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G.O., No. 772, 27th November 1899.

NOVEMBER.

Mysore Pension.

Transferring to the Revenue Department for consideration the question of the management of a tomb at Gurramkondah in the Cuddapah district, and referring to the Resident in Mysore the question of the continuance of the lapsed pension claimed by the widows and an alleged adopted son of the late Mir Murád 'Alí Kháu.

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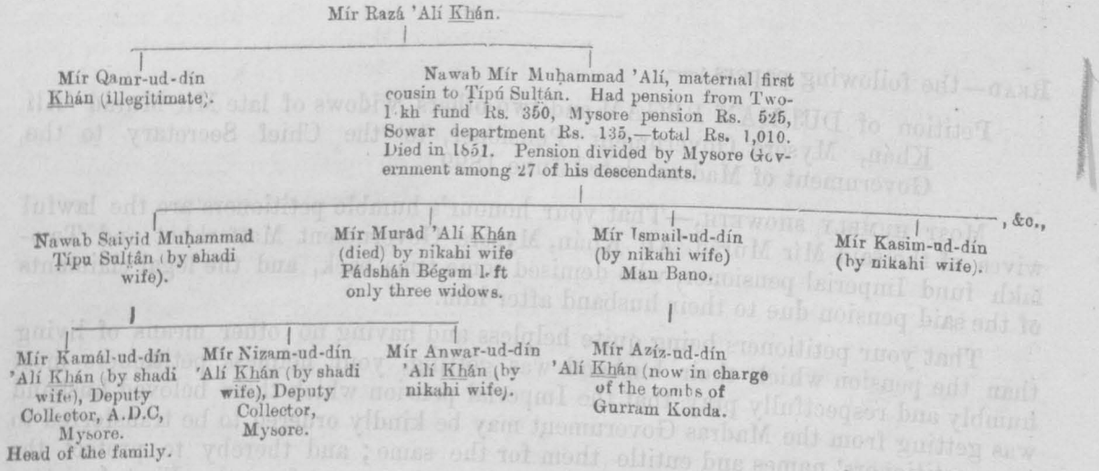
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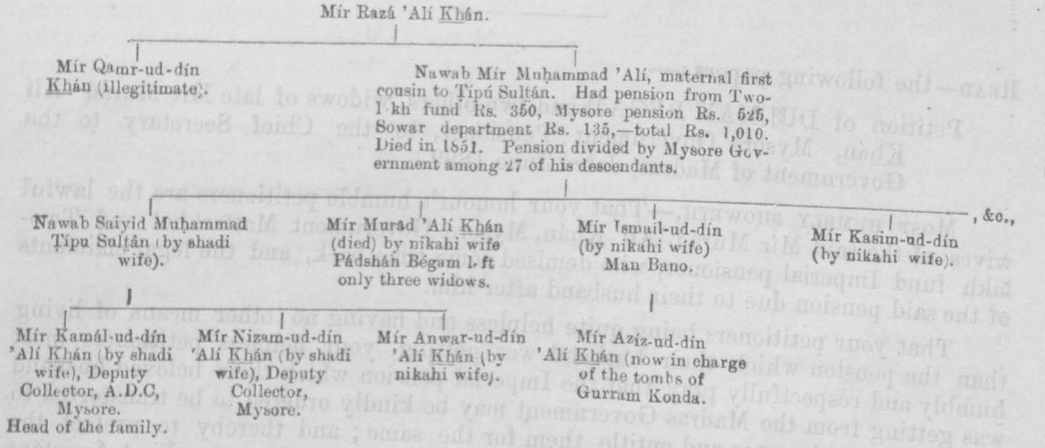
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who was residing at Gurramkonda. It is evident, therefore, that all the members of the family, including those descendants of Mír Muḥammad from his shadi wife, have as much interest in the proper maintenance of the tomb of their great grand-father as either Mír Murád 'Alí Khán or Mír Azíz-ud-dín Khán and that the transfer of the jaghirs and allowances effected in the name of Mír Azíz-ud-dín Khán without the knowledge of the shadi member and on misrepresentation of facts was not valid. The Sub-Collector observes in his enclosed letter that it is open to Government to reconsider the question of the registry of the allowance as the Government Order quoted apparently only has effect during Mír Murád 'Alí Khán's life and he also adds that "it would seem fitting that the registry should, other things being equal, be made in the name of some one belonging to the elder branch of the family; that Mír Azíz-ud-dín Khán does not seem to be a very estimable character and that he is very hard on the tenants of his jaghir and has let the tomb get into disrepair in spite of notices sent from this office directing him to see to it." But I think this course is now inexpedient. Mír Azíz-ud-dín 'Alí Khán was registered as Muthavalli of the jaghir in 1891 on the petition of Mír Murád 'Alí Khán. He was registered as recipient of the Gomaz allowance in G.O., No. 1066, dated 7th December 1893. Both the events took place in the lifetime of Murád 'Alí. The mere fact of that gentleman's death does not, in my opinion, re-open the question. There is, in fact, no question really at issue in this matter. The present holder is entitled to retain possession of the jaghir lands so long as he fulfils the purpose for which they were granted, that is the maintenance of the tomb. He cannot be ousted from this position unless it be proved that he has failed to maintain the tomb. This is generally alleged; but there is nothing to show what irregularities have taken place or what should have been, but has not been done. Mír Azíz-ud-dín 'Alí Khán cannot be disturbed. At the same time since it is alleged that the tomb is neglected and since the inam is more than usually important, I have directed that the Tahsildar should report in June and January every year, through the Sub-Collector, after a personal inquiry, whether the tomb is properly maintained and that the Sub-Collector should also inquire into the matter at times when passing through Gurramkonda. I have also advised Mír Azíz-ud-dín Khán to remember that he does not hold this estate absolutely, but only conditionally and that if he fails to carry out the conditions, the family will be asked to provide a more suitable Muthavalli.

6. Mír Nizam-ud-dín 'Alí Khán grandson of Mír Muḥammad 'Alí Khán by shadi wife, has put in a petition to me requesting that proper arrangements should be made for the upkeep of the Gomaz. And another member, Mír Anwar-ud-dín Khán, step-brother of Mír Nizam-ud-dín 'Alí Khán by a nikahi wife, has also put in a petition requesting that the tomb might be made over to the charge either of his two brothers or himself. These two petitions are herein enclosed. Both of them are at present living in Mysore.

7. The connected records are enclosed.

Enclosures.

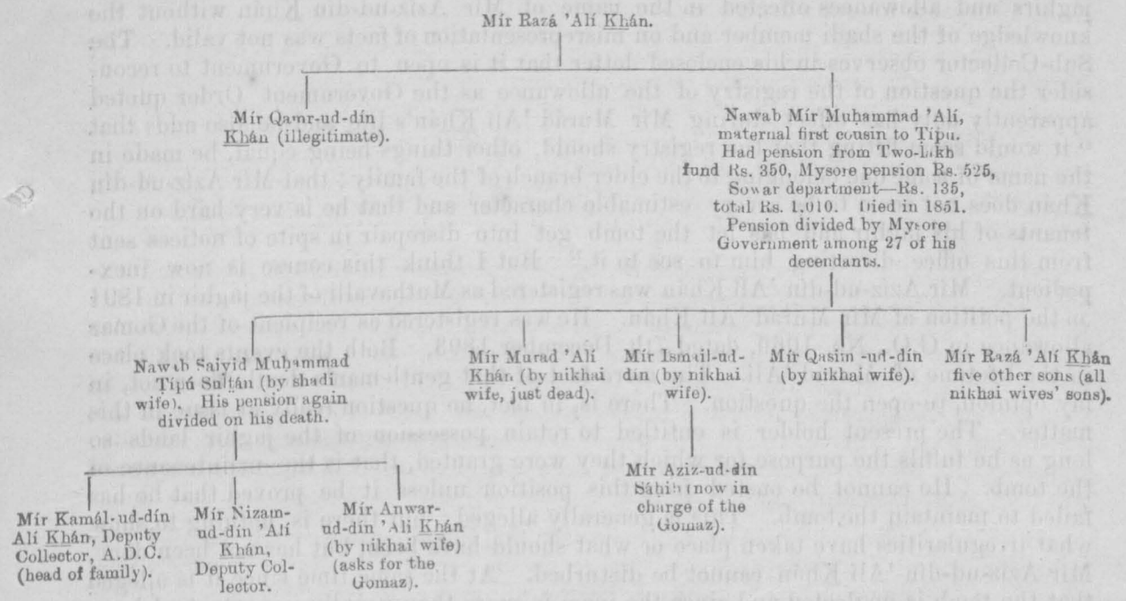
From W. FRANCIS, Esq, Acting Sub-Collector of Cuddapah, to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated 7th May 1899, R. No. 249.

I have the honour to report on your endorsements, dated 16th December 1898, on petition from Mír Azíz-ud-dín 'Alí Khán of Cherlopalle, and 1st March 1899, on petition from Mír Anwar-ud-dín 'Alí Khán, herewith returned with all their enclosures.

2. In the former petition Mír Azíz-ud-dín 'Alí Khán asks that all the pensions of his uncle and adoptive father Murád 'Alí Khán who died at Gurramkonda on 10th December last may be continued in his name for the benefit of himself and the deceased's three widows.

3. In the second petition Mír Anwar-ud-dín 'Alí Khán asks that the management of the Gomaz at Gurramkonda and the allowances attached thereto may be transferred from Mír Azíz-ud-dín 'Alí Khán, who now enjoys both, to the elder branch of the family (to which be belongs).

4. Mír Murád 'Alí Khán died on 10th December last at 9 P.M. He was a relation of Típú Sulṭán and the family tree appears from the present papers to be as follows:—



5. The deceased Mír Murád 'Alí Khán drew a pension of Rs. 67-1-0 from the Vayalpad treasury which was apparently made up as follows:—

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This seems to have been his share of the pension of Rs. 1,010 which his father drew when he was alive. It is apparently a pension paid by the Mysore State, and the Government of Mysore should therefore be addressed regarding its continuance. I have not in my office copies of the papers referred to in the enclosures to the present petitions regarding the original grant of this pension and am unable to say whether the pension is continuable to Murád 'Alí Khán's heirs.

6. I beg, however, to report that he has left no children, but only three widows * with whom his line will be extinct, and that he lost some Rs. 10,000 through the bankruptcy in Madras of a merchant to whom he had entrusted his savings, so that except for a little land the three widows are now practically penniless. I beg permission to suggest that their case seems to deserve pity.

* (1) Dulhan Bégam.
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7. The deceased's nephew and adopted son Mír Azíz-ud-dín Sáḥib seems to have no claim to any share of the pension under Muhammadan law; as he is only an adopted son. He claims under his deceased's uncle's will, he says, but the uncle had no power to will away a pension which has not yet apparently even been granted to his heirs. Moreover in his dotage the deceased made will after will and it is not yet clear which was the final one. Copies of such of these as could be obtained are enclosed. The will quoted by Mír Azíz-ud-dín is dated 27th May 1886, but another one made 2nd April 1895 the deceased revoked it in part.

Further, the will only gives Mír Azíz-ud-dín a share in the pension, while his petition asks for full control of it. It is reported that the deceased latterly quarrelled with Mír Azíz-ud-dín Sáḥib, and his three widows have asked in the petitions enclosed that the pension should not be registered in Mír Azíz-ud-dín's name and that he does not help them as he ought according to the terms of the will of 1886.

8. I beg to suggest, therefore, that a search may be made in your office for the papers connected with the case and that after consulting them, Mír Murád 'Alí Khán's death and such of the above facts as appear relevant may be reported to the Government of Mysore for such orders as it may deem fit.

9. In addition to the pensions from the Mysore Government, the deceased Mír Murád 'Alí Khán was assigned a sum of Rs. 38–13–5, being annual compensation on account of the resumption of moturpha-tax in the villages of Cherlopalle, Marrimakulapalle and Gurramkonda, for the upkeep of the tomb of Mír Razá 'Alí Khán (*vide* tree above) at Gurramkonda. In 1893 (please see G.O., No. 1066, Revenue, dated 7th December 1893), this allowance was transferred at Mír Murád 'Alí Khán's request to the adoptive son Mír Azíz-ud-dín above referred to, and he still manages the mokbira.

10. From the petition now sent in by Mír Anwar-ud-dín 'Alí Khán and the enclosures thereto, it seems clear that the allowance was originally made over to Mír Murád 'Alí Khán's father, Nawab Mír Muḥammad 'Alí, but that as neither he nor his eldest son (Nawab Saiyid Muḥammad Típú Sulṭán) resided at Gurramkonda, the money and the care of the tomb were entrusted to Mír Murád 'Alí (letter from the Collector of Cuddapah to Nawab Mír Muḥammad 'Alí, dated 23rd November 1842). This being so, it is submitted that it would have been better if the rest of the family, and especially the senior branch of it, had been consulted in 1893 when the allowance was handed over to Mír Azíz-ud-dín Ṣáḥib.

11. Mír Anwar-ud-dín 'Alí Khán now asks that the allowance may be handed over to him or one of his elder brothers. It seems to be open to Government to now reconsider the question of the registry of the allowance as the Government Order quoted apparently only has effect during Mír Murád 'Alí Khán's life Mír Azíz-ud-dín himself seems to admit this, and paragraph 7 of Mír Murád 'Alí Khán's petition to the Board of Revenue, sent in 1891, appears to show that he only meant the transference to operate during his life-time. It would also seem fitting that the registry should, other things being equal, be made in the name of some one belonging to the elder branch of the family. Mír Azíz-ud-dín does not seem to be a very estimable character. He is very hard on the tenants of his jaghir and he has let the tomb get into disrepair in spite of notices sent from this office directing him to see to it. Mír Anwar-ud-dín 'Alí Khán on the other hand lives in Mysore and not on the spot: he is a son by a nikhai wife only, and it is odd that he should have written this petition all on his own account without apparently consulting his elder brothers, who are legitimate.

12. I beg, therefore, to suggest that the records connected with the matter in your office may be consulted, and that the branch of the family now residing in Mysore may be consulted as to their wishes regarding the allowances, their readiness, if it is handed over to any of them, to appoint some agent in Gurramkonda to look after the tomb.

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Enclosures.

From Rai Bahadur M. N. VARADA CHARLU, Tahsildar of Vayalpad, to the Sub-Collector, Cuddapah, dated 21st April 1899, Ref. No. 3259 of 1898.

I beg to return herewith petition from T. N. Mír Anwar-ud-dín 'Alí Khán claiming the gommaj of Gurramkonda bearing Cur. No. 355-C., and with reference to the endorsement thereon, dated 19th March 1899, I beg to report as follows.

2. Mír Murád 'Alí Khán died on the 10th December 1898 at 9 P.M. This fact was reported to the Treasury Deputy Collector in this office arzi, Ref. on Cur. No. 3259, dated 15th December 1898. He was enjoying a pension of Rs. 67–1–0. Regarding the continuance or otherwise of this pension to his three widows, who are the only nearest surviving heirs, I have addressed your honour separately in my arzi, Ref. on Cur. No. 3259 of 1898, dated 21st April 1899.

3. Besides the above pension, he was drawing a sum of Rs. 38–13–5 as money allowance as a compensation on account of the resumption of moturpha-tax in the villages of Cherlopalle, Marrimakulapalle and Gurramkonda. The villages of Cherlopalle and Marrimakulapalle are jaghir villages granted for the benefit of the mokbira or gommaj and another village called Khandrika, quite adjoining Gurramkonda, was also granted as jaghir. The deceased Mír Murád 'Alí Khán was the last jaghirdar. He got the management of the mokbira transferred to the name of one Mír Azíz-ud-dín Ṣáḥib—*vide* correspondence ending with G.O., No. 1066, Revenue, dated 7th December 1893, communicated to the said Mír Azíz-ud-dín Ṣáḥib with Collector's Dis. No. 5835-Ver., dated 31st December 1893. I obtained this from Mír Azíz-ud-dín Ṣáḥib as I was not able to get hold of the copy that may have been communicated to this office.

4. From an authenticated copy of petition addressed to the Board of Revenue by the deceased praying for the transfer of the money allowance to Mír Azíz-ud-dín Ṣáḥib produced by the latter, I find that the deceased had prayed for the appointment of Mír Azíz-ud-dín Ṣáḥib only during the life-time of the deceased—*vide* paragraph 7 of the petition.

5. I am unable to reconcile the pedigree printed in the Government Order of 1893 quoted in paragraph 2 above with the list of heirs noted in the enclosure to the petition under reply. The petitioner is a resident of Mysore Province and he alludes to certain correspondence by which he says it was recognised that the mokbira or the gommaj should be under the control of the eldest legal representative of the family and that it was entrusted to the deceased Mír Murád 'Alí Khán with the consent of the petitioner's father. If what the petitioner states be true, the present holder Mír Azíz-ud-dín Ṣáḥib will have to be ousted and the jaghir and the ready money allowance registered as prayed for by the petitioner. I have no means of verifying the petitioner's statements. Anyhow the above inference is naturally suggested by the fact noted in paragraph 3 above. For otherwise there is no reason why Mír Murád 'Alí Khán requested the sanction only during his life-time notwithstanding the fact that in the very same petition he calls Mír Azíz-ud-dín Ṣáḥib as his adopted son.

6. G.O., No. 1066, Revenue, dated 7th December 1893, and a copy of the petition to the Board are herewith submitted for ready reference and return and for such orders as your honour may be pleased to pass.

Petition of Nawab MIR MURAD 'ALI KHÀN Bahadur, to the Board of Revenue, dated Gurramkonda, 1891.

Respectfully showeth,—That your petitioner is the Muthawalli of the tomb of his grandfather Nawab Mír Razá 'Alí Khán Bahadur, and has been administering the endowment and the jaghir lands assigned by the Board of Revenue for purposes of that endowment.

2. That your petitioner begs to refer to the enclosed copy of correspondence which fully sets forth the circumstances under which the endowment was transferred to the care of your petitioner.

3. That your petitioner has been discharging the responsible duties connected therewith with satisfaction to all concerned.

4. That your petitioner has now grown old and feels that the duties will be better discharged if they were entrusted to a younger member of his family in whom your petitioner can place reliance and who can command the confidence of those interested in the proper administration of the trust.

5. That your petitioner can find no other person, who combines all the qualifications demanded of a Muthawalli, than his nephew and adopted son Nawab Mír Azíz-ud-dín 'Ali Khán, who has been rendering substantial aid to your petitioner in the discharge of his duties and who is in every way fitted for the post for which your petitioner begs to recommend him for your favourable consideration.

6. That the claims of the nephew are superior to those of any other member of his family now living and your petitioner has every reason to believe that the interests of the endowment will be safe in his hands.

7. That both on the ground of hereditary claims and efficiency your petitioner begs to recommend his nephew and adopted son, Nawab Mír Azíz-ud-dín 'Alí Khán, as his successor and respectfully requests that you will be pleased to sanction his nomination to the post of Muthawalli during the life-time of your petitioner.

8. On the 21st October 1890, I submitted my petition to the Co lector of Cuddapah, but as no orders have been passed by that officer as yet, I submit this to the Board. The petitioner is put to great difficulties by not getting any order; so he prays that he may be favoured with an order at an early date.

For which act of kindness your petitioner shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

From T. N. MIR ANWAR-UD-DIN 'ALI KHÀN, Sultan, Mysore, Takta Pension Khar, son of Nabob Saiyid Muhammad Típú Sultán 'Alí Khán, to the Collector of Cuddapah dated 16th February 1899.

I beg to bring the following few lines to your honour's kind consideration, hoping your honour would fully consider before disposing of my case.

The burial temple of Nabob Mír Razá 'Alí Khán Bahadur, my great grandfather, is at Gurramkonda. The British Government having considered that the eldest and legal son of the married wife in our family should be in charge of gommaj, the Collector of the district wrote a letter to my grandfather Nabob Mír Muhammad 'Alí Khán Bahadur, and accordingly the gommaj was placed under his direct charge. A copy of the above correspondence is herewith enclosed for perusal.

My father Nabob Saiyid Muhammad Típú Sultán being the eldest son of my grandfather Nabob Mír Muhammad 'Alí Khán Bahadur, he was made the Mosahib (Aid-de-Camp) to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore; and as he was thus obliged to stay in this Darbar, my grandfather entrusted the charge of the gommaj to my uncle Mír Murád 'Alí Khán with the consent of my father. Since my uncle Mír Murád 'Alí Khán is now dead, the gommaj, as stipulated by the British Government, should be under the direct charge of the eldest legal representative of the family. I humbly beg that this system may be kindly kept up.

The pension given to my grandfather was distributed among 27 of the descendants, out of which 21 are now dead. Of the above 27, my father Nabob Saiyid Muhammad Típú Sultán 'Alí Khán *alias* Bádsháh Sáhib, Mosahib (Aid-de-Camp), is the only legal son of my grandfather, so his pension,—Sultan, Mysore and Takta,—has been continued to us, the others having no right to the same. We are being protected here with special respect. My eldest brother, also the eldest of our family, T. N. Mír Kamál-ud-dín 'Alí Khán, Mosahib (Aid-de-Camp), is made a Deputy Collector of the first grade in addition to enjoying all the respects and privileges which were enjoyed by my grandfather both under the British and Mysore Governments.

Though this gentleman, T. N. Mír Kamál-ud-dín 'Alí Khán, is a Deputy Collector enjoying Sultan, Mysore and Takta pensions, he has been honored with the title of Aid-de-Camp to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore with an allowance of Rs. 100 a month.

His younger brother, elder than myself, T. N. Mír Nizám-ud-dín 'Alí Khán, is also given, by the benign Mysore Government, a Deputy Collector's post, together with Sultan, Mysore and Takta pensions.

My brother T. N. Mír Kamál-ud-dín 'Alí Khán has also been conferred with all the respects and privileges previously enjoyed by my father and grandfather.

Our family is the only one among the Muhammadan community that has the privilege of enjoying all these respects.

I have herein enclosed a copy of the letter No. 4 written in 1851 by the Superintendent, Mysore division, to Sir Mark Cubbon, K.C.B., Chief Commissioner, showing that my father and grandfather were the legal sons of married wives and also a copy of

the letter written by Colonel Renton, Mysore Civil Pension Paymaster, to Sanders, Esq., C.B., Chief Commissioner. Therefore I request that the above charge of the gommaj may be kindly entrusted to my brother T. N. Mír Kamál-ud-dín 'Alí Khán, A.D.C., Deputy Collector.

Because there are three things essential to dharmakartas—

(i) In order to get a good name from his elders he should arrange for the regular performance of rites to the gommaj;

(ii) he should have desire to get a good name for himself;

(iii) he should be a rich man.

Then, with these three qualifications, he will have no aspirations for temple money. These may be seen in my brother T. N. Mír Kamál-ud-dín 'Alí Khán, Esq., A.D.C. If in case he should refuse the offer, I am ready to accept it as I am also a legal descendant.

If my uncle, with the ill-feeling towards us, proposed that the gommaj should be placed under the management of others, or if he has not at all interfered, I request you to be good enough to inquire into the matter thoroughly and to find out the legal representative and give him the charge of the above and thus see that the proper and regular worship is offered to the gommaj through the hands of the legal descendants of the family.

From H. MONTGOMERY, Esq., Superintendent, to the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, dated Srirangapatam, 4th January 1851.

I have the honour to report for the information of the Commissioner, the death on the 9th instant of Mír Muhammad 'Alí Khán, the most influential and distinguished Muhammadan gentleman remaining amongst the connections of the late Sultán.

2. He was, as the Commissioner is aware, half brother to the late Kamar-ud-dín (latter being illegitimate) and Mír Muhammad 'Alí Khán, the legitimate son of the late Nawab of Gurramkonda, and first cousin, on the maternal side, to the late Sultán. He was also the head of the old and respectable family of the Nawabs of Gurramkonda.

3. Mír Muhammad Sáhib has resided at Mysore since the year 1809, and during his long residence, he has not only been employed frequently in a confidential manner by His Highness the Raja, but also has been constantly made use of by former Residents, by Captain Chalmers, and by myself, in settling disputes amongst the Muhammadan population generally, but more especially in communicating with the pensioners of that persuasion and settling their family differences.

4. Latterly indeed he has been almost the only person who was employed. He is the last of those who by their birth, character and position, had any influence amongst them; and it is but justice to him, here to say, that they generally accepted his mediation and advice with a cheerfulness that showed he possessed their confidence. In disputes regarding the shares of pensions he was very valuable, and his loss will be deeply felt, not only by Muhammadan pensioners of all descriptions, but by the officers in charge of them.

5. As usual in these cases, Mír Muhammad Sáhib has left a very large family, and scarcely, as far as I can learn, any property.

The following are the immediate branches of his family who are now left almost destitute:—

Shadi wife.

Pádsháh Bégam *alias* Umdá Bégam.

Four daughters.	(One son). Muhammad Típú Sultán. 3 sons; one married and two single. 2 daughters, both married.
1. Rábiá Bégam (dead) ..	.. One daughter (married).
2. Nawab Bégam (dead) ..	.. One son and two daughters (married).
3. Halima Bégam ..	One son and two daughters (married).
4. Fátimá Bégam (dead) ..	One son (unmarried).

Nikha wives.

1. Bibuama .. .. One daughter Shams-un-nisá Bégam, has one daughter (unmarried).
2. Aminá Bégam *alias* Aminá Khatu. — Two sons: (1) Mír Razá 'Alí Khán has 3 sons and 4 daughters, two married, 1 widowed and 1 unmarried. (2) Nasír-ud-dín 'Alí Khán has three sons and two daughters (all unmarried). One daughter Mothi Bégam.
3. Patcha Bégam (dead) .. — One son Mír Murad 'Alí Khán (married). One daughter Pársá Bégam (widow) has one daughter (unmarried).
4. Khooshal Bénó (dead) .. — One daughter Fakhr-un-nisá Bégam (widow) has one son (unmarried).
5. Mán Bánó .. .. — (1) Two sons: Meer Ismail-ud-dín 'Alí Khán has three unmarried daughters. (2) Mír Kasim-ud-dín 'Alí Khán (unmarried).
6. Jání Bánó .. .. — One son Mír Mair-ud-dín 'Alí Khán (married). One daughter Wazira Bégam (married) who has one unmarried daughter.
7. Pirath Bánó .. .. — One son Mír Baha-ud-dín 'Alí Khán has three married daughters.
8. Dilshad Bánó .. .. — One daughter Kamar-un-nisá Bégam (married). One son Mír Amin-ud-dín 'Alí Khán has one son (married).
9. Husain Bánó .. .. — One daughter Khair-un-nisá Bégam (married), has two sons, one daughter.
10. Mushtaree Bánó .. — One son Mír Husain-ud-dín 'Alí Khan has two daughters (unmarried). (1) Abbási Bégam (unmarried). (2) Rahíma Bégam (unmarried).

Thus the immediate surviving relations of Mír Muḥammad amount to—

Shadi wife	1
Nikha wives	6
Sons	10
Daughters	11
Grandsons	17
Granddaughters	23
In all	67 persons.

The whole of these with many other relations, especially the wives, families and dependants of the late Kamar-ud-dín Khán numbering in all more than his own immediate family, lived on Mír Muḥammad's bounty though some few of them have small means of livelihood independent of him. His sons had all I believe, (except the youngest) a fixed allowance monthly from him, ranging from Rs. 50 to Rs. 80; his wives in like manner had a separate allowance each. Unless the bounty of the Government is bestowed on this family they will be reduced to a state of very great distress, and most of them to penury.

They are so numerous that unless an income, by act of grace and favour, is extended to them, it will be impossible, broken up, as they will in all probability be, to afford them the common means of livelihood. Taking into consideration that Mír Muḥammad is the last of the Sultán's near relations in this part of India and the nearest in blood that ever was amongst the pensioners, and considering the personal position he has held here for so many years, I would respectfully recommend his family to the most liberal consideration the Chief Commissioner feels in his mind to afford.

Mír Muḥammad drew a pension under three heads as follows:—

	Pagodas.	Rs.
From the two-lakh fund	120 0 0	or 350
Mysore pension	180 4 11	„ 525
Sowar department	44 1 1	„ 135
Total ..	345 2 2	or 1010

From a reference to the old pension record, it appears that in a number of instances, in former years, the full pension was continued in special cases to the families of deceased pensioners; indeed the cases are numerous in which they have been so continued at least to the first generation succeeding the original grantee.

The old families in Mysore may be said now to have disappeared and no more pensions of any large amount are in existence, so that nothing that can be done in the case of Mír Muḥammad's family can hereafter be pleaded inconveniently as a precedent.

Copy of the generation of Nabób Saiyid Muḥammad Tipu Sultán 'Alí Khan *alias* Bádsháh Sahib, Mosahib (sent by Colonel Renton, Civil Pension Paymaster and Town Magistrate, Mysore, to the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner for the Territories of the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore).

Shadi wife.	*Son.*		
Bábú Bégam (dead).	Mír Haidar 'Alí Khán ..	His wife Ḥayát-un-nisá Bégam.	.....
	Daughters.		
	Badr-un-nisá Bégam (married).	Her husband Mír Sháh Pura.	Two daughters and six sons, of which one married.
	Sharf-un-nisá Bégam (dead).	Husband Siráj-ud-dín Núrulláh.	Two daughters (unmarried).
	Total, one son and two daughters.		
Shadi wife.	*Sons.*		
Shájhi Bégam (dead).	Mír Kamál-ud-dín 'Alí Khán	Hamiat-un-nisa Bégam ..	One son and two daughters (unmarried).
	Mír Nizám 'Alí Khán ..	Maḥmúdá Bégam	One son (unmarried).
Nicka wife.	*Son.*		
Ḥusain Khanthoo.	Mír Anwar-ud-dín 'Alí Khán (dead).		(Signed) Late Mosahib's legitimate sons— (1) Mír Haidar 'Ali Khán. (2) Mír Kamál-ud-dín 'Alí Khán. (3) Mír Nizám-ud-dín 'Alí Khán. (In all 27 in number.)
	Háfiz-un-nisá Bí (unmaried).		
Muḥammadí Bí.	.....	.....	

Petition from MÍR 'AZIZ-UD-DIN 'ALI KHAN SAHIB Jaghirdar of Cherlopalle, Vayalpad taluk to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated Madanapalle, 16th May 1899.

I understand that some distant relations of my late paternal uncle and adoptive father Mír Murád 'Alí Khán Sáhib have submitted to your honour petitions claiming to be the heirs of the deceased, and their petitions are sent to the Sub-Collector and by that gentleman to the Tahsildar of Vayalpad for report.

2. In a letter received from the Sub-Collector on the 30th ultimo, it was casually remarked by that gentleman that the question of the continuance of the jaghir in my charge is under question. From this I am obliged to infer that the real state of affairs were not represented either to the Tahsildar or to the Sub-Collector, as neither of these officers have obtained the records and other documents in my possession in proof of my rights to be in charge of the jaghir in exclusion of any other member of my family.

3. The subject of the continuance of the jaghir and the validity of my claims to be in charge of it have been fully discussed and decided by Government in G.O., No. 1066, Revenue, dated 7th December 1893, and Board's Proceedings, dated 5th January 1854.

4 I therefore most respectfully request that your honour will be good enough to hear me before your honour will be pleased to report on the above said claimants.

Petition of Nabob MIR 'AZIZ-UD-DIN, 'ALI KHAN SAHIB of Gurramkonda, to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated 1899.

Most humbly sheweth,—I regret to report that my paternal uncle and adoptive father Nabob Mír Murád 'Alí Khán Sahib died on 11th December last, leaving behind his three widows and myself.

During the lifetime of the deceased the management of Gurramkonda jaghir and moturpha pension of Rs. 38–13–5, enjoyed by the deceased, were transferred to me at the request of the deceased—*vide* correspondence ending with G.O., No. 1066, Revenue, dated 7th December 1893, communicated in the Collector's Disposal No. 5335, dated 23rd December 1893. The deceased has also been enjoying the following three other pensions, amounting to Rs. 67–1–0, as detailed below:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
(1) Territorial and Political Mysore pension	*22	11	8
(2) Mysore State pension	*34	1	6
(3) Mysore Muthaferrakhat pension	†10	3	10

* Sanctioned as per Government of India No. 1088, dated 9th April 1851.
† Sanctioned as per order of Chief Commissioner of Mysore, dated 4th September 1863, and Controller of Mysore letter No. 1438, dated 6th September 1894.

In his will, dated 27th May 1886 (copy enclosed), the deceased ordered, among other conditions, that the aforesaid pensions should, after his death, be divided and enjoyed by me and his three widows, and that I should make necessary application to authorities for continuance of pension.

The facts of my being adopted son of the deceased and his successor are fully set forth in the several communications addressed by the deceased to the Board and Government and several registered documents executed by the deceased. The records of your honour's office will prove the history of the petitioner's family and strength of petitioner's claim for the continuance of the pension.

I therefore respectfully beg that your honour will be good enough to address the Mysore Government, through the Government of Madras, for the continuance of the aforesaid pensions in my name as the head of the family for the benefit of the three widows of my adoptive father named Dulhan Bégam, Mariyan Bí, and 'Azíza Bi and myself, for which act of kindness I shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

From T. R. MÍR 'NIZAM-UD-DIN 'ALI KHAN SÁHIB, son of Nabob Saiyid Muḥammad Típú Sulṭán 'Alí Khán, Aid-de-Camp to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated Camp, Molakumuru, 26th May 1899.

My late grandfather Nabob Mír Razá 'Alí Khán Bahadur Ouliá of Mír Ṣáḥib tomb is in Goorookonda, in Valapada taluk; it was under the management of my late uncle Mír Murád 'Alí Khán. He is lately dead. I hear there is no proper management for the tomb. I am employed as Assistant Excise Commissioner of Chittaldrug division in the Mysore Government. As I am busily engaged in conducting the toddy and arrack sales, &c., in this month and also next month, I will not be in a position to come at once and make proper arrangements for the management. After finishing the sales I intend coming once there and do the needful. Until I come there I humbly request that you will be kind enough to have the management under Government temporarily; after I come there I shall make proper arrangements. Hope you will comply with my request, for which act of kindness I shall be ever grateful to you. Hoping to favour me an early. Begging to be excused for the trouble I give.

From H. O. D. HARDING, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the First Assistant to the Resident of Mysore, dated 23rd September 1899, Ref. No. 1387-Rev.

Referring to your letter No. 1985—363–86, dated 4th May 1899, requesting me to make inquiry and report on certain points regarding the claims of the widows named therein of the deceased Mír Murád 'Alí Khán, a Mysore State pensioner, for the pension enjoyed by him during his lifetime, I have the honour to report as follows.

2. Mír Murád 'Alí Khán died on the 10th December 1898, leaving behind him his three widows, namely, the petitioners (1) Dulhan Bégam, (2) 'Azíz Bí and (3) Mariyan Bí and no issue. He has also left a nephew named Mírzá 'Azíz-ud-dín 'Alí Khán, his step brother's son, who is also a claimant for the pension.

2. The deceased enjoyed the following pension from the Mysore State, viz.—

	Rs.	A.	P.
(1) Mysore State pension	34	1	6
(2) Mysore Muthaferrakhat	10	3	10
	44	5	4

besides a pension of Rs. 22–11–8 which he drew from the British Government under the head of Territorial and Political Mysore pension. There are no records available in my office relating to the history of this pension, and consequently I am not able to state whether it was a perpetual or a life grant.

3. The ages of the widows are given below:—

	Years.
Dulhan Bégam	82
'Azíz Bí	50
Mariyan Bí about, ...	65

4. The widows are reported by the Sub-Collector to be in a destitute condition. Their deceased husband, it is said, "lost some Rs. 10,000 through the bankruptcy in Madras of a merchant to whom he had entrusted his savings, so that except for a little land, the three widows are now practically penniless." Their case seems to deserve pity.

5. Mír 'Azíz-ud-dín 'Alí Khán, referred to in paragraph 1 *supra*, has put in a petition to me, in which he represents that the deceased had during his lifetime adopted him as his son and also executed a will in the year 1886 to the effect that the pension should, after his demise, be divided equally among his three widows and his nephew (adopted son), and that the latter should make necessary applications to the authorities for the continuance of the pension. He therefore requests that the whole pension should be continued in his name as the head of the family for the benefit of the widows. The copy of the Hindustani will filed by him, however, recites that "if my *nephew* Mír 'Azíz-ud-dín Khán, son of Mír Ismá'íl-ud-dín Khán, whom I have appointed mutavally (trustee) of my grand-father's tomb will, after my demise, endeavour to secure the continuance of my pension *in the name of my connections*, and if he will also supervise the affairs of my wives' lands, then, *in return* for these exertions, a fourth part of my pension will be given to my aforesaid nephew, Mír 'Azíz-ud-dín Khán Ṣáḥib and the remaining three-fourths will be divided equally among my three wives, and if he fails to perform the said two conditions there is no necessity to give him the fourth part, which will then be divided among my three wives." The word *connections* used in the will is somewhat ambiguous; but from the context it is clear that he meant only his wives. From the terms of the will it is evident that the deceased never intended that Mír Azíz-ud-dín Khán should be the head of his family and that the latter is not entitled to a share (much less the whole pension in his name) unless he performs the two specified conditions. But I understand from the Sub-Collector's report that he has not been helping the widows as he ought. Further, it appears that this will of 1886 was subsequently revoked in part by the deceased in another made on 2nd April 1895. The will of 1886, it will be observed, says nothing about the alleged adoption,

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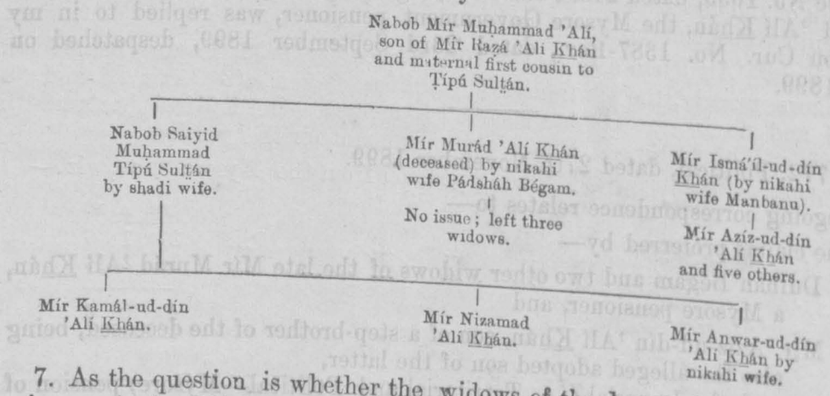
Transferring to the Rev. Dept. for consideration the question of the management of a tomb at Gurramkondah in the Cuddapah Dt., and addressing the Resident in Mysore on the subject of the continuance of the lapsed pension claimed by the widow & the adopted son of the late Mir Murad Ali Khan.

Letter

Addressing the Resident in Mysore on the question of the continuance of the lapsed pension claimed by the widows & the adopted son of the late Mir Murad Ali Khan.

and the Sub-Collector points out that an adopted son has no claim to any share of the pension under the Muhammadan law, and that an uncle has no power to will away a pension which has not yet apparently ever been granted to his heirs.

6. With a view to enable the Mysore Government to decide his heirship and claim to the pension, I append below a genealogical tree showing the surviving members of Mír Murád 'Alí Khán's family:—



7. As the question is whether the widows of the deceased should get the whole pension or whether Mír 'Azíz-ud-dín 'Alí Khán should get one-fourth on conditions laid down in Murád 'Alí Khán's will, I leave the matter to the decision of Mysore Government. Pending final orders, payment of the arrears of pension due to the deceased has been withheld. In my opinion it should go to the widows excluding Mír 'Azíz-ud-dín 'Alí Khán. He can only claim one-fourth share if he fulfils certain conditions, and as the three widows were in bad terms, he is evidently not fulfilling those conditions. The widows failed to represent their case before me, but I understand they are going to Mysore to represent matters there and that they have documents which show that Murád 'Alí Khán rescinded his will in Mír 'Azíz-ud-dín's favour.

List of Vernacular Enclosures.

(1) Two letters in Hindustani from William N. Arbuthnot, Esq., Acting Principal Collector, Cuddapah, to Mír Muhammad 'Alí Khán, dated June and 23rd November 1842.

(2) Two copies of will in Hindustani by Mír Murád 'Alí Khán, dated 27th May 1886.

(3) A will by Mír Murád 'Alí Khán in Telugu, dated 14th November 1892.

(4) A document in Telugu, dated 2nd May 1895, executed by Mír Murád 'Alí Khán cancelling the general power of attorney given to Mír 'Azíz-ud-dín Ṣáḥib on 9th March 1889.

(5) A will by Mír Murád 'Alí Khán in Telugu, dated 22nd August 1895 (revised).

(6) Depositions in Telugu of Mír Núr-ud-dín 'Alí Khán of Gurramkonda village (before the Taluk Sarishtadar, Vayalpad) on 9th February 1899.

(7) Depositions of Gurramkonda Nabob Mír 'Azíz-ud-dín 'Alí Khán (before the Taluk Sheiristadar, Vayalpad) on 14th February 1899.

(8) Depositions of Mír Núr-ud-dín 'Alí Khán of the village of Mahal, dated 22nd February 1899.

(9) A petition in Telugu from Dulhan Begám Bí Bí Ṣáḥiba, 'Azíz Bí Ṣáḥiba, and Mariyan Bí Ṣáḥiba, widows of late Nabob Mír Murád 'Alí Khán Ṣáḥib Bahadur to the Tahsildar, Vayalpad taluk, dated 2nd March 1899.

(10) A mahajarnama in Telugu from the ryots of Dulhan Begám Bí Bí Ṣáḥiba and others, Vayalpad taluk, Cuddapah district, to the Tahsildar, Vayalpad, dated 2nd March 1899.

(11) A mahajarnama in Telugu from the citizens, Mahal and Gundloor, Vayalpad taluk, Cuddapah district, to the Tahsildar of Vayalpad, dated 2nd March 1899.

From H. O. D. HARDING, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Camp, Cuddapah, 10th October 1899, Ref. on Cur. No. 1033-Rev.

In reply to memorandum No. 2504, dated 4th October 1899, I beg to report that Reference No. 1633, dated 21st June 1899, regarding the petition of the widows of Mír Murád 'Alí Khán, the Mysore Government pensioner, was replied to in my letter, Ref. on Cur. No. 1387-Rev., dated 23rd September 1899, despatched on 9th October 1899.

Order—No. 772, Political, dated 27th November 1899.

The foregoing correspondence relates to—

(1) the claims preferred by—

(*a*) Dulhan Bégam and two other widows of the late Mír Murád 'Alí Khán, a Mysore pensioner, and

(*b*) Mír 'Azíz-ud-dín 'Alí Khán, son of a step-brother of the deceased, being also the alleged adopted son of the latter,

to the continuance of the Imperial (*i.e.*, Territorial and Political—Mysore) pension of Rs. 22–11–8 *per mensem* drawn by the deceased, and

(2) the title advanced by Mír Anwar-ud-dín 'Alí Khán and another, being members of the elder branch of the same family, to the management of, and to the money allowance (Rs. 38–13–5 *per mensem*) attached to, a tomb at Gurramkondah, the charge of which now vests in Mír 'Azíz-ud-dín 'Alí Khán under G.O., No. 1066, Revenue, dated 7th December 1893.

2. The second of the two subjects mentioned above will be transferred to the Revenue Department for consideration.

3. The continuance of the lapsed Imperial pension claimed by the widows and the alleged adopted son of the late Mír Murád 'Alí Khán will be referred to the Resident in Mysore.

[Here enter letter No. 773, Political, dated 27th November 1899.]

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Cuddapah.
Copy to the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. D'Mos.

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Mysore Pension.

Addressing the Resident in Mysore on the subject of the continuance of the lapsed pension claimed by the widows and an alleged adopted son of the late Mír Murád 'Alí Khán.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Letter—to

The Resident in Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to forward a copy of the proceedings of this Government, No. 772, Political, of this date, and to invite attention to the petitions therein recorded from the three widows and an alleged adopted son of the late Mír Murád 'Alí Khán, in which they lay claim to the Imperial (Mysore) stipend of Rs. 22–11–8 derived apparently from the pension continued to the family of Mír Muḥammad 'Alí Khán under Government of India, Foreign Department, No. 1088, dated 9th April 1851.

2. In 1891, lists were drawn up of all those Mysore stipendiaries in this Presidency whose pensions were placed within the control of this Government, and the continuance of those stipends is at present regulated by rules then prescribed by the Governor in Council (*vide* the marginally-noted letters communicating to the Resident the proceedings of this Government on the subject). The stipendiaries of the family of which the deceased was a member were not, however, included amongst the Mysore pensions which were systematized in 1891, for the reason that the allowances enjoyed by this family were neither sanctioned by, nor granted on the recommendation of, this Government. The conditions attached to the grant of the stipend of Mír Murád 'Alí Khán and the circumstances under which it was continued are not forthcoming on the records of this Government, and it would appear that communications relative to grants of stipends to the members of the family to which the deceased belonged have been exclusively between the Resident in Mysore and the Government of India.

No. 488, dated 6th August 1891.
„ 645 „ 2nd November 1891.

3. I am accordingly to request that this Government may be favoured with information whether the future treatment of the Imperial stipend enjoyed by the deceased will be disposed of by you, and, if you consider the matter is not for your disposal, to request your advice in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Fort St. George,
27*th November* 1899.

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. W. D'Moss.

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From

Dulhan Begam and 2 others
widows of late Mir Murad
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~~**Order**~~

Endt No 8 c/1633 d/21st June 1899.

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W. D'Moss.
Chief Secretary

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Praying for the continuance of Imperial pension which was granted to their late husband.

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O.M. No. 2328 dt 6.9.99

The collector of Cuddapah is requested to state when a reply to reference No: 1633 dt 21.6.99 regarding the continuance of the pension of the late Mir Murad Ali Khan to his widows may be Expected. Reminders as particulars of below have already issued on the Subject

Reminder dt 17.7.99
do dt 2.8.99
do dt 15.8.99
do dt 23.8.99

Note

In accordance with instructions in the Arrears List a draft memo to the Collector of Cuddapah is Submitted.

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To
The Collr. of Cuddapah) despd 18/9/99

K Call for a fortnightly stock from the Hd Steno

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Public (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1343

From The Collector of Cuddapah

Order

CHIEF SECRETARY'S 11 OCT. 1899 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Ref No. 1387 of 99 Rec

Dated 23 · 9 · 99

Received DESPATCHED 11 Oct 1899

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SUBJECT.

Submitting a report in respect of the political pension granted to one Muradali Khan of Mahul, Cuddapah Dt.

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200-4-8-99.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

~~NOTE FOR THE~~

Memo No. 2504
4/10/99.

The attention of the Collr. of Cuddapah is drawn to G.O.M. No. K 2323 of 16.9.99 & he is requested to ~~report~~ submit, within one week from date of receipt of this comm. an explanation for the cause of delay in replying to Reference No. 1633 of 21.6.99.

Cuml 3.10.99

Collr. of Cuddapah) Despd 4/10/99

Vide 20 Sept Cuml — noted 3.10.99

Please bring up, if rpt not previously rcd, 9 days after despatch of this Memo

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CURRENT No. 1368

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From The Collector of Cuddapah

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
14 OCT. 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Order

No. 1033 Rev & Agg

Dated 10.10.99

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SUBJECT.

Reporting that reference No 1623 21.6.99 was replied to in this office letter Ref. on Current No 1387 Rev & Agg dated 23.9.99.

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6 Political DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 719 From the Dulhan Begam, et al, No. —, dated 3—6—1899.

" " " " " 189 .

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Serial No 694 of Quinquennial List of 1894.

Note—

The alleged widows of the late Mysore pensioner Mir Murad Ali Khan of Cuddapah — three in number, petition Govt for a continuance, in their names, of the pension of Rs 22-11-8 drawn by the deceased. —

2. The petition states that Mir Murad Ali Khan "demised some time back". His name is not found in the lists of Mysore pensioners returned annually by the Collector of North Arcot nor does it appear that his decease has been reported separately by the Collector of Cuddapah.

3. Mir Murad is said to be probably one

of the pensioners drawing under the "two lakh fund" which was placed under the control of this Govt by India in 1878 - with the understanding that pensions, if renewed at all, should be renewed only as compassionate grants; that these grants shd never exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ths of the lapsed amount & that when ~~the~~ any allowance should be reduced to Rs 5 per mensem it should be capitalised & paid off.

4. In 1890 this Govt announced its' intention to terminate absolutely all Mysore Grants on the death of the then holders except in the case of persons whose names were included in the Appendices B & C published with the Order making the announcement. Appendix A to the same order purports to give the names of those pensioners not included in B & C but the name of Mir Murad is not included in ~~either~~ any of the Appendices

It is observed, however, from the Quinquennial list that there are other Mysore Stipendiaries than those reported on annually by the Collector of N. Arcot - living in various parts of the Presy, who have never been included in the Annual returns prescribed by G.O. 146 Pol dt 27-2-88 (para 5). Under these circumstances the petition may, it is subm^{d}, be referred to the Collector of Cuddapah - where the Quinquennial List shows the deceased to have resided drawn pension - for report. Please see End^{t} on docket of Current. ~~separate sheet attached~~

Govt
14/6/95

Or

Para II of H. C. Petition Rules may be endorsed on it. The Petitioners ~~should~~ must know that the Govt. is the first authority to apply to.

Para XV of the C. Rules will not do, as the petitioners are not "pensioners"

CWS
18/6/95

I think we M^{y} let a report on it. It is a curious history of things that when the Mysore pensioners whose house knows anything about

Govt
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India's No 1177 / 11.2.78 ptd in G.O. No 122 Pol dt 27.2.78. - (page 1 of Stock file) -

In Stock file - next to page 10 of the file -
Note The file is under revision & will be re-paged. PS

P.S. No. This will be wiped all with this issue. Leave reference to page 46 Put in " " 46 pages where necessary

Govt
16/6/95

See para 2 of G.O. 18 Pol 21.1.90 - at page 15 of Stock file -

C No 1343 - From the Collr of Cuddapah No 1387 dy 23-9-99

The Collector of Cuddapah replies to his Endt No 1633 Pol dy 21-6-99 I
He states that the deceased, Mir Murad Ali Khan drew a pension of Rs 22-11-8 under "Territorial Pol (Mysore) Pensions" & that he died, without issue, on 10th Decr 1898. This is the particular pension which forms the subject of the petition under disposal in this Dept: The Collr says nothing further on the subject in his letter except that the petnrs are the nearest heirs. The remainder of the letter, which is lengthy, deals with a Revenue pension & a tomb which are also in the family & which, apparently, should have been separately referred to the Dept, dealt with by the Board of Rev through the Board. —

2 It appears from a petition of Nawab Mir Azizuddin (a relative of the deceased) to the Collector (bearing no date), which is an enclosure to the Current, that the Pol pensions was sanctioned by the Govt of India in its No 1088 dated 9th April 1851 & from a

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× para 2 of No 1387 Rec 23-9-99 flagged II & enclosed with Ct -

× page 15 of Stockfile. (Mysore & c)

This can wait until we find out something more re this pension Curl

× copy of a letter of the Collector forwarding that petn to the 1st Govt to the Resident of Mysore it appears that there are no records available in the Collector's (Cuddapah) office relating to the history of the (Pol) pension & the Collector states his consequent inability to state whether the pension was a perpetual one or a life grant.

The question which requires investigation is not only whether the pension is continuable but why it was not included in the Appx to × Govt No 18 Pol dy 21-1-90 & dealt with in that order, which purports to deal finally with the question of Mysore pensions paid at Vellore. Possibly the fact was overlooked, at the time, that there were "two lakh fund" pensioners in other parts of the Presy & if this is the case the matter might well be now taken in hand & a complete list of this class of pensions made & dealt with as regards their future disposal.

As regards the petition of Mir

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Murad Ali Khan's wives now under reference the letter from India alleged to sanction the lapsed pension in question will be searched for in the records at Madras with a view to forming an opinion as to the admissibility of the present claim.

This is the first thing to be done.

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F.D.C.
13/7/99

S.G.A.

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13.7.99

Note of vern. encls received from I.O. Sent to Press 19/10/99

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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

In Print

C. Nos. 719, 1345 and 1568.

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NOTE FOR THE C.S.

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The first petition dated -- June 1899, which is addressed to Govt, is from Dulham Begam and two other widows of the late Mir Murad Ali Khan, a Mysore life-pensioner of Cuddapah, in receipt of an Imperial (i.e. Territorial and Political Mysore) pension of Rs. 372-12-0 a year - vide serial No. 694 under Mysore Pensioners at page 53 of the quinquennial list of 1894. They pray for the continuance of the Imperial pension drawn by their late husband.

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The second petition dated 16th February 1899 is addressed to the Collector of Cuddapah by one Mir Anwar ud-din Ali Khan residing in Mysore, son of a step-brother of the said Mir Murad Ali Khan. He prays that the management of the gomaj or the tomb of Mir Raza Ali Khan, an ancestor of his, at

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Gurramkondah in the district of Cuddapah, for which a separate money allowance of Rs. 38-13-5 is assigned, may be entrusted to him or to his brother Kamal-ud-din Ali Khan. This money allowance was an annual compensation on account of the resumption of Moturfa-tax in certain villages provided for the up-keep of the tomb. A permanent pay order for the allowance was originally issued in the name of Mir Murad Ali Khan and under G.O.No. 1066, Revenue, dated 7th December 1893 the allowance at present stands registered in the name of Mir Aziz-ud-din, son of another step-brother of Mir Murad Ali Khan, who alleges that he was adopted by his uncle.

The third and fourth petitions, dated 16th May 1899 are addressed to the Collector by Mir Aziz-ud-din Ali Khan, the alleged adopted son of the said Murad Ali, praying for the continuance of the Imperial pension drawn by the latter, for the benefit of petitioner and the three widows left by Murad Ali.

Pages 11 and 12 of the proof

The fifth petition d/ 26-5-99 is addressed to the Collector by Mir Nizam-ud-din Ali Khan from Mysore, praying that the management of the gomaj or tomb in question may be temporarily undertaken by Government till he can go to Cuddapah and settle the affair.

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The Collector's views in regard to the foregoing requests are contained in his report to Govt. d/ 23rd September 1899 and

Pages 3 and 13 of the proof

Pages 4 ~~and~~ 6 of the same proof

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No.1088 d/9-4-51 N.
No.1400 d/7-5-52

G.O.No. 209 d/20-5-51.

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and that to the Resident of Mysore under the same date, while the Sub Collector's recommendations are stated in his letter to the Collector d/27th May 1899.

3. Irrespective of the Imperial pension of Rs.33-11-8 and the money allowance of Rs.38-13-5 referred to in the foregoing paragraph, the deceased Mir Murad Ali is stated to have been in receipt from the Mysore State of two more pensions amounting to Rs.44-5-4 which will not be referred to in this note, as their future treatment rests entirely with the Mysore Darbar. So far as his pension or allowance drawn from the British Govt. is concerned, it may be pointed out that the decision as to the party entitled to the management and the money allowance of the gomaj is for the Rev. Dept., while the point for consideration in Political is the continuance of Mir Murad's Imperial pension to which his three widows and the alleged adopted son lay claim.

3. The Quinquennial list of 1894 cites the marginally noted letters of the Govt. of India as the authorities under which the late Mir Murad Ali Khan drew his pension of Rs.33-11-8. The second of these letters is not traceable in the Govt. records, while the first, flagged N, contains only portion of the correspondence and refers in general terms to the continuance of a moiety

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(E. 505) of the pension of Mir Muhammad Ali to his relatives without shewing in detail either the names of the new grantees or their actual shares. No trace can be found here of any precedent sanctioning the distribution of a pension on the death of any collateral or other member of the same family. The quinquennial list shews that the individuals against the serial numbers noted on the margin, some of whose names appear in the petitions now before Govt, were granted pensions under India's letter No.396 Finl. d/ 11th Septr. 1876 to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore. Those individuals are apparently the sons of Nawab Saiyid Muhammad Tipu Sultan, the step brother of the deceased Mir Murad Ali; for, although the quinquennial list shews in the last column against all these names "Badshah Sahib" as another name of Mir Muhammad Ali Khan (this would give two different individuals bearing the latter name), Col. Renton's Table of Generation, printed at page 11 of the proof, gives "Badshah Sahib" as another name of Nawab Saiyed Muhammad Tipu Sultan, and this is corraborated by the statement of Mir Anwar-ud-din Ali Khan in his petition. Whoever may be the correct person to whom the second name appertained, the Govt. of India letter of 1876 above referred to is not on record here, and the ~~permissions~~ pensions sanctioned thereunder were evidently granted by that Govt. on the direct representation of the Resident in Mysore.

4. An explanation of the anomaly of

Nos. 669, 684, 692 & 695

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No.483 Poll. d/7-8-76 J
,, 595 ,, d/19-10-77 H
,, 123 ,, d/27-2-78 A
,, 706 ,, d/ 5-10-83 L
,, 52 ,, d/28-1-91 F
,, 239 ,, d/ 1-5-91. E

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of the Mysore pensions being in some cases sanctioned by the Govt. of India, in some cases by the Govt. of Madras and in other cases by the Resident, is to be found in the circumstances connected with the Fund from which these pensions were originally derived and which till 1878 was known as "Two Lakh Fund." An account of the "Two Lakh Fund" - its origin, its gradual diminution, its eventual fusion in the Imperial Treasury, and the occasion for the control of this Govt. over the greater portion of it - will be found in the marginally noted Proceedings. Briefly stated the facts are as follows:-

Under the Partition Treaty of Mysore 1799, the East India Company was to set apart an annual sum of two lakhs of Star Pagodas or seven lakhs of rupees for the maintenance of the families of Haidar Ali and Tippu Sultan with the condition attached that the Company could make deductions on lapses in consequence of the death of incumbents. Up to 1807, the whole amount was disbursed from Madras, and in that year when the major portion of the Mysore family was deported to Calcutta, more than two thirds of the sum became payable in Bengal and the balance in Madras. A separate head of account relating to the fund was maintained until 1856-7, when under the orders of the Court of Directors it was closed. Out

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of the allowance payable in Bengal, a sum of R.40,50,000 was capitalized in 1862 for the benefit of the Mysore Princes. The allowance payable ~~here~~ in Madras ~~also~~ rapidly dwindled in consequence of lapses and reduced grants on deaths of incumbents, so much ~~so~~ that in 1878 in view of the small proportion remaining to be paid the Govt. of India entrusted the Madras Government, subject to certain conditions, with the control over the disbursement. The chief ~~of the~~ stipulations were that lapsing stipends, should, if renewed at all, be renewable as compassionate grants which were not to exceed three-fourths of the lapsed amount and that any allowance reduced to a monthly aggregate of R.5/- should be capitalized and paid off. India at the same time directed that the fiction of the Two-lakh Fund should be abolished, and that the allowances should thereafter be treated as ordinary Political pensions. In 1891, the Governor General in Council further vested with the Madras Govt. with ~~the~~ absolute powers of administration in respect of all political pensions payable under its orders, including these Mysore pensions.

5. In exercise of these powers, the Madras Govt. prescribed rules regulating the continuance of the stipends in question, in so far as they fell within its administration, and drew up lists of such stipendiaries living at Madras and elsewhere within this Presidency under the following three categories - viz.

(1) Pensions which are to lapse absolutely on the death of the existing holders

Letter No. 52 Pol dt 28-1-91 F
G.O. No 239 Pol. 1.5.91 E

G.O.No.644-5,d/3-11-91 C
,, 487-8,d/6-8-91 D

The Resident has transferred this question here. Before sending it back it will be better to ask him if the Govt. must check with it.

13/11/91

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Issued 13/11/91

Pages 2, 11 & 12 of the proof.

(2) Pensions continuable (to the extent of a moiety or three-fourths) to the families, if any, of the existing holders and (3) noncontinuable pensions, a moiety or three-fourths of which will be capitalized for the benefit of registered widows, if any, of existing holders. A reference to the terms of para 2 of G.O.No.487 Poll. d/ 6th Aug. 91 and para 2 of the Official Memo No.207 d/ 15-11-90 filed therewith will shew that recipients of stipends granted by the Resident in Mysore or by the Govt. of India at his instance, were expressly excluded from those lists. As the members of the family to which the deceased Mir Murad Ali Khan belonged fall within the latter category of pensioners, ~~none of~~ their names ~~do not~~ appeared in any of those lists. The decision of the Govt. of the day to leave such cases for disposal by the Resident was necessitated by the fact that the correspondence in regard to such cases was exclusively between India and the Resident and the communications as a rule were not on record here. The Resident could not be unaware of the policy pursued by this Govt; for, it will be seen that the proceedings of Govt. of 1891, above referred to, were duly communicated to that officer.

6. In these circumstances it is submitted that the request of the petitioners in the first, the third

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and the fourth petitions referred to in para 1 *supra* for the continuance of the Imperial pension drawn by the late Mir Murad Ali Khan may be forwarded to the Resident of Mysore for disposal. His attention may be invited to the G.Os. of 1891 which were communicated to him and he may be advised of the reasons for the proposed action of Govt. in the sense of the remarks in the preceding paragraph. The ~~petition regarding the~~ question of the management of, and ~~money~~ allowance attached to, the ~~tomb~~ money transferred Gowal may be ~~referred~~ to Revenue for consideration.

8/11/99. Cmt D. to C

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Political DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 719 From the Dulham Begam &c , No. , dated June 1899.

" 1343 " " Collector of Cuddapah , " 1387 Rev. " 23-9- 1899.

" 1368 " " Do , " 1033 , " 10-10- 1899.

" " " , " , " 1899.

ORDER P.S. No. 7729 27. XI. 99

The foregoing correspondence relates to

(1) the claims preferred by

(a) Dulhan Begam and two other widows of the late Mir Murad Ali Khan, a Mysore pensioner, and

(b) Mir Aziz-ud-din Ali Khan, son of a step-brother of the deceased, being also the alleged adopted son of the latter, to the continuance of the Imperial (i.e. Territorial and Political-Mysore) pension of Rs. 22-11-8 drawn by the deceased,

and (2) the title advanced by Mir Anwar-ud-din Ali Khan and another, being members of the elder branch of the same family, to the management of, and to the money allowance (Rs. 38-13-5) attached to, a tomb at Gurramkondah, the charge of which now vests in the ~~said~~ Mir Aziz-ud-din Ali Khan under G.O. No. 1066 Rev., dated

A. E. The Ld.

F.E.H. 23.11.99

dated 7th December 1893.

2. The second of the two subjects mentioned above will be transferred to the Revenue Department for consideration.

3. The continuance of the lapsed Imperial pension claimed by the widows and the alleged adopted son of the late Mir Murad Ali Khan will be referred to the Resident in Mysore.

(H.E. No. d/)

To

The Rev.Dept.(with enclos.)
,,, Collr.of Cuddapah
Copy to the Acctt.Genl.

Despd 8.12.99

Despd with cir.letter 8.12.99.

LETTER No. 773

To

The Resident in Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to forward a copy of the proceedings of this Govt. No. Poll., of this date, and to invite attention to the petitions therein recorded from the three widows and an alleged adopted son of the late Mir Murad Ali Khan, in which they lay claim to the Imperial(Mysore) stipend of Rs.22-11-8 derived apparently from the pension continued to the family of Mir Muhammad Ali Khan under Govt. of India, Foreign Dept. No.1088 d/9-4-51.

A.S.H. 23.11.99

No.488 d/6-8-91 D
No.645 d/2-11-91 C

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2. In 1891, lists were drawn up of all those Mysore Stipendiaries in this Presidency whose pensions were placed within the control of this Government, and the continuance of those stipends is at present regulated by rules then prescribed by the Governor in Council - vide the marginally noted letters communicating to the Resident the proceedings of this Govt on the subject.

The stipendiaries of the family of which the deceased was a member were not, however, included in the category of the Mysore pensioners whose amounts were systematized in 1891, for the reason that the allowances enjoyed by the family were not sanctioned by this Govt. nor granted on the recommendation of this Govt. The conditions attached to the grant of the stipend of Mir Murad Ali Khan and the circumstances under which it was continued are not forthcoming on the records of this Govt, and it would appear that communications relative to grants of stipends to the members of the family to which the deceased belonged have been exclusively between the Resident in Mysore and the Government of India.

3. I am accordingly to request that this Govt. may be favoured with information whether the pensioner's heirs or employés of the Imperial stipend held by the deceased will be disposed of by you.

Examined Clerk 24/4

Sir, Yours Faithfully, Secy

You consider the matter and, if so, to request your advice in the matter is not for your proposal

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