

No. 238.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th December 1871, No. 5,011. —

Read the following paper from the Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 19th September 1871, No. 2,903.

Tabular Statement showing the particulars of the under-mentioned allowance recommended to be continued in the district of Kistna.

Talook and Village.	Extent and value of the entire Inam and Yeomiah.	When and by whom granted.	Sansads or other documents in support of the grant.	Nature of the grant, clearly or service.	Name of the original grantee.	Name of the last holder, and the relationship in which he stood to the grantee, to the grantee, and date of his decease.	Share enjoyed by the deceased, and that held by other members.	Family left by the deceased, and the names, and age of the parties.	Their circumstances and the means of subsistence possessed by the family.	Recommendations and grounds thereof.	Further remarks.	Recommendation of the Board of Revenue and the grounds on which it is founded.	Decision of Government.
Masulipatam in Bander Talook, Kistna District.	Rs. 41.15-0.	Chief in Council, 16th September 1779. Board's letter 24th May 1832, No. 79, and Madras Government Extract Minutes Consultation, 10th October 1843, No. 1,112.	None.	In lieu of the Jaghire resumed by Government on the death of the late Amud of Masulipatam and decreed to be held on the good pleasure of the Company.	Mir Hussein Khan.	Mir Raza Ali, grandson of the original grantee, died on 30th September 1870.	The whole amount allotted was drawn by the pensioner up to July 1870. His share, Rs. 12-1-0, being deducted, the rest was distributed to the surviving members named in column No. 9.	1 Mir Hadi, brother, or son of 4th paternal uncle of the deceased, aged 45 years. 1 Mir Kaderbakh, grandson of the deceased, aged 13 years, and all the rest are females, viz., 2 Wives, Bunay Begum and Salaya Begum, aged 33 and 23 years respectively. 2 Daughters, Jani Begum and Vair Begum, aged 15 and 12 years respectively. 1 Hussaini Khanum, 45 years. 1 Landy Begum, 27 years. 1 Kalah Begum, 30 years. 1 Amir Begum, 30 years; and 1 Sujaran Begum, 40 years.	The eleven individuals in column 9 as well as the deceased were enjoying the sanctioned amount mentioned in column 8, but since the death of last incumbent in column 7, all the family are suffering very much for want of food; besides this they have no other means of livelihood except this poor allowance.	In Extract Minutes of Consultation of Government, Revenue Department, No. 1,112, paragraph 14, Government sanctioned Rs. 503-4-0 per annum to one Mir Raza Ali, grandson of Mir Hussein Khan, and recognized him as the head of the family. This man, who was drawing his pension from this treasury, died at Vizagapalam on 30th September 1870. On 8th October following I received an Arzi purporting to be written by the deceased's widow, Bunay Begum, and enclosing another Arzi alleged to have been written by the deceased himself on 28th September, requesting that his widow and another lady may be recognized as the head of the family and the pension continued to them. This Arzi I forwarded to the Collector of Vizagapalam with a request that he would be so good as to state if the date of the death were correct as reported, and if the Arzi was genuine and written while the deceased was alive and in his full senses. Meanwhile, I received an Arzi from Mir Hadi, the only surviving grandson of the original grantee Mir Hussein, requesting that as might be recognized as the head of the family, and praying that the allowance might be continued to him, intimating at the same time that the members of			

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the family, who, with the single exception of a minor aged 13 years, were all females, were willing to accept the arrangement. This Arzi I forwarded to the ex-Nabob of Masulipatam, requesting him to inquire and report upon it. From the enclosed report of the ex-Nabob it will be seen he recommends that the applicant Mir Hadi be recognized as the head of the family, that all the members of the family agree to such arrangement, and observes that the family itself has no other means of support. Towards the middle of August an Arzi was received by the Treasury Deputy-Collector purporting to come from the widow of the deceased, and stating that her first Arzi was not written with her consent, and that she had no objection to Mir Hadi being recognized as the head of the family, but the Board will observe that this Arzi is not authenticated. A genealogical chart showing the surviving members of the family is enclosed for a clear understanding of the case.

If the Arzi received from Vizagapatam with the signature of the deceased is genuine, and the Collector of that district informs me that it is so, it is clear that the deceased intended that his widow should be recognized as the head of the family in preference to his cousin Mir Hadi, but the latter requests that he may be recognized as the head of the family, and in this request he is supported by the recommendation of the ex-Nabob, who, moreover, states that all the members of the family agree to this arrangement. How far such agreement is true and voluntary I can't say, because the ladies are all Goshia women, and do not appear in public. Both Mir Raza Ali and Mir Hadi are grandsons of Mir Hussein Khan, the former by his third son and the latter by the fourth, and Mir Hadi and Kaderbaksh are the only male representatives of the family; but the claims of the latter a minor who is the great-grandson of the original grantee, cannot be so good as those of the surviving grandson. I leave it to the Board to decide if it is necessary to give any consideration to the wishes of the deceased by recognizing his widow, and passing to her the allowance of Rs. 503-4-0 enjoyed by him up to the date of his demise, or if Mir Hadi should be recognized as the head of the family and the allowance transferred to him.

I regret the delay that has occurred in the submission of the report, but it was partly owing to a reference having been found necessary to the Collector of Vizagapatam to ascertain if the Arzi bearing the signature of the deceased was genuine, and partly to the Nabob's report not having been received before the middle of July. The original petitions, four in number, are enclosed. A list showing how the allowance enjoyed by the deceased was reported to have been distributed amongst the various members of the family accompanies this report.

The sanction of Government is requested for the payment of arrears due to the deceased Mir Raza Ali from 1st August to 30th September 1870, viz., Rs. 83-14-0 to whoever is to be recognized the head of the family.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. Mir Raza Ali, whose death is now reported, was a member of the family of the late Nabob of Masulipatam in the receipt of a monthly pension of Rs. 41-15-0. He has left no male issue.

3. There are only two surviving male members of the family of Mir Hussein Khan, the original grantee, viz., Mir Hadi, grandson (cousin of deceased) and Kader Baksh, a great grandson (a minor 13 years old).

4. The day before his death Mir Raza Ali addressed a petition to the Collector, requesting that his widow, Bunny Begum, and another lady Pasim Begum, his sister-in-law, might be recognized as heads of the family, and that the allowance might be continued to them. This petition, which the Collector of Vizagapatam believes to be genuine, was forwarded, on the decease of Mir Raza Ali, to the Collector of the Kistna District by the widow Bunny Begum, with another petition from herself, requesting that her late husband's wishes might be complied with.

5. Mir Hadi also petitioned the Collector, requesting that he might be recognized as the head of the family, and that the allowance might be continued to him. He at the same time intimated that, with the exception of Kader Baksh, a minor, all the members of the family had consented to this arrangement.

6. The ex-Nabob, to whom the petition was referred for report, supports Mir Hadi's claim, and confirms his assertion as to the consent of the other members of the family.

7. Bunny Begum appears to have addressed another petition to the Deputy-Collector, in which she states that the former one was not written with her consent

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and that she has no objection to Mir Hadi being recognized as head of the family.

8. The Collector questions the authenticity of the second petition. It seems to the Board, however, that the matter is of little consequence, as it is clear that Mir Hadi has the best claim to be recognized as head of the family, and there appears to be no special reason why the wishes of the deceased in regard to his widow and sister-in-law should be complied with.

9. Though the grant is declared to be held subject to the pleasure of Government, it has hitherto been deemed inexpedient to discontinue or reduce allowances granted for the support of the members of the late Nabob's family. Moreover, in the present case it is reported that the family, consisting chiefly of females, has no other means of subsistence.

10. The Board, therefore, recommend that Mir Hadi be recognized as head of the family, and the grant be continued to him, subject, of course, to the claims of the other members of the family to their respective shares.

11. The Board also recommend that payment of the arrears to Mir Hadi be sanctioned.

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ORDER THEREON, 19th January 1872, No. 122.

Miscellaneous.

THE continuance of the Yeomiah and payment of arrears to Mir Hadi, as head of the particular branch of the family, is sanctioned, but arrears due to deceased should be paid to his widow.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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