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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th December 1863.

No. 103. Read the following letter from J. R. BOYSON, Esq., Government Solicitor, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 26th November 1863, No. 829:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of Government noted in the margin, (with the papers which accompanied them) relative to the expediency (or otherwise) of criminally prosecuting Azceza Begum *alias* Muctoom Bee and certain parties supposed to have aided her in obtaining the grant of a pension from Government by falsely representing that she was the Nicka widow of one Syed Mahomed Khan Bahadoor, deceased.

Dated 21st Nov. 1863, No. 2,103, R. D.

2. I submitted the matter for the consideration of the Advocate General, with whom I have also conferred on the subject, and I now send you a copy of his opinion and views.

3. I also return the enclosures contained in the Proceedings above noted.

COPY OPINION.

1. I think there can be no doubt that Mucdoom Bee *alias* Azeeza Begum is an impostor; that her pension was obtained upon false pretences, and that it ought no longer to be paid.

2. The Petition Writer Eyen Khan appears to be a myth, and his Petition a sort of run-away knock. The probability is that Syed Aizoodeen himself got it up.

3. I attach no credit whatever to his evidence, nor to that of Jan Bee and Fatmah Bee. The last two women appear to me to be evidently tutored, and assert that the real wife of the Nabob was tall thin and fair, because that description is as opposed as possible to the appearance of the present pensioner, who I gather to be short fat and dark.

4. Aizoodeen has on a former occasion put forward this very woman, Mucdoom Bee, as the Nicka wife of the Nabob; he produced the registry of her marriage: he got up the Mahzarnamah. He has now quarrelled with her for some reason or other and seeks to destroy the creature of his own raising. Neither he nor the means he employs are worthy of a moment's belief.

5. There are, however, witnesses produced of respectability and without any apparent interest in the matter, whose evidence appears to me to put the question of Mucdoom Bee's imposture beyond any reasonable doubt.

6. Whether or no the parties should be criminally prosecuted is a very different question.

7. On the one hand, it is very desirable to make an example of any one guilty of such malpractices, to warn others as much as to punish the guilty. But I do not think that the ends of public justice are subverted by taking up any case of the sort criminally unless it is very nearly certain that there will be a conviction.

8. As the evidence stands at present I cannot advise a criminal prosecution. Without going at length into my reasons it will suffice to say that I see many difficulties and weak points in the case which render the chance of a conviction, to say the least, very problematical.

9. Possibly if the Police are directed to keep their eyes open and to institute further inquiries, more satisfactory evidence may hereafter turn up: in which case the papers ought to be reconsidered.

10. I observe that the pensions of Meer Hoossain Ally Khan and Meer Mahomed Tucky are suspended.

11. These two men sealed the Mahzarnamah as witnesses of the facts set forth in it.

12. Their statements respecting the way in which their seals appear to the paper are to my mind quite puerile. That they were consenting parties to the Mahzarnamah must, I think, be taken as a fact.

13. But there is a marked difference between their attestation and that of the three witnesses who precede them. Those three witnesses beyond all question represent themselves as having *witnessed the facts* set forth in the document. The two last only sign "as witnesses" and when the body of the Mahzarnamah is looked at, it will be found that those who have *heard* of as well as those who have seen the marriage, &c., are begged to sign.

14. It is possible enough that the two last witnesses may have heard rumours of the marriage: and I should be inclined to give them the benefit of this doubt, if their general conduct and character be good.

15. That they have been guilty at the very least of gross negligence in affixing their seals in witness of the truth of facts, the existence of which they had not inquired into, is, I take it,

clear. Such conduct would justify the withdrawal of their pensions. Perhaps, however, the Government may think that they will have been sufficiently punished by the temporary suspension of their allowances.

25*th November* 1863.

(Signed) JOHN BRUCE NORTON,
Advocate General.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. R. BOYSON,
Government Solicitor.

No. 104. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1863, No. 2,215.

1. Under the advice of the Advocate General the Government resolve to take no steps at present towards prosecuting the persons concerned in this fraud. The Commissioner of Police will, however, with reference to paragraph 9 of Mr. Norton's opinion, be instructed to bring this matter again to notice should any more satisfactory evidence be forthcoming.

2. The pension of 25 Rupees a month obtained under false pretences by Azizah Begum *alias* Mucdoom Bee will be cancelled from date of last payment.

3. The last five paragraphs of Mr. Norton's "opinion" relate to the conduct of Meer Hussein Ally Khan and Meer Mahomed Tucky, the payment of whose pensions has been suspended for their complicity in the fraud. The Governor in Council would have no objection to give these individuals the benefit of the doubt as suggested by the Advocate General, did it not appear that they had taken an active part in helping Azizah Begum *alias* Mucdoom Bee by acting as Vakeel and security in her behalf. They have not only been guilty of "gross negligence" but have positively aided in the deception which has been practiced. Under these circumstances a temporary suspension of their allowance will hardly meet the merits of the case. Orders will be issued in the Public Department, to the Agent at Chepauk for the cancelment of their Pension Certificates.

4. It is presumed that the Cauzy Syed Azeezoodin is not in the receipt of any Government pension. The Commissioner of Police will report on this point. The Collector of Madras will also be requested to state whether this man is, by virtue of his office, in the enjoyment of any Inám.

Board's Procs., 22nd Oct. 1857, No. 3,585.
G. O. 16th November 1857, No. 1,109.
G. O. 30th March 1859, No. 437, Para. 3.

5. These Proceedings will be communicated to the Board of Revenue in continuation of G. O. 21st ultimo, No. 2,103, and with reference to the correspondence marginally noted.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Government Solicitor.
" Collector of Madras.
" Commissioner of Police.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Public Department.

Exd, S. T. Augustin.

1786 [illegible]

To

His Excellency the Governor
in Council

Fort St. George.

The Humble Petition of
Ayen Khan Residing at
Triplicane near the
Malabar Pagodah.

Most Humbly Sheweth-

That your Poor Petr. most
respectfully begs to bring the following
circumstances to your Excellency in
Council's notice and craves your Petr.
will be pardoned for the liberty taken-

Your Petr had a Sister married
to one Syed Mahomed Khan late Petty
Nabob at Cuddapah - Since the death of
her Husband, your Petrs Sister Ayesah
Begum used to draw a pension of 25
Rupees per Mensem from the Collectors
Office - thro' the means of her Vakeel
Veeraswally - The said pension continued
for 2 years. Unfortunately your Petrs sister
died one year ago. The said Vakeel
still draws the pension upon the
deceased's name. and gives to one

Rockdown Bee. The late Commissioner
Colonel Boulderson Received a Nicanamah
from the Cazy upon the deceaseds name
and fixed the Cazy's Seal to it. It
is Registered in the Commissioners
Office Records, The Vakeel Reades
at Triplicane Chiaro Garden Talimcanah-
Street. Opposite to Shaik Hussain (Toncer)
Craving your Excellency in Council
will be pleased to Refer this case
to the Assistant Commissioner for
investigation the truth will be Known
and as in duty bound
Wills Everyray-

Madras
1st March 1863.

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Date 1st
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To

His Excellency the Governor
in Council
for Law
Fort St. George

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N° 786 of 1863.

From Hyder Khan
residing at Triplicane
near the Malabar
Pagoda Madras —

Dated
Rec'd } 17th March 1863

States that his sister Hussia
Begam who was married to
Syed Mahummad Khan late
Peshy of Kalal at Cuddapah, got
after her husband's death, a
monthly pension of 25 Rs.
& drew the same from the Collr's
office through her Vakil
Emayat Ally; & that though
she died a year ago, yet the
said Vakil draws the pension
in the name of the deceased & pays

it to one Murtdoon Bee.

Mentions the place where
the Vakil lives.

Prays orders to the Com-
missioner of Police for
the investigation of the
case. —

No. 786 of 1863.

Referred to the Commissioner of Police for immediate Enquiry and report.

By Order

A. Ag. Dy. Secy. to Govt.

Fort St. George,
23d March 1863.

Returned 28th August 1863.

W. Miller
C of S.

Translation of Mahzurnamah dated 17th Rabi ul Awul 1272 (corresponding with the 27th December 1855.)

The humble creature Azeeza Begum widow of Syd Mahommed Khan late Nawaub of Cuddapah, calls for true testimony to the following points.

That the said Nawaub made Nicka with her on the 12th Rabi ul Sanè 1260 (1st May 1844) according to the order of God and the Law of Mahommed: and that he gave her, as is the custom in case of other Begums, a suitable Establishment of Moglanis, female Servants, and Slaves to serve her, (the said Azeeza Begum): that since the Nawaubs death which took place on the 21st November 1853, she has been labouring under various difficulties and hardships.

She therefore hopes that those who were present at the Nicka, and all the Inhabitants of the Village of Syedabad, (or Sydapet) and those who know, or who have heard of her Nicka, will, for Gods sake attach their Seals and signatures to this Mahzurnamah, so that they may be rewarded by God, and praised by Men.

The following Certificates and Seals are attached.

1 The within mentioned facts have been witnessed by the humblest of creatures — Syed Aijzul Deen, the son and Naib of the deceased Cazy Syed Abdullah Khan Bahadur, Defender of the Mahommedan Law.

Seal of Syed Aijzul Deen.

2 The facts written in this document have been witnessed by the most insignificant creature Meer Abbas ally-al-Moosawee. May God pardon him.

Seal of Meer abbas ally.

3 The facts mentioned in this paper have been witnessed by Syed Insroodeen Hoosain the son of Meer Jamorlabudeen Yaker.

Seal of Syed Insroodeen Hoosain

4 Sealed as a Witness

Seal of Meer Mahomed Tuckey.

5 Sealed as a witness

Seal of Meer Hussain ally.

J. Mackintosh

Comm.r of Salsette

Madras } to wit.

The Information of Syed Azeezoodeen an Inhabitant of Sydapett taken on Solemn Affirmation this 18th day of August in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and fifty Seven before me Thomas George Clarke Esqre One of Her Majestys Justices of the Peace in and for the Town of Madras aforesaid.

Which said Syed Azeezoodeen Saith as follows.

I reside in Sydapett and am Cauzy of Nullacoopum close to Sydapett. I know the late Syed Mahomed Khan Bahadoor he was Nabob of Cuddapah. I know him when he was living in Sydapett this was about 13 years ago. He contracted a Nicka marriage with one Azeeza Begum. I was present and performed the Nicka ceremony I produce the original Nicka Marriage Certificate of the parties, together with a Copy with my official Seal of Office to it. A man named Syed Imam I remember was present at the ceremony. Besides Syed Imam there were several others present. I know one Thoondeck Hoosain and Ranjah Ally Shah who were also present they were Witnessed to the marriage ceremony I put their names down in the Certificate.

Taken on Solemn affirmation before me at Madras aforesaid, the day and year first above written, the contents having been explained by the Interpreter.

(signed) T. G. Clarke
Justice of the Peace.

(signed) in Hindoostanee Language.

(True Copies)

Commissioner of Police.

of translations of a Perwanah granted to Ajeeb Begum by Syud Ajoodeen for 200 Rupees; which was produced at the Police Office on the 26th August 1863 by Syud Enayet Ally the Vakeel of Ajeeb Begum.

I Syud Ajoodeen do hereby certify that I have received from Ajeeb Begum Sahiba the Nuzr, Nuzzur of Nawaub Ajeeb Mahomed Khan of Kindlaspoor the sum of 200 Rupees the half of which is 100 Rupees on the Pannwanah for my entertainment, the receipt of which I hereby acknowledge.

Witness my hand this 20th day of April 1276 (20th October 1859)

Witness Syud Ajoodeen.
Syed Mahmud Atty.

Translation

Copies of Informations taken from Syed Emaum and Syed Ajeezoodeen Police-where called Aizzooden/ dated in June & August 1857.

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Enclosure in a Letter from the Commissioner of Police dated 28th Augt. 1863, No. 115.

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Affidavit of [illegible] The statements of fact & opinion now existing in the Village of Alumbalum near Hyderabad taken on the 4th April 1863.

Ally Hyder Abdoollah Khan, a Cavalry in the Nawab's Crean and duly sworn 18 years ago. For the last 35 years I have officiated as Cauzy in Pergunna Hyderabad and Shahabad and generally resided at the latter place. The petitioner in Appeal now shown to me dated 17th March 1863 and signed in Hindoostanee by Ryan Khan was written at my request by one Syed Fakeer Hoosain Moodee residing in Begum Bazar Hyderabad.

Petitioner - I served 14 to 16 months at the regiment of Ryan Khan who was lately living at Alumbalum. It was represented from a Kupta in Hindoostanee given to me by Ryan Khan informing me that his brother Ryan Begum Khan of the late 4th Cavalry was murdered by Ramoo Khan Pathan of the 4th Cavalry in the receipt of a Pathan from Government for 25 Rupees a month and that he died about a year ago since which the Pathan has been received by a woman named Mucdoom Bee, residing at Hyderabad. He then called me to which I went in reading a Petition to Government regarding the matter and Police or Court Khan who told me he had come to Hyderabad from Trichinopoly. The day after the Petition was presented Ryan Khan visited me that he had met a man near the Fort who told him for having sent the Petition. From the next day after this I did not see Khan or his family any more at Alumbalum. About 15 years ago I became acquainted with one Fakeer Hoosain residing in Trichinopoly - About 2½ years ago he requested me to take his wife Mucdoom Bee about 3 years Begum Zeenat. He at the same time informed me that his wife became a Cowkin

Translation of Receipt for 200 Rupees granted by Syed Nizzamoodeen to Ryan Begum.

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of 25 Rupees from Government as the widow of Syed Mahomed Khan the Cuddapah Nawaub - Tajadook and his wife were then living in Chokra Bangh of Triplicane - I used to be paid for teaching the said Mucdoom Bee - It was not fixed pay, but as she pleased - Sometimes Two Rupees a Month - Sometimes Two Rupees in two months. I only taught her on Fridays. I have not gone to her House for about a Year. I have not had any quarrel with her. Tajadook Hoossain died at Trichinopoly about a Year ago - I attended the funeral Ceremonies afterwards performed in Triplicane. In consequence of what Ayen Khan told me I went to Mucdoom Bee, and questioned her - She appeared confused, but asserted that she was the widow of the Cuddapah Nawaub and that her name was Azeeza Begum. I informed Ayen Khan of this before the Petition was sent to Government.

About 19 Years ago Syed Mahomed Khan Nawaub of Cuddapah came to Sydapett and was there married to a Daughter of One Mahomed Cosh said to be an Inhabitant of Arcot. I read the Nicka Ceremony, and can shew the entry of the marriage in my Book - The woman's name was mentioned as Azeeza Begum - As she was Gosha I did not see her - A Vakeel and Two Witnesses were present - I can give the names on referring to my Book - The said Nawaub lived at Sydapett with his wife for Four or Five Years and then went to South Arcot - I do not Know when or where he died, or what became of his Widow - From what Ayen Khan told me I do not think that Mucdoom Bee alias Azeeza Begum now receiving Pension can be the same woman who was married to the Nawaub. There are Two women named Jan Bee and Fatmah Bee who Know the wife of the Nawaub. I have brought them with me to day.

I Know one Mahomed ally who was Vakeel to the Pensioner Mucdoom Bee. Four or Five Years ago I attended at the Office of the Commissioner of Police on being directed so to do by a Police Harkara, and by the above named Tajadook Hoossain. I was then asked whether I had performed the Nicka ceremony between Syed Mahomed Khan of Cuddapah and Azeeza Begum at Sydapett - I said I had done so.

Supplementary Statement of Syed Azeezoodeen taken on the 29th April 1861.

I now produce the Duftur Book and read the following entry.

"Syed Mahomed Khan Bahadur, Nawaub of Cuddapah son of Syed Abdul Nubee Khan Bahadur deceased performed Nicka with Azeeza Begum who has attained puberty, and who is the daughter of Mahomed Cosh said deceased, on the night of the 12th of Rabee oos Sanee 1260 Hegira / corresponding with the 1st May 1844 / at Sydapett - Dowry 39 Tolas of Gold Meerza Hoossainee Beg son of Meerza Ahmed Beg - Vakeel - Meer Tajadook Hoossain son of Meer Jamiot Sabadeen, and Roy ally Shah son of Sheban Ally Shah - Witnesses -

Comd Police

Affidavit of The above mentioned Deputy Superintendent
Hamid Khan, to examine this Book of Engineer
Kamid Khan, relative to the Book to be sent to my
Khalifa Hamad, Engineering Office, Begum
being the million of Syed Nasrudeen Khan,
in that he has over seen my Khalifa Hamad entr.
Ch. No. original Khatiyan in mine being Khan
Khan to this he admitted that what he had
one hand writing and recognized his Seal.
the humble note gave any further account
of the Commissioner evening himself on the
Date of Hands of memory.

Miller
Deputy Asst

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Syed Azeezuddeen
Cauzy
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Statement of the Circumstances of Jan Bee's taking up his residence in Cradock Gonakal Inhlwane Location on the Upper Klipplaat River.

Jan a married woman and lives in Kyelitsha

Formerly lived at Cradock for about 23 years,

When the Cradock Natives war married at

that place. Jan was not in the habit of going to

his home, but came sometimes to Queenstown

to write letters for his wife. Queenstown and

Cradock is 60 miles apart. She was a

young woman from Butterworth. She Married

a christian Native. Since 8 or 10 Months

after this he is employed at the Kimmil and

his wife left Cradock. About a year afterwards

Jan was informed by a Native who had been in

the Kaffir Location that the Regum was

dead. Jan knew the woman although

Bee said to be now living in Charlotte Bought,

Bee said to be now living in Charlotte Bought,

for 15 or 18 years. She lived in my house at

Cradock for 10 or 11 years. She bears Xosian

from my descent the Mfecane. She

was my married for some months by the Son

of a Native who lived at St Thomas Mount.

The Cradock Natives used at Kyelitsha

at the time Mackom Bee was living in my

house. At last Mark Mackom Bee and my

became Jan's friend the Umkungo Tolly in my

House. Jan was not in the house - Jan's letters

were read that the was living with the Bee

Inspector Hopkins on his visit in Cemetery,

Mackom Bee is dark, and stout, of middle

height with small eyes and Nose - the hair

a daughter before the came to this witness,

about 2½ Months ago Jan's wife

said came to my House, and asked me if

I had known the wife of the Cradock Native

Kaffraria

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Tyali Bezzordum, Chief

called "Bezzordum".

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personally - I did not know Ajeezoonnessa before this.

The Supplemental Statement of Jan Bee taken on the 28th May 1863, in the presence of Mudoomee Bee alias Ajeeza Begum.

The woman Mudoomee Bee now present is the same who lived in my house at Sydapett.

J. W. Clerk
Cmr of Police

Fatmah Bee

27th & 28th May/63.

Collr Ryd.

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Enclosure in a letter from the Commissioner of Police dated 28th Augt 1863.

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Abstract of The Statement of Fatmah Bee residing in Trichicane taken on the 28th April, 1863.

I am a married woman, and live with my mother Jan Beem. About two months ago the man now present Ajeejoodeen came to my house and asked what I knew about Mudoom Bee and about the Cuddapah Nawaub. I told him -

About 18 years ago my Husband turned me out of his House on account of a quarrel about a Concubine he was keeping. I then went and lived with my mother at Sydapett. A woman named Mudoom Bee was then living in my Mothers House - she was afterwards sent away by my mother. She is Black, Short and stout with small eyes. I am 42 years of age - Mudoom Bee is younger than I am. She was never known as Ajeeja Begum when in my Mother's House. I was employed occasionally to see for the Wife of the Cuddapah Nawaub at Sydapett. She was tall, thin, and fair with large eyes and Nose - very handsome, and about 30 years old - or rather more.

The Supplemental Statement of Fatmah Bee taken on the 28th May 1863 in the presence of Mudoom Bee alias Ajeeja Begum.

This is the woman Mudoom Bee who lived with my Mother as stated. I have not any doubt as to her identity. -

J. Walker
Cmdg Police

The Statements of Abraham Colly, residing
in Clinton Mullet, granted Tuesday Evening
on Clinton Mullet, granted Tuesday Evening
on the 28th May 1863.

Said Abraham Colly does not know the
Colloquial Name, whose name it ought to be
Said Abraham Colly - nor do I know of the
Said Abraham Colly - nor do I know of the
age above mentioned.

I was acquainted with one Alex Hardwick
of Virginia, who was living in Clinton Mullet
parties, and in Christ Church Parish 15th 16th years.
The said Alex Hardwick left Virginia about
the year 1861 - and went to Tennessee -
I am 2½ years ago the last Intelligence I had
of him - he was then living in Memphis -
I was told about 1½ years after he left Virginia
about 1½ years after his marriage - the Two
married ladies mentioned in Christ Church Parish -
this woman also died about 1½ years ago - I
Returned this from my own Knowledge -
He might about 4 years ago - I understand
that he came to my house accompanied by a
Colored Female who he said was the Mother of his
Children Caddyfat Nancy deceased and after
the Death of Caddyfat Nancy he took to live with
Patsey Chaney with whom he is living
married to the authorities on the behalf
of Jan getting an allowance for the support of his
deceased children - he also stated that he is the
Father of Jan getting the allowance into arrears
to the amount of 2 years allowance of the 50
on a Plan agreed to 2 years allowance of the 50
only a Monthly allowance - I agreed to this
Proposal and asked him to come to me the
next day - the woman did not appear to me
on that day, the next day I sent Constable Hopkins
came to my house and on this summoning me the

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Returned Bee

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particulars of the woman's Claim, whose name he then mentioned to me as Azeeza Begum. I wrote a Petition in Hindee which was afterwards translated by Mr. Genot the Petition Writer and presented to Government by Meer Inshoodeck Hoossain. The purport of the Petition to the best of my recollection was as followed.

That Azeeza Begum was the Nicka widow of the Cuddapah Nawaub Syed Mahomed Khan, that her husband pay was 110 Rupees paid to him by the Cuddapah Collector that he the Nawaub had been paying her 35 Rupees per mensem. that the Nawaub had died at South Arcot Munjacoopum about 3 years ago and requesting that the Government would sanction the allowance of 35 Rupees which had been continued to her by the Nawaub till his death.

As the Agent of Azeeza Begum I received the Petition from Government with an Endorsement that the Government would not comply with her request.

After this another Petition was written and given by Mr. Genot in English on the same subject which was sent to the Home authorities by Inshoodeck Hoossain.

About 10 Months after the last Petition had been despatched it was returned by the Home Government which directed the Madras Government to make enquiry and find out whether Azeeza Begum was the rightful widow of the Cuddapah Nawaub deceased. This Petition was referred to the Commissioner of Police Colonel Bonlderson who directed the attendance of the Cauzy and the Witnesses who were present during the marriage of the Cuddapah Nawaub with Azeeza Begum. Sheik Hoossain late Tenadar of Police in Triplicane required me, Meer Inshoodeck Hoossain Cauzy, Zeezoodeen

and Syed Emam to come to the Commissioners Office and we all did so. Colonel Bonlderson examined the Cauzy, Azeezoodeen, Syed Emam Witness to the marriage and Meer Inshoodeck Hoossain. but I was not examined. Colonel Bonlderson then told Inshoodeck Hoossain to go to Government who told us that Azeeza Begum's Claim for allowance had been communicated to the Home authorities. About 10 months after this an order came from England that an allowance of 25 Rupees was passed in Azeeza Begum's name together with arrears from the date of her husbands death, and that the Azeeza Begum should draw the money so sanctioned at Cuddapah. Meer Inshoodeck Hoossain, Azeeza Begum, a Female Cook, an Ordaly and I proceeded to Cuddapah to receive the money, but Mr. Collector Fraser asked Inshoodeck Hoossain if any one at Cuddapah knew Azeeza Begum or the fact of the marriage with the Cuddapah Nawaub and on Inshoodeck Hoossain informing the Gentlemen that there was no one at Cuddapah acquainted with Azeeza Begum and that there were many persons at Vydapet of Madras who knew all about her and her marriage. Mr. Fraser directed me to go back to Madras and to prove the above circumstances before the Collector of Madras. We accordingly appeared before Mr. Cunliffe Collector of Madras and Inshoodeck Hoossain claimed the allowance and the arrears. upon which the Collector asked him to procure two Pensioners as Surches and a Vakeel also a Government Pensioner who should be responsible for Azeeza Begum. Meer Inshoodeck Hoossain then got the late Gorlam Hyder Sait son of Akbar Sait and Meer Mahomed Thekee whose Security Bonds were taken. Meer Hoossain ally and other Pensioner became her Vakeel and filed the

the Vakalutnamah — On the 1700 Rupees were paid by the Collector to Meer Ahsham ally the Vakeel

Two days after the arrears were drawn I tendered my claim for One third of the amount but Intizdeh Ahsham and Azeeza Begum gave me only 300 Rupees which is equal to One years allowance and obtained my receipt for the same.

I don't know if Meer Intizdeh Ahsham has contracted any Nicka marriage with Azeeza Begum — I never saw Azeeza Begum in person nor do I know her by the name of Ahmedoom Bee.

Syed Eman who was examined by Colonel Bouldeson as stated above is I hear now near Goodown Cherry.

Meer Mahamed Tiekee and Meer Ahsham ally Khan are now living at Chokra Bazar.

I had no quarrel with Azeeza Begum nor am I on bad terms with her.

J. Wilson

Wm. Edwin

Mahomed Ally
Vakil
7 May/63

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me in behalf of Ayeeja Begum to go to the Collectors Cutcherry at Madras and to receive the arrears of her allowance as her Vakeel as the Collector required a Pensioner to do so. I hesitated to oblige the Begum in this affair but on being assured by Tuffoodah Hoossain and by Goolam Hoossain Hyder the deceased Son of the late Nebee Saib who was also a Pensioner that there was no harm in undertaking the business. I agreed to receive Ayeeja Begums money as her Vakeel. For this purpose I, Tuffoodah Hoossain and Mahomed Ally went to the Collectors Cutcherry on the Mount road where 1700 Rupees and odd were paid into my hands by the Deputy Collector on receiving Ayeeja Begum Receipt for the same from me. This money I paid to Ayeeja Begum and obtained a second receipt from her.

The woman Ayeeja Begum is also known by the name of Muddoom Bee in Chokra Bangh. I do not know whose daughter or whose widow she is beyond what was told me by Tuffoodah Hussain. She is a Gorka woman and I have not seen her since she came to live in my neighbourhood.

The aforesaid Meer Hussen ally having been re-examined this 25th day of August 1863 stated that he did not know of any Mahzurnamah regarding the affairs of Ayeeja Begum. On being shown the original Mahzurnamah he recognized his seal thereon, but professed his inability to account for its being there.

J. Wilson
Asst. of Police

The Statement of Alexander Mackenzie Jackie residing
in Charlotte Town - taken on the 21st May 1863.
Jim the son of Allen Stephens duly sworn
who is a Sanitary 1st Papers a months in the
Colonial Agents Office - Salem gets a Garrison
of 10 Papers a months

I know one Allen Stephens who
lives about 2 Miles ago at Richmond - he was
my neighbour - About 3 years ago
Stephens Stephens informed me and my family
that Queen Victoria a Grant in his house
was the Property of Stephens and that he
Stephens was the Chairman of the
Stephens and that he was the Property
of Stephens - Stephens Stephens
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document.

Azeeza Begum is also called by the name of Mucdoom Bee in Chokria Bungk. She being at Gotha, I never could see her.

The aforesaid Meer Mahomed Tucky having been Re-examined this 25th day of August 1863, stated that he did not know of any Mahzurnamah regarding the affairs of Azeeza Begum. On being shown the Mahzurnamah he recognized his Seal thereon, but could not account for its being there.—

J. Walker
Comr of Police

Mem Mahomed Tucky

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I acquainted with Syud Mahomed Hosain said to be the Cuddapah Nabob. I do not know whose daughter or relation it Muedoombee. I do not know Myegoodeen - but I know Mahomed Ally who is a friend of mine - It was through him I came to know that Muedoombee had been receiving 25 Rupees a month.

Signed
Canvy Police

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Johann v Hyden
alias
Hyden Mann

20 May/63

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No 8.
Enclosure in a letter from
the Commissioner of Police
dated 28th Aug. 1863, No. 415.

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Noor Khan. Confirms the above State-
ment. —

Ibrahim Khan and Noor Khan being Confronted
with Mussdoomy Bee alias Ayesha Begum & the
20th Augst, both state that she is the woman
who went to live in the House of Jani Bee as
mentioned above

J. Mallock
Comr of Police

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Ebrahim Khan
&
Noor Khan.

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Enclosure in a letter from
the Commissioner of Police
dated 28th Augt 1863, No 115.

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Mambalam about 3 or 4 months ago.

The name of the man that lived in the house of Coollamsah and Annamee with his two wives, has Sons & 2 daughters (of whom 1 daughter died of Cholra) is Rake= =man Khan a Fakeer - It is said that he came from Trichinopoly and that he returned to the same place after the death of one of his daughters.

- Syed Goolam Khadir who officiated at the burial of the said deceased Child is the first Cousin of the Cauzy Azeezoodeen - The said Goolam Khadir having taken a Jaunoy to one of the two Wives of the said Fakeer Rahemun Khan, he the said Rake= =man Khan left Sydapett to go back to his Country about 2 months ago.

One Hussain Sahb a Lawyer, one Goolam Hussain his Nephew, and one Syed Hyat Knew the man by the name of Rahemun Khan whilst living in Coollam= =sah's house - but that man was never called Hyen Khan - nor was there any one named Hyen Khan resided in Mambalam within the last 8 or 10 months.

Cauzy Office

Statements of William and Mary Ann Hersey of Hopkins
taken on the 7th August 1863
by me at the request of Superintendent of
Police Mounted & Rural Police
William Hersey a Villager in the Employ of
Charles Wells Esqre. Came into the Commissioners
of the Hydrabad Assigned Land Revenue Department
about 20 years ago I came with
Alumnd and settled on my present
Farm. Make Alumnd and Settled on the Farm
where I now live many years ago. About Ten years
after I came to Hydrabad one dear Mahomed
Khan who had built the Mosque at Hydrabad came
to Hydrabad also came and lived at Hydrabad for about
my residence - The said Mosque during which
10 years in my neighbourhood with Shiv and
Hindu Natives became Khadim of the Mosque - I
did to meet the Natives of the Village in the Mosque
where the attended for the purpose of Worship
Their was any Quarrel in the Village
Nakodi Hindu that of the Mosque Mussulmans
attended Orders Commonly by the Natives
Many Hindu Village Commonly Hindu Natives
used to visit my place Hindu Natives with me
Q. Are you very much attached to the Mosque
A. I am Hindu who was a great friend
of mine was interested to me that he would
Nakodi was married to any Female by Nakodi
have Namaz for a Mosque has been performed
this residence, and he used to Namaz at
and Mahomedan ordinarily occasions. Attending
to this House only once when he was suffering
from a Cut Chunam on this Back. He was cured
of it, and in about 5 or 6 Months afterwards
he Proceeded to Nagpore here having also left his
out against him for debt contracted by him
at Madras and Shews that the debt in Nagpore
often his Creditor this Nathan Hanmanthi
Examined

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Cossim Ally

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claimed his Uncles allowance as next of Kin.
what became of his claim I do not know.
I heard that he died in Sylhetcome about 3
or 4 Years ago. If the Nabob had been Sicka
married either he or his Nephew Khader
Hossain would have told me about it and I
must have received my share of the Jobs from
the Nabob.

I know Ajeejoodeen who lives in Mam=
=balum. I don't know if he was a friend of
the Cuddapah Nabob. I am not acquainted
with any woman named Nuckroonkee or
Ajeeja Begum at Sylhet.

Sd/ W. R. Cox

Coms A. Rees

Statement of Graham & Hopkins taken
on the 15th August 1863.

I am not employed in the Service
of the Egyptian Government. Bakhoum is a Baker
by trade, Omar Effendi formerly in the
Service of Said Pasha, which he resigned.
in September last, after his accounts had been
examined & settled. I am not aware of any
debts which Bakhoum contracted
during his stay in Cairo. He left Egypt
last April, and went to Malta, where he
remained for a few months, when he came
to Marseilles, where he resided for
some time. I do not know what
business he is now engaged in.
I have not seen Bakhoum since he left
Egypt.

Graham & Hopkins

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The said Muckoom Bee was afterwards employed as a Servant by one Abdul Gaffoor in Privatswarfet and I used to see her there. Sometime after this the Muckoombee was turned out of the house by Amajee the Mother in law of the said Gaffoor said for intriguing with the said Gaffoor. The Muckoombee then removed to Chokrabanjik and lived with one Tafsoodik Horsam who I hear is dead. I am not on bad terms with Muckoombee.

Johanna Hoosain being Confronted with Muckoom Bee the Accuser Deponent this 20th day of August 1863 states that she is the woman Specified before.

W. McLeod
Cmdg Police

The statements of Miss Adamska and Miss Sophia Seymour taken on the 28th May 1863

Dear Sir

I had been at Mrs. Mc Neil's Lodging Houses in Colchester Place - City Marlborough Street Hospital Nov. 9 - I am now about 65 & my name is Ann Dyer - when I was admitted I died at 4 o'clock and others know I have 5 years old my Father died - My Father's Name was Nathaniel who was a Pensioned Soldier on 10/ Pension a month. I bought me up after my Father's death - his Wife's name was Rebecca - I have [illegible] sister my Father died at Mrs. Mc Neil's - Mrs. Mc Neil's sister's name was Hannah Shaw - she died at Mrs. Mc Neil's by Ague & Hannah Shaw is one of the Nurses

about 1½ Years ago of a fall from a Horse.
*Baboodeen was one Witness - he is now dead -
The other Witness I don't recollect the name of -
The Dowry was 500 Rupees - I don't know
in what month, Date, and Hejiree this Nicka
took place - The Nicka was performed by Cauzy
Syeedoodeen Son of Cauzy Abdoollah at Sydapet -
About 3 years after this my Grand-mother
Beebee Sah died at Sydapet in the House of
Chand Sah and I defrayed her funeral expenses -
The allowance which my Husband the said
Nabob drew Monthly from the Cutcherry of the
Madras Collector was 110 Rupees, 13 Annas, 3 Puce.
After my Nicka marriage with him he allowed
me 30 Rupees a month - Syed Emam was a
personal Servant of the Nabob his waged were
7 Rupees a Month - At the time I was married
by the Nabob or at any time during my stay
with him, he had no other woman either as
Nicka wife or Concubine living with him -
I lived with him for about 3 years after
the marriage - He went away to Pondicherry
for fear of a Writ issued against him by the
Civil Authorities of Cuddapah for 1,500 Ru-
pees, leaving me at Sydapet as also Rama
Head Bearer with his family, and Syed Emam
and his family, to take care of me -
He was quite healthy at the time -
Bearer Rama used to pay me some-
times 10, - sometimes 12, - and sometimes
15 Rupees a Month after my Husband's
Pay was drawn from the Collector's Cutchcery
every Month - I used to receive 2 or 3 Letters
every Month from my Husband from
Pondicherry, Villupooram, and Nagore - I
have

* does not tally with the Tenor of Certificate.

have not got any one of those letters - what
became of them I don't know - they were
written in Hindee and I used to read them
myself without any one's assistance. The
Nabob had 2 fostered Youths named res-
pectively Khader Hoossanee and Rochum Khan
the former died at Trichinopoly about 5
years ago - The Nabob died at Nagore of
fever about 3 years after he left Sydapet.
I don't know where Rochum Khan is gone
to - When I heard of the death of my hus-
band I lived in Sydapet and stayed there
for about 5 or 7 months suffering great
distress for the common necessaries of life.
I did not live in the house of Jan
Bee alone for a day, either as a Tenant,
Friend or Boarder - but her son whose name
was Syeedoodeen taught me Persian for
about 2 or 3 months gratis at Sydapet -
Jan Bee's statement with regard to my -
having been visited at her house by a
Bakeer's Son is quite false.
I left Sydapet about 11 years ago
and entered the service of one Hydroomeah
as a Tutoress to his daughter and Niece.
He gave me food and 2 Rupees a month.
I taught his Children for about 3 years.
During the time I was so employed
in the family of Hydroomeah at Jam Bazar
I sent for Injeeadut Hoossanee who was
either Vakeel or Witness at my Nicka marriage
and who used to come often to the Nabob at
Sydapet; through him I through Mahomed
Ally who was brought by Injeeadut Hus-
sain I sent Petitions to the Madras Govern-
ment and to the Home Authorities claiming
an allowance as the Widow of the late
Cuddapah

Cuddapah Nabob - About 6 Weeks or 2 Months after I had removed to Chokra Bagh to the house of Infoodulk Hoosain as a Tenant Orders came from the Home Govern-ment to make enquiry respecting my Claims and an enquiry was made by Col. Benlderson at the Police office - when my Vakeel Ma-homed Ally, Infoodulk Hoosain and Cauzy Azeezoodeen appeared on my behalf and stated all that they knew -

About 10 Months after this, orders came from the Home Government that I was to get an allowance of 25 Rupees a Month and that I was also entitled to receive the arrears from the date of the Sanction.

To receive the above money I went to Cuddapah in company with Infoodulk Hoos-sain and Mahomed Ally and a few Servants but the Collector of that District referred me to the Collector of Madras.

On my return to Madras and on my tendering proper Securities the Collector of Madras caused 1750 Rupees to be paid me for the arrears of my allowance and I have been regularly drawing the monthly allow-ance of 25 Rupees from that time up to the present.

I don't know any one named Ayen Khan nor have I at any time seen any such man.

Out of 1750 Rupees which I received as arrears, I paid 300 Rupees to Mahomed Ally for his labor as Vakeel - Sheo the said Mahomed Ally also received from me 500 or 600 Rupees for Durbar expences - I paid 200 Rupees to Infoodulk Hoosain for his trouble - I paid 200 Rupees to the Creditors of my late Husband - I paid 100 Rs to Syed Emam because he read an old

Servant of my Husband the Nabob.

Cauzy Azeezoodeen commenced to teach me Hindee and Persian Books during the life time of the Nabob at Cydapet. It is only about 15 Months ago since he discontinued to give me lessons - he used to come to my place on each Friday after prayer hour, namely between 1 & 2 o'Clock P.M. stay over the night after taking his meals on Friday and Saturday morning following, and to return home to Cydapet. For this trouble of his, I used to pay him 2, 2½, & 3½ Rupees a Month according to my means - for the last 5 or 7 months I have not paid him regularly but have given him 4 or 8 Annas occasionally.

I also used to pay Vakeel Mahomed Ally at 3½ Rupees a Month since I got my allowances sanctioned by Govern-ment, but now for the last 2 years I have discontinued paying him as he was not faithful to me.

Since Mahomed Ally's wages were discontinued he has been telling people in the hearing of Sufdun Ally, Sujut Hoosain Sahb, and Enayet Ally who is my adopted Son that "he made me a Interest; a Begum by his own exertions, that he got me an allowance passed in my name and he would throw mud into my mouth, because I had stopt pay-ing his wages."

During the last Ramzan - Azeez-oodeen came to my house and asked me for some money for expences and on my telling him that I had nothing in hand - he replied "very well I will see about you."

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As the above two men Mahomed Ally and Azeezordeen have become my foes owing to my having discontinued their wages I have no doubt that either both or one of them must have Dethroned Government against me saying that I am a False Pensioner.

Syed Emam being as I stated before an old dependant of my late husband I have paid him 3/2 Rupees a month since I got my allowance from Government.

As Cauzy Azeezordeen had sexual intercourse with Ratmah Bee, she and her mother Jon Bee have stated falsely against me that I lived in their house, that I was kept by a Lakeka son and that I am not the Nacka widow of the late Cuddalore Nabob.—

Wm. J. Adlam
Comr. of Police

Statement of Syed Omar, taking in the Village of Chamkalan attacked by Ajaib Singh Sikh.

Taken on the 23rd May 1863

I am a Cultivator in the village of Chamkalan which is attached to the Ajaibpoth village in the Mianwali District and have been living there with my family for the last 10 years. I am originally an Inhabitant of Chidalgarh and was employed as a domestic servant to the late Nawab Ahmad Khan of Kasur. I was also employed by Gulabdin the late Naib of Chidalgarh as Patwari a month. I was in receipt of Rs 30 per mensem for about 15 or 20 years. I am about 70 years old, and the Nawab must be 75 years old. Nearly 30 years ago the Nawab myself & about 30 others came to Mianwali and lived in the Afghan Serai of the Niklaichan tribe near the Village of Jamkhan. I and others, Inmates of the Serai, Hafiz Ahmad & Ghulam Muhammad accompanied him to the house of Jamkhan Khan Niklaichan where he lived for about 7 or 8 years, until the Nawab's death. From there he removed to the house of Jamkhan Khan Niklaichan near the Kot Gondals where he lived for about 8 years & then removed to Chidalgarh & lived there for about 10 years - after which he came to Mianwali & resided there for 6 years. I then went to Kasur & lived there for 10 years - after which I returned to Mianwali & resided there for 6 years when the Nawab died & I came to Chidalgarh & lived there for 10 years. I am now about 60 years old.

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Murdoch Brown Esqr
Agent Bycullah

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Mucdoom Bee who was said to be the daughter of a Syed belonging to Ranepet and Vellore. During the Nicka neither the Father nor the Mother of Mucdoom Bee was present but her Mothers Mother whose name I do not recollect and who died a few years after the Nicka was present - The Nicka took place at Sydapet - Cauzy Azeezoodeen a dark man read the ceremony - The name of the Vakeel I dont recollect - The Witnesses on the side of the Bride were Meer Tipsoodeck Hoossain who died about 1 or 2 Years ago and Ray ally Kha who is also dead. The amount of the Dowry I dont know. After the Nicka was performed, the Nabob gave Mucdoom Bee the Title of Azeeza Begum - At the time of the Nicka, the age of the said Begum was about 30 Years - She was of Brown color - Short - eyed and Nose not very small but moderately so - I used to see her constantly as she was not Godha before me - The Mother of the Nabob named Dowlut Khatoon Bee who accompanied the Nabob from Cuddapah to Madras & Sydapet died at the latter place - I went to Cuddapah with her body and had it interred there - Azeeza Begum had no issue by the Nabob - After staying about 8 or 10 Years at Sydapet, the Nabob became Sick of Carbuncle on the back and went to Trichinopoly and Nagore about 12 or 14 Years ago for a change of air leaving me and the Begum at Sydapet and we heard afterwards that he died of Carbuncle Fever at Nagore about a year or 1½ Years after he had left Sydapet - One * Pytheram Caib of Paramettee was appointed Vakeel to the Nabob and he used to draw the Pension on the Receipt of the Nabob which he used to transmit to him from Trichinopoly and

* Not to be found or known.

and Nagore - every month a Bearer who was a trustworthy Servant of the Nabob used to pay 30 Rupees to the Begum out of the amount of pension - after the death of the said Nabob the Begum performed all his funeral ceremony at Chokra Baugh and all Sydapett people attended them - The house of Tipsoodeck Hossain in Chokra baugh was first rented by the Begum and she bought it from him afterwards -

About 4 or 5 Years after the death of the said Cuddapah Nabob the said Azeeza Begum caused Petitions to be presented to Government by the means of Mohomed ally Vakeel residing at Cheeroo Moolk's garden and she ultimately got a pension of 25 Rupees a month together with arrears which amounted to 1000 or 2000 Rupees - In the time of Colonel Bouldersons who was Commissioner of Police I was sent for to this Office and I saw there Meer Tipsoodeck Hossain, Cauzy Azeezoodeen and Mahomed ally Vakeel - but I was not examined by Colonel Boulderson touching Azeeza Begums right to Pension.

From the time Azeeza Begum got the pension, she had been paying me at 3½ Rupees a month as I was an old servant of her husband the late Nabob - The Nabob got me married to one Bibiroobee whom he brought up from her infancy at Cuddapah. The said Begum paid 50 Rupees to me and 50 Rupees to my wife when she got the arrears of her allowance from Government. With the exception of this woman Azeeza Begum the said Nawaub had no other woman either as Shady wife or as Nicka wife or as his Concubine - I do not know any one by the name of Hyat Khan either among the Defendants or

or the relatives of the said Nawab either at Cuddapah or at Madras - nor do I know any Ayen Khan related to Muckdoom Bee alias Azeeza Begum - I am prepared to swear that the woman Muckdoom Bee alias Azeeza Begum now residing in Chokra Bazar is the same identical person whom the Nabob Nicka married at Sylhet, as stated above.

The Supplemental Statement of Syed Eman taken on the 27th May 1863 in the presence of Jan Bee and Fatmah Bee.

I never saw Jan Bee bringing flowers or selling them for Muckdoom Bee alias Azeeza Begum - nor did I even see Fatmah Bee at the Nabob's house at Sylhet for sewing purposes. I used to see them in the Bazar - I never saw Muckdoom Bee alias Azeeza Begum living in Jan Bee's house either before or after her Nicka marriage with the Nabob. The Muckdoombee used to come to my house with her grand mother Fatmah saib before the Nicka marriage was celebrated between her and the Nabob. - Fatmah Bee the Grand mother of Muckdoom Bee alias Azeeza Begum died at Sylhet about 6 or 7 years after her marriage with the Nabob and the Nabob left Sylhet about a year after this to go to Nagore.

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The Supplemental Statement of Syed Eman taken on the 28th May 1863 in the presence of Muckdoom Bee alias Azeeza Begum.

This is the woman whose name I have mentioned as Muckdoom Bee alias Azeeza Begum and who was Nicka married by Syed Mahomed Khan Bahadoor at Sylhet and it is from this woman I receive 3/2 Rupees monthly.

Syed Eman

Emin Syed Khan

Revenue Department

No. 2215.

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 7th December 1863.

Read the following letter from the Govt Solicitor, Madras

Forwarding copy of the Advocate General's opinion relative to the expediency or otherwise of criminally prosecuting Azeeza Begum alias Muctoom Bee, and certain parties, supposed to have aided her in obtaining the grant of a pension from Govt by falsely representing that she was the Nikatwoman of one Syed Mahamed Khan Bahadoor.

(Here enter 26th Nov 1863, No 8291

1. Under the advice of the Advocate General the Govt resolve to take no steps at present towards prosecuting

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Syed Ismaun

23rd Dec 1863

Copy of Letter from Govt Solicitor Madras dated 23rd Dec 1863 forwarding copy of Advocate General's opinion relative to the expediency or otherwise of criminally prosecuting Azeeza Begum alias Muctoom Bee and certain parties supposed to have aided her in obtaining the grant of a pension from Govt by falsely representing that she was the Nikatwoman of one Syed Mahamed Khan Bahadoor.

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Letter to Govt Solr Madras dated 29th Dec 1863

prosecuting the per-
-sons concerned in this
fraud- The Commissioner
of Police will, however,
with reference to para
9 of Mr. Norton's opinion,
be instructed to bring
this matter again to notice
should any more satis-
-factory evidence be
forthcoming.-

2 The pension of
25 Rs. a month obtained
under false pretences
by Wuzeer Begum alias
Muedoom Bee will be
cancelled from date of
last payment.-

3. The last five
paragraphs of Mr. Norton's
"opinion" relate to the
conduct of Meer Hus-
-sein Ally Khan and
Meer Mahomed Lucky
the payment of whose
pensions has been
suspended for their
complicity in the fraud-
the Governor in Council
would

would have no objection
to give these individuals
the benefit of the doubt
as suggested by the Ad-
-vocate General, did
it not appear that they
had taken an active
part in helping Wuzeer
Begum alias Muedoom
Bee by acting as Vakil
and Security in her be-
-half. They have not
only been guilty of "gross
negligence" but have
positively aided in the
deception which has
been practised. Under
these circumstances a
temporary suspension
of their allowance will
hardly meet the me-
-rits of the case. Orders
will be issued in the
Public Department to
the Agent at the Pank
for the cancelment
of their pension cer
-tificates.-

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4. It is presumed that the Cauvy Syed Azeezoodin is not in the receipt of any Govt. pension- The Commissioner of Police will report on this point.- The Collector of Madras should be requested to state whether any inam is, by virtue of his Office, in the enjoyment of any

5. These Proceedings will be communicated to the Board of Revenue in continuation of G.O. 21st Ultimo No 2103, and with reference to the correspondence marginally noted.-

Board's Pro: 22 Octr/67, No 3,686.-
G.O. 16th Novr/67, No 1169.
G.O. 30th March/69 No 437, para 3.-

W. Oglivie Esqre Bd of Rev Depy Secy
3 — Govt Solicitors
1 — Coll of Madras
2 — Civil Paymasters
5 — Public Offices
2 — Comr of Police

Revenue Dept.
Pro: of Govt for Decr.

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Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dy 7th Decr/63.

From the Secy to Mad Govt
Decr/63 No: 3038

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- 1169
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- 437
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No 103 to 104.

Opinion of Govt Law Officers on the Fraud in connection with the pension of Ezeezah Begum Nika wife of late Syed Mahomed Khan of Cuddapah, with orders thereon.

Circ

C.O. Oct/63.