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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*14th May* 1872.

No. 192A. Read the following petition from FATA ALI MEERZA KHAN BAHADOOR, the eldest son of late Nawab KUTUB-OODOWLAH HOOSSAIN ALI KHAN BAHADOOR INTIJAMUJUNG of Masulipatam, to the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated Masulipatam, 18th April 1872 :—

SHEWETH,

THAT, with reference to your Excellency's endorsement No. 305, dated 1st March 1872, your memorialist most respectfully begs leave to state that he is put in every way in despair of obtaining justice from Local Government, and consequently compelled, with much reluctance, to try his fortune by the offer of an Appeal Memorial (in duplicate) to the Home authorities.

Your memorialist, therefore, humbly ventures to crave that your Excellency will be graciously pleased to do him justice by ordering a review of judgment in the matter, should it be advisable, or forward the accompanying Memorial to the Honourable Secretary of State for India with your favourable recommendation, together with the necessary orders therein referred to, informing at the same time to your memorialist of the date on which your Excellency is pleased to do so.

For which act of justice your Excellency's memorialist shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Memorial from FATA ALI MEERZA KHAN BAHADOOR, an inhabitant of Masulipatam, to His Grace the Honourable Secretary of State for India, London, dated Masulipatam, 18th April 1872.

SHEWETH,

That your Grace's unfortunate memorialist is the eldest son of late Nawab Kutub-oodowlah Hoossain Ali Khan Bahadoor Intijamujung of Masulipatam, Kistna District, South India, in whose name there was a cause (unnecessary to detail here) of sanctioning too small an allowance of Rs. 150 in lieu of Jageer, and after his death a dispute arose as to the succession to the headship of the family between your memorialist and his youngest brother Munsoor-oodowlah. The Government were then, however, pleased to decide the matter in favour of latter on a mere guess that there would be difference in the issues of Nicka and Shadi wives, although the former was highly recommended by the Board of Revenue according to Mahomedan Law. On petitioning personally afterwards, from the circumstances of the Will left by your memorialist's late father and of other documents attested by the respectable people of the town, the Government endorsed that, as the orders have already been passed, they cannot interfere with the matter. After the death of Munsoor-oodowlah your memorialist has again claimed, and his claim has been supported repeatedly by the Collector and Board, but the Government were not pleased to take his poor case into favourable consideration even the second time, on the ground of ill-feelings which were pretended to be in the family by one Semsh-oodowlah or his brother-in-law, and consequently ordering the pension to be disbursed individually to all members of the family, whereas the G. O., enumerated in the margin, had in no way permitted it to be so done. The Government also said that they consider it unnecessary at present to decide on the question of head familyship, whilst they are admitting your memorialist to be the lawful heir ; even in so doing the Government should have been pleased to order all the lapsed pensions occurring from time to time to be added to your memorialist's allowance, but on the contrary they ordered subse-

8th June 1860, No. 2,729.

1st February 1868, in Pro. of 4th August 1869, No. 5,701.

25th Oct. 1771 ; in Consultation, 15th Oct. 1821, No. 2,460.

In G. O. 27th Nov. 1868, No. 2,970.

quently the lapsed pension of Rs. 25 of deceased Kureemunisa Begum, the only minor daughter of late Munsoor-oodowlah, to be added in three equal portions to the allowances of Munever Begum, etc· the issue by Shadi wife, by which not only your memorialist has sustained a great loss, but also his right is utterly injured, so that the name of your memorialist's father cannot be maintained by repute.

The allowance of Rs. 55, which your memorialist is now receiving, is not sufficient at all, even for the support of his large family, and it is a matter, therefore, for the merciful consideration of your Grace, how could he be able, as a duty of eldest son, to defray the expenses in performing festivals, Moharum, annual ceremonies of parents and of brother and his daughter, house-repairs, and supporting all male and female servants belonging to them.

Acknowledged in G. O., 12th July 1870, No. 1,042.

Had your memorialist been made head of the family the lapsed pensions would have been saved to meet the said requirements in a manner somewhat convenient, and there would have been no cause for his frequently troubling the authorities on such occasions like this.

The subjoined is the present existing scale of pensions as sanctioned :—

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| **Nicka.** | | |
| Your Grace's memorialist ... ... ... ... ... ... | Rs. 55 0 0 | |
| **Shadi.** | | |
| Kureemunisa Begum (now died) ... ... ... ... ... | ,, 25 0 0 | |
| *Bano, the alleged Nicka wife of late Munsoor-oodowlah... | ,, 7 0 0 | |
| Munever Begum, daughter of late Kutub-oodowlah... ... | ,, 9 0 0 | These pensions are now increased. |
| Azzeezunisa Begum, do. of do. ... ... ... | ,, 9 0 0 | |
| Two sons of late †Maha Begum, do. of do. ... ... ... | ,, 9 0 0 | |
| **Metha.** | | |
| Kazim Ali Meerza Khan... ... ... ... ... | ,, 15 0 0 | |
| Abbas Meerza Khan ... ... ... ... ... | ,, 15 0 0 | |
| Sakeena Begum .... ... ... ... ... ... | ,, 6 0 0 | |

The following are the reasons, therefore, for your memorialist being entitled to the head familyship so as to avail of the benefit of the deceased Kureemunisa Begum's pension as well as others of the kind :—

1. It is a portion of the allowance of your memorialist's late brother Munsoor-oodowlah, or of Rs. 150 which was sanctioned in the name of his father but not in the name of Kureemunisa Begum or any of her side.

In a letter No. 395, dated 27th June 1823.

2. Your memorialist is only lawful heir on both sides to late Kutub-oodowlah and Kureemunisa Begum, by being the eldest son and paternal uncle respectively.

3. Munever Begum, etc., as abovementioned, being paternal aunts are never lawful heiresses while her uncle or your memorialist is living.

4. Your memorialist is only surviving male heir both in Nicka and Shadi branches, which are considered as inseparably connected with each other as they belonged to same Kutub-oodowlah, and as there is no difference at all between them according to Mahomedan Law and practice among the Mahomedan Princes of Constantinople, Persia, Turkey, and Delhi and Nawabs of Lucknow and Hyderabad ; and moreover Nicka only is a lawfully observed one, and also preferable to Shadi ; but which is now in the habit of being celebrated like Hindoo ceremony with great pomp and delight by the very common and lower classes in Mahomedans. Even in the case it is considered on one hand as separated, none but females existed in the Shadi branch, as Munever Begum, etc., whose connection with the family broke with it, soon

No. 2nd, page 525, Printed Circular Order Book of the Board of Revenue.

2nd January 1858, No. 256 ; 8th February 1858, No. 168.

Collector's report, 28th May 1868, No. 171.
Bailie's Mahomedan Law Book, page 42.

* Is a slave, in fact, as has been proved ; so she is not entitled to the contract of Nicka marriage, and consequently to any share according to Mahomedan Law.

† Is not entitled to any share according to Mahomedan Law, as she died while her parents were alive.

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after they were married. Consequently the Government of India had ruled that the pension of a female must be stopped after her marriage as her maintenance entirely depends afterwards upon her husband.

N. B.—Permanent Pay Bill will also show that marriage will cause discontinuance of pension of a female.

5. It is a generally acknowledged rule that the pensions of Nawabs as well as Zemindari Estates should always be kept undivided in the continuation of enjoyment from generation to generation by the male issue only ; but even when females also are entitled to share according to Mahomedan Law, their shares ought to be in a uniform shape as they were first fixed in proportion to the total amount of allowance, but can never be increased by the addition of the other lapsed pensions while there is a male heir.

6. The subject of pension is always to be considered with reference to the heirship of the claimant to the original grantee, but not to the branches of Nicka and Shadi when they both are of same person.

7. It appears that the Law was, for mere policy's sake, set aside on a former occasion when your memorialist preferred his claim against his late brother, and now both Law and Policy are in his favour inasmuch as he is the eldest son of late Nawab Kutub-oodowlah.

8. The below-named are the sons by Nicka wives who were recognized by Government as heads of the family, and those heads or eldest of the families who are enjoying the lapsed pensions of sub-pensioners died, whether having heir (receiving other pension) or not in your memorialist's khandan or family :—

| Names of Sub-Pensioners died and their connection with their family's head. | Names of the eldest of the families enjoying the lapsed pensions. | Amount. RS. | A. | P. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Step-mother Maha Begum, belonging to Shadi. | Late Intejam-oodowlah Raja Ali Khan Bahadoor, the son by Nicka wife. | 50 | 0 | 0 | |
| Do. Hajee Begum... ... ... | Do. ... | 15 | 0 | 0 | |
| Do. Nurjaha Begum ... ... | Do. ... | 15 | 0 | 0 | |
| Do. Chandbee..... ... ... | Hasan Ali Khan Bahadoor. | 10 | 0 | 0 | |
| Do. Buktavarboo... ... ... | ..... | 8 | 0 | 0 | |
| Step-brothers, Kasimbuksh and Imambuksh. | Do. ... | 60 | 0 | 0 | |
| Step-mother Dildar Begum, belonging to Shadi ... ... ... | Meerfiz Ali Khan. ... | 30 | 0 | 0 | |
| Step-brothers Javad Sahib and Jafer Sahib, do. | Meerhider Sahib. ... | 24 | 0 | 0 | |
| Uncle's son, Meer Raja Ali... ... | Meer Hadi Sahib. ... | 41 | 15 | 0 | Sanctioned 19th Jan. 1872, No. 122. |
| Mother, Nureenisa Begum... ... | Nazam-oodowlah. Davud Ali Khan. | 43 | 12 | 0 | |
| Brother-in-law and paternal uncle's son, Mubarukdowlah..... | | 60 | 0 | 0 | |
| Father's Step-mother, Kurshutnisa Begum ... ... ... ... | | 20 | 0 | 0 | |
| Sister, Zamin Begum... ... ... | | 50 | 0 | 0 | |
| Brother-in-law, Alibag Khan ... | | 31 | 0 | 0 | |
| Younger brother, Sobeha Nulli Khan. | Sad Ali Khan, ... | 50 | 0 | 0 | 30th March 1865, No. 14. |
| Mother, Omrow Begum ... ... | Do. ... | 14 | 0 | 0 | |
| Paternal aunt, Hasan Begum ... | Do. ... | 20 | 0 | 0 | |
| Niece, Kureemunisa Begum (now died)... ... ... ... ... .. | Hyder Ali Khan. ... | *25 | 0 | 0 | |

* This separate allowance is now being enjoyed by maternal uncle Hyder Ali Khan since the death of his niece, and it is a matter, therefore, to be considered whether paternal uncle or your memorialist has no more right than that of maternal uncle to enjoy the lapsed pension while it belonging to his own family, and why her paternal aunts should enjoy.

9. The husbands of Munever Begum, Azzezunisa Begum, and late Maha Begum who got shares each at Rs. 9 as above shown, are provided with sufficient incomes from gardens and villages, etc., with the exception of allowances of Rs. 150, 101 and 50 respectively. Besides, at the time of their marriages Munever Begum, etc., were sufficiently given up by your memorialist's father, jewels, money, and property to a greater value, so they are now in such circumstances as to give loans of thousands of rupees to Zemindars for interest.

10. There is no ill-feeling whatever between any branches of this family as it was supposed, all members being the issue of the same father and being under the protection for some time of your memorialist (as it appears from their petitions of marginal dates), but the ancient bitter enmity is that existed between the two branches of late Nawab Kutub-oodowlah and Intijam-oodowlah being the eldest and younger sons by Shadi and Nicka wives respectively; when they both had a contest for the Nawabship of Masulipatam which lasted for many years, while they were alive, as it will be evident from the record in Government Office. Even after their death Semsh-oodowlah, the second son of the latter or the brother-in-law of your memorialist, being the husband of Munever Begum, has not failed to pay the tribute to his ill-feelings, and consequently continue to try still every opportunity to injure your memorialist's family, and put him to unnecessary expense and trouble by having various unreasonable illegitimate claims made by Munever Begum, etc. The cause of his so doing on the present occasion is nothing but an ambitious desire to benefit himself anyhow by the increase of his wife's pension. To keep the authorities unaware of this fact and real connection Semsh-oodowlah indirectly causes some mention being made of the ill-feelings under the pretended grounds of Shadi and Nicka in Munever Begum's petition without which no validity can be placed on her claim.

21st February 1861.
11th March 1861.
4th August 1868.
12th August 1869.
28th February 1869.
7th January 1870.
8th April 1870.

11. From the Revenue Board's Proceedings and the Government orders therein quoted your Grace will clearly observe that your memorialist is naturally the head of the whole family consisting of a larger number of persons including several petty families and young children whose sole dependance for support is on this small allowance, and that this family has been reduced from a position of affluence and rank to one of comparative insignificance, and that the sentiments of Government were highly expressed in their letter to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam on the obligation resting on Government to maintain the family of Hoossain Ali Khan in a decent position.

8th June 1860, No 2,729.

25th October 1871.

Under the circumstances of these 11 paragraphs your memorialist is compelled to crave with feelings of reverential fear that your Grace will be graciously pleased to do him justice by appointing him to the headship of the family which the long trial of his fortune has proved him as deprived of and thus enable him to uphold the dignity and respect maintained by the Nawab of Masulipatam.

For which act of justice your Grace's memorialist shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

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N. B.—Enclosures to be kindly returned :—

1 Government Endorsement dated 1st March 1872.
1 Sudder Adalut Court's answer to the Board of Revenue.
1 Genealogical Tree.

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No. 192B. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1872, No. 798A.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that the Memorial, received with this petition, be transmitted to the Secretary of State, and that the memorialist be informed of its despatch.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
*Officiating Chief Secretary.*

To the Petition Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

TO

HIS GRACE THE HONORABLE SECRETARY

OF STATE FOR INDIA,

LONDON.

THE HUMBLE MEMORIAL OF FATA ALI MEERZA KHAN

BAHADER AN INHABITANT OF MASULIPATAM.

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8th June 1860 No. 2729.

1st February 1868 in Pro. of 4th August 1869 No. 5701.

25th Oct. 1771 In consultation 15th Oct. 1821 No. 2460.

In G. O. 27th Nov. 1868 No. 2970.

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Acknowledged in G. O. 12th July 1870 No. 1042.

Had your Memorialist been made Head of the family the lapsed pensions would have been saved to meet the said requirements in a manner somewhat convenient and there would have been no cause for his freequently troubling the authorities on such occasions like this.

THE SUBJOINED IS THE PRESENT EXISTING SCALE OF PENSIONS AS SANCTIONED.

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| Your Grace's Memorialist... ... ... ... ... | Rs. 55 - 0 - 0 |

SHADI.

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| | 25 - 0 - 0 |
| Karemunesabagum (now died)... ... ... ... | 7 - 0 - 0 |

* Bano the alleged Nekah wife of late Munsurudowlah.

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| Munavarbagum daughter of late Khutbudowlah..... | | | | 9 - 0 - 0 | These pensions are now increased. |
| Azzeezunisabagum Do. of Do.... | ... | ... | | 9 - 0 - 0 | |
| Two sons of late † Mahabagum Do. of Do... | ... | ... | | 9 - 0 - 0 | |

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| Kazim Ali Meerza Khan.. | ... | ... | ... | Rs. 15 - 0 - 0 |
| Abbas Meerza Khan..... | ... | ... | ... | 15 - 0 - 0 |
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Collector's report 28th May 1868 No. 171.

Bailies Mohomedan Law Book, Page 42.

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No. 2nd Page 525 Printed Circular Order Book of the Board of Revnue.

2nd January 1858 No. 256.
8th February 1858 No. 168

N. B.—Permanent Pay bill will also shew that marriage will cause discontinuance of pension of a female.

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| Do. Hajeebagum... ... ... | Do. | 15 | 0 | 0 | |
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| Do. Chandbee..... ... ... | Hasanulli Khan Bahader. | 10 | 0 | 0 | |
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| Uncle's son Meer Raja Ali... ... | Meer Hadi Saheb. | 41 | 15 | 0 | Sanctioned 19th January 1872 No. 122. |
| Mother Nurenesabagum... ... | Nazamudowlah. Davudalli Khan. | 43 | 12 | 0 | |
| Brother-in-law and Paternal uncle's son Mubarukdowlah... ... | | 60 | 0 | 0 | |
| Father's Step mother Kurshutnesabagum... ... ... | | 20 | 0 | 0 | |
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| Younger Brother Sobeha Nulli Khan... ... ... | Sadulla Khan. | 50 | 0 | 0 | 30th March, 1865 No. 14. |
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8th June 1860 No. 2729.

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For which act of justice your Gracis Memorialist shall as in duty bound ever pray.

MASULIPATAM,
18th APRIL 1872.

N. B.—Enclosures to be kindly returned.

1. Government Endorsement dated 1st March 1872.
1. Sudder Adalut Court's answer to the Board of Revenue.
1. Geneological Tree.

Printed at the Kasavaraze and Co's Press Buttayya Petta No. 372, Masulipatam.

To,

The Right Honorable the Governor
in Council
Fort Saint George —

The humble Memorial of Fata ali
Meerza Khan Bahader the eldest
Son of late Nawab Khutteedowlah
Hoossain ali Khan Bahadur La-
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Sheweth,

That with reference to your
Excellency's endorsement No. 305 dated
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to the Home Authorities —

In duplicate

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to the Honorable Secretary of State
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recommendation together with the
necessary orders therein referred to,
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Memorialist of the date on which
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Enclosure to Petition

18th April 1872
Meerabij Atmaram

the accompanying Memorial to the Secretary of State, praying that the Memorialist may be appointed the Head of his family with the recommendation of this Govt.

Revenue 1872 Oct.

Government of Madras,

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

No. 1648.

Petition No. 895 of 1872.

From Fata Ali Meerza Khan Bahadoor the eldest son of late Nabob Khutbud.

Occupation. owilah Hoopain Ali Khan Bahadoor Ista jamejung of Maiseli

Village. Patam.

Talook.

District. Kistna.

Dated 18th } April 1872
Received 22d 11th May.

Enclosures. 5

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Abstract.

Referring to the Endorsement of Govt on Petn No. 305 of 1872, requests either a review of the said order or the transmission of

No. 798 A. 14 May 1872

with Order

No. 798 A.

Ordered that the memorial received with this petition be transmitted to the Secretary of State, and that the memorialist be informed of its despatch.

14th May 1872.

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