Revenue Department

Minutes of Reconsideration

1st to 10th June 1859

Books No 39 & 40

Order No. 756. 7th June 1859

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 1st to 10th June 1859.

No. 39. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Political Department ; dated 23rd May 1859, No. 322.

Communicating for disposal, the evidence taken by the Chepauk Agency in the cases of the parties specified, as to their identity. (Vide Political Pro. from 18th to 27th May 1859, Nos. 29-30.)

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1859, No. 756.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to para. 3 of the order of December 13th 1858, No. 1658.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 11th April 1859, No. 654.

With reference to paras. 24 and 25 Extract from Proceedings Board of Revenue dated 24th November 1858, No. 4365 and concurred in by Government in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 13th December 1858 No. 1658, I have the honor to subjoin copies of the evidence procurable in each case, the defectiveness of which cannot but be apparent to His Excellency the Governor in Council.

2. At the same time, it is but fair to the parties to state that this Office has entirely failed in obtaining the slightest evidence to disprove their identity.

3. The origin of these investigations arose from a list sent in by the Dewan in which he made use of the word "doubtful." This was taken to apply to identity, whereas he explained it subsequently as referring only to their remaining Gosha or not.

4. I am of opinion that, if these people be what they claim to be, they have the power of producing many people who could establish their identity, and until they do so, their Pensions should remain in abeyance subject to the two years rule.

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1 CHAND BEBEE.

Carnatic Stipendiary Salabut Alee, states that Chand Beebee is the wife of one Ahmud Buksh the Son of Moulvee Emam Buksh; whose Pension was continued to his wife until her death, and then came to Chand Bee.

Do you know Chand Bee personally?	No, she is Gosha, but I believe her to be alive.
Did you know her father or Mother?	No, I never knew or saw them.
What age do you suppose Chand Bee is?	I cannot exactly say, but from her having a daughter about 25, she herself must be about 40 years of age.

Ghouse Nawaz Jung Bahadoor states, I have known Chand Beebee personally about 1½ years since I made Nicka with her youngest daughter, who is about 16, and was also in receipt of a Pension, which the Collector stopped previous to my making Nicka with the Girl. I instituted enquiries regarding her mother, and Salabut Alee was the person who gave me that information: Chand Bee's Pension was on a former occasion stopped, and she received 7 months arrears at one time. It has again been stopped owing to doubts entertained by the Collector, some frauds having been discovered regarding the Sataupak Pensions, and Chand Bee's Certifiers having been connected with those frauds.

Are there any other persons who know Chand Bee?	Nobody who can speak so confidently as Salabut Alee and myself, Chand Bee has a Son about 24, who was in receipt of Pension, but the same lapsed on his attaining 18 years of age.

No further evidence obtainable.

(Signed) P. T. SNOW, Major,
Assistant Govt. Agent.

2 AMEEN BEEBEE.

3 JANNEE BEGUM.

Of the Shatanoor Jaghire.

Syed Hussun the Son-in-law of Jannee Begum appears and produces 3 documents.

One signed by the Register of the Supreme Court dated 20th November 1838, verifying the existence of Jannee Begum.

The second a document signed by the Collector of Trichinopoly transferring their Pension to Madras dated 14th November 1838.

The third a document signed by the Dewan of the Durbar, stating with reference to a former statement made by him, that these females were Gosha and alive.

Who was Jannee Begum's Father? — Meer Ghoolam Moollah Enamdar Shatanoor in Trichinopoly.

Who was Jannee Begum's husband? — Syed Kudbut Deen Darogah Ameen Rajah, he is dead.

Have you any further evidence? — Yes, here is a Mahazir Signed by 10 Stipendiaries in 1856.

Mahomed Bakir Hoossain, Sonarut Khan.
Mahomed Zienool Abdeen.
Sufder Ally.
Nuckee Ally.
Mahomed Bakir Hussunr

Do you know Ameen Bebee, is she Gosha? — Yes, she used to come out before me as a Child and is Gosha.

Whose wife was she? — The wife of Meer Ghoolam Moolah Enamdar of Shatanoor.

Have you any doubts as to her being alive? — I know that she was alive 2 months ago.

How many children had Ameen Beebee? — She had 2 Sons. A daughter is now alive.

What is daughter's name? — Jannee Begum.

Have you ever seen Jannee Begum? — Yes, as a Child.

(Signed) P. T. SNOW, Major,
Assistant Govt. Agent.

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4 NUNNEE BEBEE.

5 ZARAH BEGUM.

Nunnee Bebee is stated to be the Nicka wife of *Hoossain Khan* Son of *Safder Ally Khan*; Nephew of *Nujeeb Khan* who was the Jaghirdar of Satampak, *Zara Begum* daughter of Nunnee Beebee by her Husband Nujeeb Hoossain Khan.

Mahomed Salar States, that he is married to Zarah Begum, who was in receipt until lately of Rupees 1-1-9 per mensem.

When or in what year did you marry Zarah Begum? — 16 years ago.

Do you know any persons who were present when Nunnee Beebee made Nickah with Nujeeb Hoossain Khan? — No, it took place before I was born, Nujeeb Hoossain Khan's mother named Mahomed Hoossain Khan, *sold* a house left to Zarah Begum by her father in the Mutchee Bazar, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of my marriage with Zarah Begum. The title deeds are in Zarah Begum's name, and are in the possession of the Hindoo who purchased the house. Recommended to produce this document.

Mahomed Jaffer Ally great grandson of Nujeeb Khan Jaghirdar of Satampak states, that Nunnee Bebee and Zarah Begum are the persons they represent themselves to be, and in proof of his own identity, produces a document made out for the satisfaction of his wife's friends previous to his marriage.

Can you produce any further evidence of your being Nujeeb Khan's great grandson? — No, all the old people are dead, my Brother is alive, but not in his senses.

No further evidence producible.

(Signed) P. T. SNOW, Major,
Assistant Govt. Agent.

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6 SUKEENAH BEE.

In receipt of Rupees 2-8-0 per mensem appears in person and states, that she is daughter of Syud Hussun Khan Sahib Brother of Satampak Jaghirdar.

Who knows that you are the person you describe yourself to be? — Shaik Hyder. Shaik Homed. Homed Sahib.

Shaik Hyder states, that Sakeenah Bee is the person she represents herself to be.

How do you know this to be true? — I rented part of her house 20 years ago, and used to see the Vakeel bring her pension, I know nothing more.

Is this person the same? — Yes, I know her to be the same having seen her.

Shaik Homed a Company's Pensioner No. 26892 states, that Sakeenah Bee lived next door to him 35 years ago, as also her father Syed Hoossain Khan, this was in the Shuickroo gardens, after her fathers' death, she received a Pension. Knows nothing more.

Sakeenah Bee states, that she is unable to produce any old persons of the Satampak family, who can speak to her identity.

Mahomed Jaffer Ally great grandson of Rujub Khan, disallows all knowledge or connexion.

(Signed) P. T. SNOW, Major,
Assistant Govt. Agent.

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7 KAWDER BEEBEE.

Fuckuroollah Khan, Husband of Kawder Bee states, that his wife is daughter of Ghoolam Son of Mahomed Feroze Khan late Jaghirdar of Wilcom in South Arcot. That her present age is 50 years. That she is a Gosha and has been married about 10 years.

What was the name of your wife's mother? — Hoormut Bee, she is dead.

Whose daughter was she? — Daughter of Laul Khan, a writer of charms, whose father's name was Fateh Khan.

Before whom does your wife appear? — Before Carnatic Stipendiary Gholam Ahmud Brother-in-law to Fuckooroollah Khan, and Ismail Sahib Cousin to do. do. and Gholam Hussun Brother to Kawder Bee.

Gholam Ahmud, merely corroborates the above evidence, Ghoolam Hussun brother to Kawder Bee states, that his Uncle Abdool Wahab is alive, and that he himself is in receipt of 10½ Rupees per mensem.

How many wives had your father Ghoolam Hoossain? — Two, one Shadee one Nickah,

How many children by the Shadee wife? — Two myself and Kawder Bee.

How many by the Nicka wife? — Several, but only one survived, and was in receipt of Pension, but died about 15 months ago.

You are aware what is the penalty of stating what is untrue? — Yes, I am perfectly aware.

What is your Sister's age, and when did you see her last? — At a guess I should say that she is 46 or more, she is older than I am by about 2 years. I saw her this morning.

At what age did you first receive Pension? — When I was about 20, but I cannot speak positively.

How long have you been married, and who did you marry. — I have been married about 12 years.
I married Fuckerooilah Khan's Sister.

Who is there (not a relative) who can speak to the facts stated by you. — Shaik Hyder Chobdar now here.
Shaik Hyder denies having any knowledge beyond name.
Also Moor ood Deen Ally Khan and Syed Abdoor Razah.

Noor ood Deen Ally Khan states, that he does not know who Kawder Bebee is. I know Gholam Hussun, but whose son he is I know not, I believe him to be the grandson of Siddee Feroze Khan. I do not know whether he has any sisters.

Syed Abdoor Ruzak, being sick has written under his seal being a Carnatic Stipendiary, No. 2572 on 3 Rupees per mensem stating, that he knows Kawder Beebee and Ghoolam Hussun are the son and daughter of Gholam Hoossain, who was the son of Mahomed Feroze Khan. The son and daughter are still in existence. Kawder Bee's husband is Fukur Oollah Khan.

Mahomed Tajood Deen Carnatic Stipendiary on Rupees 3-8-0 states, that his age is 58 or 59, that he knew Mahomed Feroze Khan who died about 36 years ago. That he left 2 sons Gholam Hoossain and Abdool Wahab, that Gholam Hoossain had 2 Children, 1 Boy, and 1 Girl. The sons name was Gholam Hussun and the first Cawder Bee.

Have you ever seen Cawder Bee? — Not since she was four years old.

How do you know that the wife of Fukur Oollah Khan, is the same Khader Bee? — Because I was present at the Marriage ceremonies, and her uncle Abdool Wahab told me so.

Abdool Wahab states, that he is son of Mahomed Feroze Khan. That he had a brother named Gholam Hoossain who died about 22 years ago, leaving a son Gholam Hussun and a daughter Kawder Bee, whom I married to Fukur Oollah Khan.

When did you see Kader Bee last? — This morning.

Is Kader Bee in receipt of Pension? — It has been stopt for 11 months owing to some doubts.

Are you a Pensioner? yes, I get 15 Pagodas a month.

(Signed) P. T. SNOW, Major.
Assistant Government Agent.

8. MAHOMEDIAH BEEBEE.

9. HAZARAH BEEBEE.

omed Ghouse Carnatic Stipendiary on 7-8 per mensem states. The above Females are descendants of the Kistnapoor Jaghirdar in North Arcot; Mahdiah Beebee was the wife of Mahomed Mahsoom, who was I heard Jaghirdar of Kistnapore; Hazarah Beebee is the daughter of Mahdiah Beebee and Mahomed Mahsoon, and is now the widow of one Syud Ahmud, and has 2 Children a Boy and a Girl.

ver see either of omen? — No, but I know the Mother's voice.

ny other Children liah Beebee? — Yes; son Mahomed Ghouse called Ghousi Mean, a Pensioner on Rupees 9-11-7 per mensem, and Mahomed Ebrahim also in receipt of 9-11-7.

med Ghouse alias Ghouse Mean states, that he lives with his mother and sister, and is himself married.

e your grandfathers' — Fakeer Ahmud, Paternal.
Mean Sahib, Maternal.

er of your grand- in receipt of a ? — No, but Mean Sahib used to receive something from the Killeddar of Poonamalee.

right does Mahdiah receive Pension? — Her husband Mahomed Mahsoom the original Jaghirdar, who on losing his estate, received a Pension of 50 Pagodas.

y years is it since ed Mashsoom died, t age was he then? — About 28 years, and his age was then about 50 years, so I hear.

Father any other besides Mahdiah ? — Yes, one who died after having had 3 Children, 2 boys and 1 girl, one of the boys survived, whose name is Mahomed Ally, in receipt of 9-11-7, now at Portonovo.

s has your Mother's n been stopped? — Since February 1858, owing to doubts being entertained by the Collector as to identity, consequent on Dewan's letter.

and your brother in of your Pensions? — Yes.

No further evidence procurable.

(Signed) P. T. SNOW, Major.
Assistant Govt. Agent.

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10. GHOUSE BEBEE.

s person's husband appears a Vakeel and states, that his Wife Ghouse Bebee is the of Hoossain Bee and Abdool Kader a pensioned Naigue, in receipt of Rupees 8-12, per residing at Arcot, and formerly in the 2nd Light Cavalry; has been pensioned years. The mother Hoossain Bee died before her daughter's marriage, she was the of one Sied Hoossain Khan, originally in receipt of a Pension and brother of the k Jaghirdar. The mother's Pension of Rupees 2-8, descended to her Children Ghouse Ameenoodeen, in the proportion of 13 Annas each per mensem.

ouse Bee's age is stated to be 24 or 25, and to have been born at Raneepet 2 months he Corps marched to Trichinopoly.

further evidence is producible in favor of claimant, while Mahomed Jaffer Ally a great on of Najeeb Khan states, that he knows nothing whatever of Ghouse Bee, who is not ed with him in any way.

(Signed) P. T. SNOW, Major,
Assistant Govt. Agent.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1859, No. 322.

The ten parties in whose cases evidence has been taken by the Chepauk Agency as to their identity are not Carnatic Stipendiaries, but appear to be Revenue Pensioners. The foregoing papers will accordingly be communicated to the Revenue Department for disposal, with reference to para. 3 of the Proceedings in that Department, dated the 13th December last, No. 1658.

2. The Agent, it is observed, makes no report on the cases of the 36 Pensioners regarding whom it was suggested by the Board of Revenue in para. 24 of their Proceedings that strict enquiries should be renewed. The Government desire to be informed if any steps are being taken by the Agency in the matter, and if so, when the result of the enquiries into these cases is likely to be laid before them.

Dated 24th November 1858, No. 4365.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department,
" Government Agent at Chepauk.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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Fort St. Geo.
7 June 1859

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