT.

*Transfers a petition dated
2nd September 1899 from
Hoossaina Begum, Chepauk
Madras, praying to be
granted a compassionate
allowance.*

/ By order

L. A. Sim

Private Secretary

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Madras - Chepauk
CURRENT NO. 1186² September 1899.

To His Excellency

Sir Arthur Elibank Havelock G.C. M.G.
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Governor of Madras.

The humble memorial of
Hoossaina Begum, daughter
of the late Abdulla Khan,
Subhedar-Major, Sirdar
Bahadur in the service of
the late H. H. the Nabob
of the Carnatic.

Most respectfully sheweth,

That your memorialist is the eldest daughter
of the late Subhedar-Major Abdulla Khan, who
was in receipt of a Carnatic pension of Rs. 80
per mensem. On the death of her father on the
9th June 1875, the Govt was pleased to sanction
in G.O. No 536 Political, dated 27th August 1875,
one-third pension of his stipend to his two widows
at Rs. 14 each.

2. That on the death of Zeenuth Bee, one of
the widows of the said Abdulla Khan, the Govt
in G.O. No 798 Political dated 5th December 1884
sanctioned a moiety of her pension, Rs 7, to
her daughter Amir Bee, who was suffering
from paralysis and lost the use of her right
hand and leg. She died on the 25th January 1890.

and her pension lapsed to Government.

3. That Memorialist lost the sight of her both eyes, eight years ago and is utterly helpless and undergoing starvation since her husband's death in October 1898. At her advanced age of over 50 years she is left destitute of means having none to support her and unable to work for her bread. She therefore very humbly prays that, in consideration of her father's long and faithful service under the late Carnatic Nabob, the merciful British Government will be pleased, after making due enquiries into her present state of physical and distressed condition through the Government Agent Chepak, to sanction the continuance of some compassionate allowance out of the lapsed portion of her father's stipend for her support. She begs to add that the practice in force was to grant half the pension to the widows of the officers in the service of the late Carnatic Nabob on their death, but unfortunately in the case of her mother, the said Zeenuth Bee, only one third pension was granted ^{her} instead of a moiety of her father's stipend as will be seen from G.O. No 536 Political D 27 Augt 1875.

4. Under the circumstances set forth, your Memorialist very respectfully solicits that her deplorable case which is deserving of mercy will be favourably considered and that the continuance of some compassionate allowance for her support may be sanctioned, for which act of charity

Witness

Your Excellency's Memorialist shall as in duty bound, ever pray

Mark of

Zeenuth Bee

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Political (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 132/

Order



From

The Ag. Paymaster
Carnatic Stipends
Chepak

No. 406 of 1899

Dated 6th

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SUBJECT.

Reports on n.o. No 2428 dated 27th September 1899 and states that Petitioner is the daughter of Gowna Bi a predeceased wife of Shoojaat Khan and is totally blind.

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N^o 406 of 1899.

CURRENT NO. 1321

Paymaster Carnatic Shipends
Office Chepak 6th October 1899

From

Captain R. F. R. Formby I. S. C.
Ag. Paymaster Carnatic Shipends
Chepak

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to your w. o. N^o 2428 dated
27th September 1899 "Political", I have the honour to return
the file received with the above and beg to submit the
following remarks thereon.

2. The history of the case of petitioner (Husaina
Begam) is fully before Government. Petitioner is the
daughter of one Gemina Bi, the first wife of Shoojaat
Khan who predeceased him. Petitioner is ^{neither} the
daughter of ^{neither} Gumat Bi nor Amina Bi, who received Com-
passionate allowances of Rs 14 each by G.O. N^o 536
dated 27th August 1875 "Political". The latter named
(Aminia Bi) was issueless.

3. Petitioner is a widow aged about 55 years
and is childless. She is, I am informed, totally
blind and in destitute circumstances.

I have the honour to be
Sir
your most obedient servant

R. F. R. Formby Captain
Ag. Paymaster Carnatic
Shipends Chepak

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2. The petitioner's request is for a pension on the ground that she is a widow 50 years of age and lost her sight eight years ago. She gives three reasons why her request should be favourably entertained.

(1) That her sister received a moiety of her mother's pension on the latter's death in 1884 and drew it till her own death in 1895.

(2) That her father's two wives received, on his death, only one third of his pension while " the practice in " force was to grant half the pension " to the widows of the officers " .

(5) That her father served the late Nawab long and faithfully.

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3. To set out the history of this pension chronologically the third of these reasons may be considered first. The petitioner's alleged father was Shajaat Khan Bahadur (the petitioner names him as " Abdulla Khan ") who as a Chief Officer of long service under the late Nawab was granted, at the time of the settlement in 1855, a pension equal to the full amount of his salary of Rs. 84. At the time these pensions

His name appears as serial No. 3 in List No. 2 on page 44 of G.O. No. 250, Pol., dated 19th March 1857.

Para 9 of G.O. 250, Pol., d/ 19-3-57

" parties except those entered in list No. 1 should be most explicitly informed that their pensions are given them for life only and that they will not be continued to their heirs wholly or in part under any circumstances whatsoever ". Any claim, therefore, based on the father's service under the late Nawab is, it is submitted, clearly inadmissible.

4. On the death of Shajaat Khan Bahadur in 1875 the then Govt. Agent, in reporting that event, stated " the Govt has already granted pensions to the widows of some of the Chief Officers to the extent of one third of the amount of their husbands' stipends " and on this ground recommended that a like proportion, viz. Rs. 28, be divided equally between the two widows Zinat Bi and Amina Bi as " a charitable allowance for life. " This allowance was sanctioned. The petitioner appears to have been misinformed as to the practice of

** Immediate family.*

** The Govt. granted pensions at the time.*

G.O. 536, Pol., d/ 27-8-75. A

Her name appears in the 1884 quinquennial list but not in that of 1889.

See foregoing para.

Govt. in similar cases. She has, therefore, no claim which can be based on inequitable distribution in the past.

5. The first named of the two widows referred to in the foregoing para died in 1884 when her daughter petitioned Govt. for support from the lapsed stipend of Rs. 14 on the ground of being a paralytic. She was given Rs. 7 per mensem for life on the recommendation of the then Acting Paymaster (Muhammad Ishaq Sahib) and died in 1895. The second widow of the original stipendiary ^{Amina Bi,} drew her stipend at the Treasury at South Arcot and died between 1884 and 1889. She is not referred to at all in the petition.

6. The only possible ground on which the petitioner's request could, at all, be considered appears, therefore, to be ^{of Amina Bi receiving a priority of her mother's pension} ~~but this precedence~~ the precedent occurred 15 years ago and if it were to be accepted as a good ground for entertaining the present application, innumerable similar cases would very soon be presented to Govt. The whole history of the pension leads to the conclusion, it is submitted, that the petitioner, who is the third generation in respect of a stipend which was granted on the express understanding that it would lapse absolutely on the death of the original grantee, is wholly without claim on Govt. and that her claim is, therefore, inadmissible.

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Will.

For the C.S.

It is not clear who the petitioner is - whether a daughter of Zinat Bi or Ammia Bi. But if she is a daughter of the former, her case is as strong as that of Amir Bi, the daughter referred to in para 5 of the etc. - Subd. that the P.C.S. may be consulted u.o.

Her circumstances are as she states them to be,

Chas.

25/9/99 P.C.S. u.o. No. 2428 27-9-99

26/9/99

From the P.C.S. No 406 dated 6-10-99 -

From the remarks of the Paymaster it appears that the petitioner is a daughter of Shajaat Khan by a wife who predeceased him & is, therefore, unconnected either with Zinat Bi or Amina Bi. She is said to be in destitute circumstances but the pension of Shajaat Khan having already been continued, as long ago as 1875, in accordance with rules it is for orders whether the pet's claims can be admitted by Govt. It is to be noted that the petitioner

precedents quoted by the P.C.S.

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was not brought forward in 1875 by Capt. Tyrrell, the then Sub. Agent, as a claimant to the pension of Shajaat Khan. This may have been because she was then married; but the admission of ^{such a} claim after an interval of nearly quarter of a century would, it is subd, lead to the establishment of an undesirable precedent. ~~It is not recommended that the~~ Petitioner's case appear to be for consideration by the Focha Widows' Fund rather than by Govt. It is submitted that she may be referred that the Govt reports its inability to accede to her request, & that the attention of the P.C.S. may be drawn to her case in view of its investigation by the Focha Fund as a fit subject for its charity.

Chas. 26/9/99

Shajaat Khan's pension was not continuable and the

Grant to his widow was a
 purely one person's grant.
 At the time that Grant was
 made this petition was not
 dependant on the depend.
 her claim
 and was therefore not entitled
 to consideration. She was
 not wrongfully omitted in
 any way. I think therefore
 it is undesirable to
 re-open the matter. I think
 her application should be
 dismissed. Draft 2.

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The petitioner will be inform-
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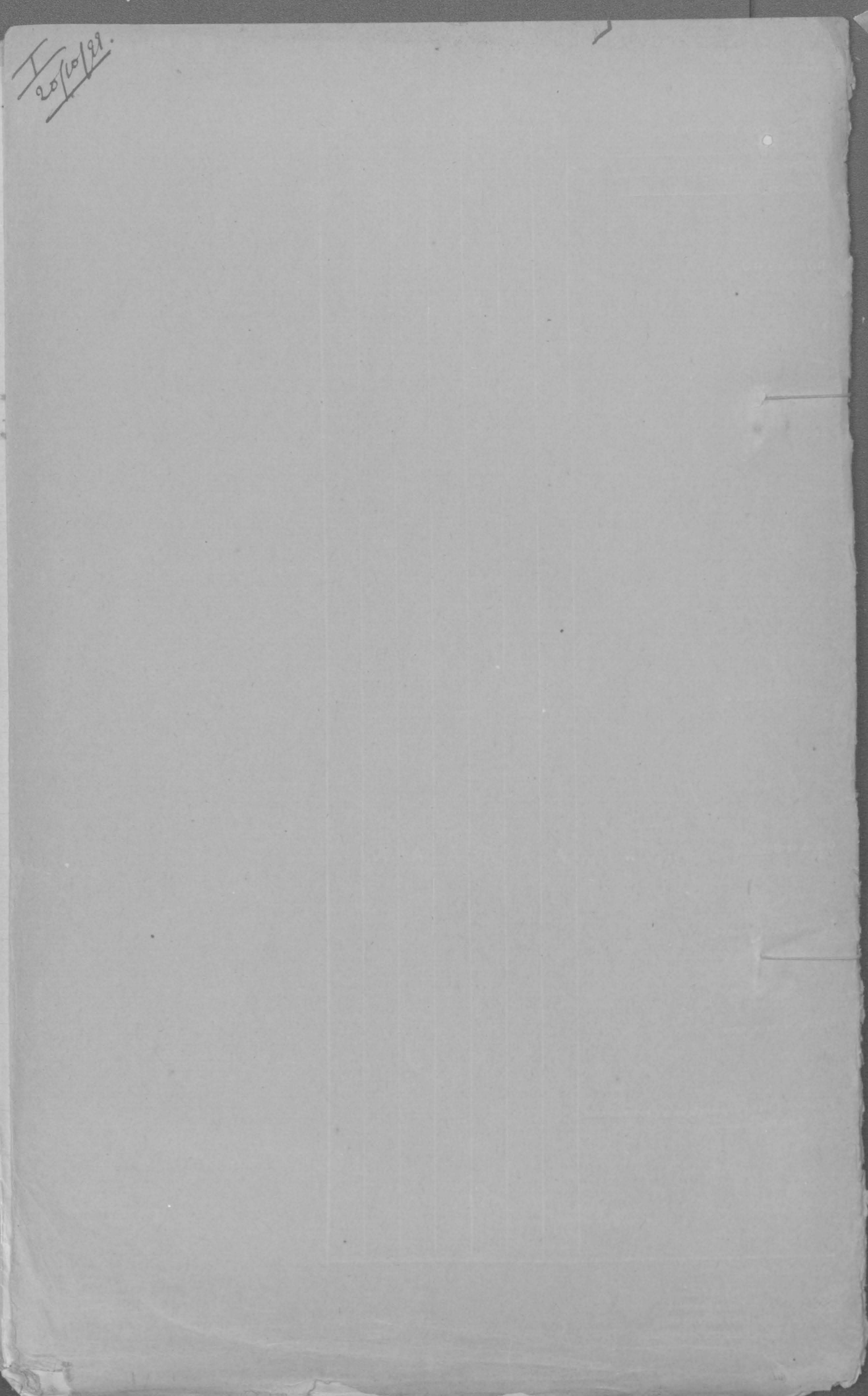
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