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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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15th June 1865.*

No. 314. Read the following Petition from FEDDA HUSSAIN KHAN, son of the late HYDER NAWAZ KHAN, and grandson of the late ABDUL RASHID KHAN, Dewan of His Highness the Nawab WALLAJAH, to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated 3rd April 1865:—

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

1. That having been unjustly deprived of his pension for having concealed, as is improperly alleged, the frauds practised by certain individuals who falsely represented themselves to be members of the two Cotumbaukum Jaghiredar's family, and received pensions under such false pretensions, Petitioner begs most humbly and respectfully to submit the following brief statement containing certain fresh facts of his case, for the kind and impartial consideration of your Excellency in Council.

2. That Petitioner being a lineal descendant of the Jaghiredar of Satumpaukum, a small stipend of Rupees 13-5-4 per mensem was continued to him on the death of his father Hyder Nawaz Khan, at which time he (Petitioner) was but a mere child.

3. In like manner when his aunt Avilliah Sahiba died in 1827, Petitioner was but five years old, and a pension of Rupees 13-5-4 was conferred on one Mooradbihi, who, it would appear, gave herself out as the daughter of the deceased Avilliah Sahiba, and that on the death of Petitioner's uncle Madnawar Ally Khan a similar pension was granted to one Mariambbee, who represented herself to be his daughter. Several other pensions on the decease of various members appear to have been disposed of as irregularly, through the fraudulent collusion and intrigues of the then native subordinates of the Collector's Katcherri.

4. But at the time these fraudulent allotment of pensions was made, Petitioner was, as already stated, but a mere child, and could not be cognizant of the irregular proceedings which then transpired.

5. These frauds were continued to be practised till the year 1858, when they were brought to light by information given by Petitioner under the feigned name of Goolam Hoossain, and an investigation took place. During the proceedings held by the Collector, Petitioner gave the most straightforward, unequivocal evidence, which, all important as it was, and though other members of the family gave evidence to the interest of the inculpated parties, they were one and all found guilty, their fraudulently obtained pensions forfeited, and the receivers sentenced to imprisonment with hard labor.

6. Among those whose pensions were forfeited it cannot but appear strange to your Excellency in Council that Petitioner's stipend, he having brought the frauds to notice himself, and having given the most decided evidence of their existence, that his stipend should have been resumed as though he were a party concerned. The records of the proceedings of the case will clearly prove to your Excellency in Council, that he had nothing whatever to do with the impositions practised on Government by the persons who palmed themselves off as members of the Jaghiredar's family, and that he did not at any time act in complicity with their Vakeels. What motive or object could Petitioner have had in conniving at the frauds? He held no sort of intercourse with the females, and knew very little about them. The parties most interested in perpetuating the fraud were the Vakeels, who, as a matter of course, must have participated in its proceeds from the very onset. Why then was Petitioner's pension discontinued? Was it because he brought the frauds to notice, as soon as he became aware of it, under a fictitious name, and faithfully testified as to what he knew of the fraud, that he should be placed on the same level with the parties who were convicted of the charge and punished equally with them by the stoppage of his small stipend.

7. Petitioner's previous knowledge of the fraud is taken for granted. The fraudulent disposition of the pensions, through the active connivance of the native officials while he was yet in his minority, how he could have connived with the transaction.

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He certainly knew that no person of the name of Mariambce did not belong to the Jaghiredar's family, but at the same time he was not aware that a person bearing that name was drawing a pension as a member of the family.

8. Had he even been aware of the frauds, how was it incumbent on him to bring it to the notice of the authorities? Certainly, there is no enactment, regulation or order with which Petitioner is acquainted, that renders it imperative on any one to give information as regards frauds practised by a second party.

9. When the frauds practised by the supposed Satumpaukum Pensioners was brought to light, and Petitioner gave evidence on the subject, he was threatened with bodily harm and put in bodily fear by the Vakeels, through whose direct instrumentality the frauds were originally perpetrated and continued. This subject Petitioner brought to the notice of the Collector, Mr. Cunliffe, soliciting protection by the issue of a Police order prohibiting said parties from interfering with him when that authority was pleased to pass the following endorsement on his petition:—

"Certain frauds in the Satumpaukum pensions are now under enquiry by me, and Petitioner is an important witness against the parties, who probably are much irritated against him."

18th March 1858.

(Signed) B. CUNLIFFE, Collector.

10. After all who was it that brought the frauds to the notice of the Collector but Petitioner after he became fully satisfied and capable of proving them, which he did, under the already stated feigned name of Goolam Hoossain, which he was necessitated to do from the fear he entertained of receiving fearful injury from the prime movers in the fraud, who, as above shown, threatened to inflict on him subsequently. This fact also the records will shew.

11. Besides, there is another point to which Petitioner would humbly solicit the attention of your Excellency in Council, and that is, that whilst Petitioner was the actual, though unacknowledged discoverer of the frauds, is there any justice in depriving him of his only means of subsistence: whereas many other members of the Jaghiredar's family who were better acquainted with the frauds, from their being fully grown up at the time the pensions were granted, while Petitioner was but a minor, are let off scot-free, merely because they did not come forward and give their testimony! The pensions of these parties are still continued to them on account of the neutral part they took during the investigation, and Petitioner's stipend was discontinued because he was the most prominent in bringing the frauds to light, and by his unbiased evidence getting the parties convicted and punished. This is not all, Muhomed Jallah-ood-deen, Mahomed Jaffir Alli, and Mahomed Alli Khan, these three gave their depositions together with Petitioner, and notwithstanding, they enjoy their pensions whilst Petitioner has been most unjustly dispossessed.

12. Petitioner would again most respectfully submit that he has been most hardly and harshly and unjustly dealt with in being thus arbitrarily deprived of his only means of livelihood. The Chepauk Agent, Major Snow, on wrong information, stated that Petitioner was well off, from letting out common conveyances. Nothing can be further from the truth. Petitioner finding his small allowance of Rupees 13 and odd altogether insufficient to support himself, family and dependents, sought to eke out his means by letting out a single jutka which was all he possessed. That jutka was taken up by the Police for driving it at night without lights, and the Commissioner of Police fined Petitioner Rupees 10. But on account of his poverty, and seeing that he was in reality unable to pay the fine, the Commissioner was pleased to remit the fine, and advised Petitioner to get rid of the poney and jutka, which he did, disposing off both for Rupees 14. A reference to the Commissioner will prove the truth of this statement.

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13. Consequent on the stoppage of his stipend, Petitioner has been reduced to the lowest depths of want and misery. He had to dispose the little property he possessed, and latterly to sell the clothes off his back. At present he is entirely dependent on the bounty of a friend, who gives him food and shelter. It is for your Excellency to judge whether it is just and right to leave the grandson of Jaghiredar of Satumpaukum as well as the Dewan of His Highness the Nawab Wallajah in such deplorable circumstances. Petitioner's grandfather, Abdul Rashid Khan, Dewan of His Highness the Nawab Wallajah, rendered the most invaluable services to the late Honorable Company, as Commander-in-Chief of His Highness's troops, in resisting the invasion of Tippoo Sultan of Mylapore, and in expelling the French from Sadras; thereby strengthening and establishing the British power in this part of India. For the services thus rendered the Jaghire of Satumpaukum was bestowed, but that was subsequently resumed and a pension granted in lieu, a pension not at all commensurate either with the requirements of the family or to support its dignity. Hence, it will be seen that the stipend formerly granted him and other members of the family of the Jaghiredar of Satumpaukum was not bestowed as a gratuity and as a piece of favor on the part of Government, but was given in lieu of the Jaghire which they were pleased to resume. Under these circumstances Petitioner humbly solicits your Excellency in Council to take his pitiful case into gracious and favorable consideration, and pass orders directing the continuance of the monthly stipend of Rupees 13-5-4 to him, granting him the arrears as well as the reward to which he is entitled.

14. In conclusion would humbly submit that, instead of his stipend being discontinued, he should in all fairness be rewarded for furnishing the information, though under a feigned name, as regards said frauds, and that his stipend should have been increased. And your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

No. 826.

Referred to the Commissioner of Police, who will be good enough to report as to Petitioner's present means of subsistence.

(By order,)

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
22nd May 1865.

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

Feddah Hoossain is at present without employ. He has not any means of subsistence, and appears to be in want. He was lately employed by one Ahmed Ally Khan in his Coach-yard as an Overseer on a small monthly salary; but as

• The Coach-yard, business is now carried on under the name of Barikut Oollah, and Ahmed Ally is believed to be a partner, but does not conduct the business himself.

Ahmed Ally has given up* business, the salary has been discontinued. I am informed that the Petitioner gets his meals at Ahmed Ally's home.

POLICE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
30th May 1865.

(Signed) W. J. WILSON, Colonel,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 315.

ORDER THEREON, 15th June 1865, 1,321.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Petitioner Fitha Hussain Khan formerly drew a pension of Rupees 160 as a member of the Satampauk Jaghiredar's family, but it was withdrawn in 1858, on account of Petitioner's evident collusion in certain frauds which had been practised on Government by some of his relatives.

2. Government, however, under the peculiar circumstances of the case stated, when they withdrew the pension, that they were prepared to make the Petitioner an allowance, if his circumstances really required it.

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3. The Commissioner of Police now reports that the Petitioner is actually in want, and the Governor in Council accordingly resolves to grant him an allowance of Rupees 8 per mensem commencing from the 1st instant.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To Fida Hussain Khan.
.. the Commissioner of Police
.. the Civil Paymaster.
.. the Accountant General.

For Order.

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Vide former Memo.

Fida Hussain Khan for
petitioned his pension of Rs 150
per annum in 1858 on account
of collusion with certain friends
but under the peculiar cir-
cumstances of the case govt-
said they were prepared to make
him an allowance if he was
actually in want.

The Assent Govt Agent
at Chepauk reported that
petitioner was getting along
by letting out conveyances
& the allowance was accordingly
refused.

In End on Pt.
813 of 1859.
6th July

Pt- dated
8th April 1865
Petitioner now requests
are consideration of the

case as he is in a state of great poverty.

The Commissioner of Police who has been referred to reports that Fikha Hussein is at present without employment that he has no means of subsistence ^{that he} appears to be in want.

Under these circumstances the question as to whether an allowance should be given to petitioner may be reconsidered. The pension forfeited by him amounted to P. 160.

As petitioner was a principal instrument in the discovery of frauds by

Report in closed in the petition.

the govt. was a great loss. I think he might be dealt with liberally.

Perhaps P. 10 a month would be a fair allowance — or should the Board be called upon to give their opinion in the matter?

J. G.

M. H. over

I have perused these
 papers again: I am of opinion
 that as the P. & O. is reported to
 be in a comfortable state it may
 be more to carry out effect the
 reduction proposed in Section
 2 para 2 per 13 Dec. 58. and
 I am sure an allowance, but
 then should not exceed 1000
 a month: the Pension
 was 1000 per annum -
 3 June 65

may as well give him

8/11 W.D.

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 enough for all
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 J.P.

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Revenue Department
 No. 1321-15 June 65

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 under date the June 1865

Read the following
 petition from Aetoda Hussein
 Khan, son of the late Syder
 Nawaz Khan and grandson
 of Abdul Rashid Khan, Ser-
 vant of His Highness the
 Nabob Watajah -

Represents that on
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 name of Koolam Hoossein, was
 the first to give information
 as regards the fraudulent man-
 -ners in which pensions were
 drawn by certain parties, under
 the false allegation that they
 were members of the datampau-
 kam family, and whilst he gave
 the most unequivocal evidence
 of said fraud at the investiga-
 -tion held consequent on the
 information furnished by him, or
 instead of being rewarded, he
 had his monthly stipend stopped
 in common with those of the parties
 who originated, perpetrated and
 continued the fraud. Represents
 further that others of the family who
 were as fully cognizant of the fraud
 in question as himself are allowed
 to enjoy their pensions, merely because
 (it would appear) they gave no evi-
 -dence in the matter. Prays in reference
 to the facts herein set forth that his

(Here enters 3^d April 1865)

fusion (with arrears) may be
disbursed and restored to him
and that the amount which he
is fairly entitled may be granted
to him.

The petitioner
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merly drew a pension of
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Satampark Jaghiredars
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J. G.

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1. F. R. 22a Hussain Khan Dec 16/60
3. The Commissioner of Poonje
3. The Civil Judge, Poonje
3. The Assistant Quarter Master

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Replied to Enq
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Revenue 1865 Debt
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D. of the Indian Govt.
J. 15. June 1865

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