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To

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras

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Most Respected Sir

We submissively beg to draw your kind attention to a wonderful point which deserves your valuable consideration.

In a newspaper called "The Madras People's Friend" dated 15th November 1880 an article was published which is very wonderful as it runs to the effect that the Madras Govt. has recommended a Matrikule of Musapoor village in the District of Godavary named Meer Shujat Ali Khan to be entertained in the Civil Service.

The recommendation of the Madras Govt. is now under the approval of His Excellency the Governor General of India.

On the recent rules published for admitting candidates into the Civil Service there must be three qualifications in a candidate (1) he should be a graduate (2) his age should not exceed more than 25 years. (3) he must be a descendant of a noble ruling family.

The candidate Meer Shujat Ali Khan possesses none of the above qualifications which are necessarily wanted in him to be entertained into the Civil Service. The Madras Govt. recommended him believing his own representations to the effect that he is connected with some great family under

the Nizam and also with the Royal family of the Carnatic.

(1) His age according to his own statements as expressed in the paper is 26 years but by appearance as we have seen him at Madras he is a man of 30. The certificate of a Medical Officer is necessary for the proof.

(2) He is only a Matriculate and though he has passed all the Tests of the Civil and Criminal grades yet this does not qualify him to be entitled for enlistment into the Civil Service. If it be so there are many F.A. and graduates in Madras Presidency who have also passed all the Tests of the Civil & Criminal grades whose claims the Govt. cannot but accept if the above claim is genuine.

(3) He has traced his descent to one of the great Amirs of Hyderabad on his father's side and to the Malajah (the Carnatic Nawab) on his mother's side. This is nothing but false and its falsity would be proved if enquiry be made with the Prince of Arcot or the Prince of Mysore through the British Resident and also with the Prince of Hecar or the Police Commissioner of Madras.

The recommendation of Madras Govt is simply based on a false statement. He has made a false representation without making proper enquiry. If any enquiry be made we believe it might have been made with the usual fixed Officers whose Native Subordinates may be in favour of him or he might have influenced the Native Subordinates to support him in his proceedings.

The enquiry should be made with

new source and then the fact of Meer Shujaat Ali Khan's unknown family ^{1700 A.D.} will be evident which is as bright as midday shining sun for if he has really been descended from one of the Amirs of Hyderabad what led his forefathers to leave their nativity and all the favours of the Nizam, that is, jagirs, titles &c. and to come and reside in a village trying to get some employment which gradually raised them to present degree in the civil service. As to his descent in the Carnatic Royal family it is also false. The Madras Govt. has liberally provided pensions not only to the descendants but also to the servants of the Carnatic Nawab (Malajah) who are now in the enjoyment of pensions from generations residing in their native land. How could it be possible that a family so connected with the Malajah is left to seek bread and salt before going without acquaintance with the family and without pension.

In conclusion we respectfully beg that you will be good enough to take some steps for ascertaining the facts of Meer Shujaat Ali Khan's birth & family &c. and the connection he has traced to the Nobility of Hyderabad and Carnatic.

This enquiry will save the Govt. from the public injury, because it will be an unbearable thing by all Noblemen when a man has falsely declared himself into their descent and also to the educated gentry who will think unjust to see a man so respects

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From

Abdul Khadar Khan

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SUBJECT.

Regarding the appt.
of Shuja' al-Mli Khan
as a probationer.

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Let. Secy.

Pls. find the
enclosed papers
in connection with the
case.