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GOVERNMENT MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

13th Decem

No. 3,387.

Read the following papers:—

No. 107. From Mr. C. B. E. SM
the Hon. F. CARMICHAEL
Madras, Fort St. George, dated
No. 482-F.P.

I HAVE the honor, under the
consideration and orders of His Grace
the heirs of the late Syed Alli Sahib,
representing the inadequacy of the al-
lowances may be so increased
than they now do.

2. It will be seen from the endo-
direct to the Viceroy, and has been re-
ment of Madras.

ENCLOSURE

From SYED BUDROODDEEN and other He-
Esq., Secretary to the Government of
Deccan, 15th October 1877.

We, the heirs of the late Syed Alli Sahib,
beg to submit the accompanying petition addressed
of India, and returned for submission through

We most earnestly crave that the argu-
have therein put forward may receive at your
we feel convinced that the sense of justice alwa-
favorable in our case. In these hard times,
the famine-stricken districts, we are reduced
that when this is known to the Madras Govern-

Once more earnestly praying that a recom-
ment of India.

ENCLOSURE

From SYED BUDROODDEEN and other He-
the Right Hon. EDWARD ROBERT
LYTTON OF KNEBWORTH, G.M.S.,
Hyderabad Deccan, 6th August 1877.

The reports we have heard and are still
justice as meted out to Her Imperial Majesty,
to bring to your Lordship's notice the following
out the injustice that has been done us, and solicit
to secure what are our own just rights; and as
view taken by your Lordship, and as the decision
respect a final one, we beg we may be pardoned

st Assistant Resident, Hyderabad, to
Chief Secretary to the Government of
Hyderabad Residency, 24th October 1877,

instructions, to forward, for the
Governor in Council, a petition from
dar of Udayagiri, Nellore District,
they now receive, and begging that
able them to live more comfortably

in the petition that it was submitted
or submission through the Govern-

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late Syed Alli Sahib, to C. G. MASTER,
Revenue Department, dated Hyderabad

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to His Excellency the Governor-General
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TITON BULWER-LYTTON, BARON
by and Governor-General of India, dated

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be carefully considered. Craving your Lordship's pardon for the length of this petition, which is rendered absolutely necessary for a clear understanding of the subject, we proceed to lay our grievances before your Lordship.

2. The taluq of Udayagiri, in the Nellore District, Madras Presidency, was granted by a King of Delhi in Jaghire to our great-great-grandfather, and was at the time valued at one lakh of rupees; but by his own exertions and the improvements he effected the value of the Jaghire was raised by the original grantees to three lakhs of rupees per annum.

3. On the death of our grandfather, who had nine children, the Jaghire was continued to the family in the name of our uncle, Syed Abbas Ali Khan, he being the eldest son (the first-born was a daughter); and when the Jaghire was annexed, owing to Syed Abbas Ali Khan's suspected disaffection to the Government, such of the sons and daughters of our grandfather as were then living, or their heirs, were granted certain pensions. It is of the distribution of these pensions that we have now to complain.

4. The distribution was made as follows:

The representatives of the 1st, Sittima Sahib (daughter)			Rs.	
"	2nd, Syed Abbas Ali Khan (son)		133	
"	3rd, Syed Mustapha (son)		420	
"	4th, Syed Alli (son)		20	
"	5th, a daughter deceased, leaving no heirs.		20	
"	6th, Syed Noorulla (son)		30	
"	7th, Salehha Bee (daughter)		15	Since dead; no heirs living.
"	8th, Syed Boo Ali Balundur (son)		20	
"	9th, Jamal Sahiba (daughter)		10	Since dead; no heirs now living.

5. From the above it will be seen that the distribution is a purely arbitrary one. The Mahomedan law, by which a son receives two shares and a daughter one, was entirely ignored, and even seniority, which would have been the next fairest way of dealing with the case, was set aside.

6. A glance at the above list will show the irregularity of the distribution. The representatives of the eldest child (a daughter) were allowed pensions aggregating Rs. 133; those of the second (a son) Rs. 420; the heirs of the third and fourth sons only Rs. 20 respectively, while those of the sixth son drew Rs. 30.

7. We are the sons and daughters of Syed Alli, the fourth on the list given in paragraph 4 above, the scanty allowance granted to whom, as just shown, was less than that allowed to a brother younger than himself. On refusing to accept so small a pension, our father was assured by the Collector of Nellore that the grant of a larger allowance would be recommended to Government—a promise often repeated, but never fulfilled.

8. On the death of our father, Syed Alli, the pension, Rs. 20, drawn by him, was, through the kindness of Government continued to us, under the Orders of the Government of India, No. 130 F, dated 6th March 1875, Foreign Department (Finance), a copy of which was forwarded to us by the First Assistant Resident at Hyderabad. This allowance of Rs. 20 is equally divided among six of us, and the pittance, as your Lordship will perceive, is not sufficient for our subsistence even on the coarsest food.

9. We cannot refrain from pointing out to your Lordship how different would have been our position had the Jaghire not been annexed; for according to Mahomedan usage not only do all the children of a family enjoy equal privileges during their father's lifetime, but after his death the elder brother feels it a solemn duty to support the others. Thus, our uncle, Syed Abbas Ali Khan, supported his brothers and sisters, making no distinction between them; but now, as has already been shown, the case is very different.

10. If it is argued that the Jaghire was left to our uncle, Syed Abbas Ali Khan, then we beg to represent that so long as the Jaghire remained in Syed Abbas Ali Khan's possession, our father was under his protection, and he took every care that we should not want. It is this protection we now crave from Government.

But Abbas Ali Khan was not the sole heir to the Jaghire. He merely held it as the representative of a large family who had strong claims to a share in the property, and we respectfully submit that it was very hard for the whole family to have been deprived of an inheritance which had descended to them through several generations.

11. We believe it is always a point with Government to distribute a fifth portion of the revenues of an annexed Jaghire among the heirs and relatives of the Jaghiredar, and to see that such dependants are able to keep up their position and live in comfort, a rule of which we would appear to be the unfortunate exceptions.

12. We have endeavored to place before your Lordship facts, and, before concluding this petition, distribution of the allowances may receive your Lordship's serious consideration; there are other peculiarities in the distribution which will appear on a tree, to which we have appended explanatory.

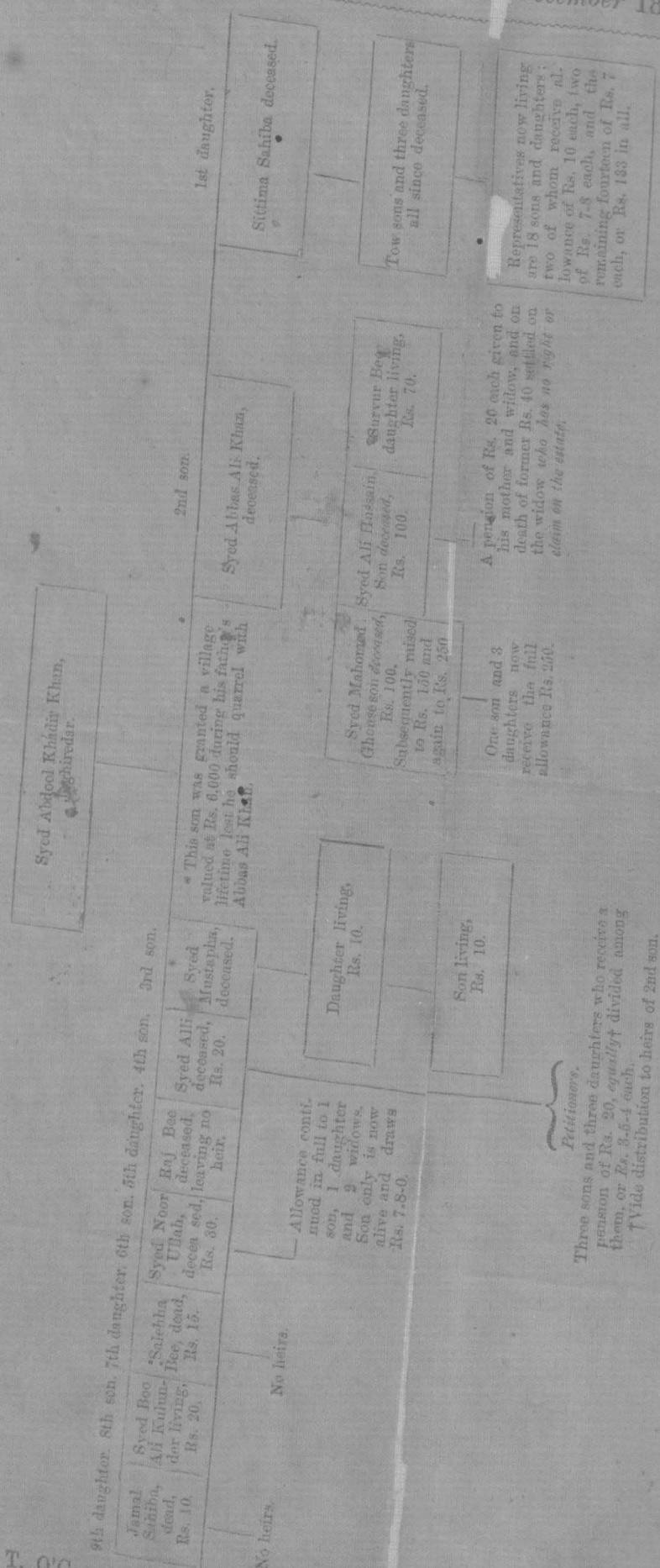
13. The Madras Government allege that the distribution depend not on Mahomedan or any other law, but on the will of Government. We would throw ourselves on the sense of Government, and submit that, although we do not pretend to advance a legal claim, we are confident that the consideration always shown by the Government of India to its native subjects is a matter of equity than of right.

14. The present scarcity of food considerably aggravates the pitiable condition of your humble servants (who, as was proved by a recent order made to His Highness the Nizam's Government, receive no aid from that Government), and which are but allowances for increased as to remove all cause for complaint, and families the common necessities of life. Lordship's welfare.

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No. 457-F.

RETURNED to the petitioners for submission through the Government of Madras.
(By order, &c.)FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, FINANCE,
SIMLA, 24th Sept. 1877.(Signed) F. C. DAUKES,
Offg. Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

(True Copy.)

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

No. 108.

To

THE SECRETARY TO

Miscellaneous.

* Dated 18th January 1875, No. 10.

2. The Memorialists now co-
granted to different branches of t
† See papers with letter from this G
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.SIR,—In forwarding the enclosed
Memorial from the heirs of one Syed
Alli Sahib, praying for an increased
allowance, I am directed to state that
his case was fully reported in the letter*
marginally noted.the relative amount of the allowances
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original papers that the sums were
determined "with reference to the num-
ber of individuals dependent on each
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just sufficient for the support of the
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the honor to be,

Sir,

most obedient servant,

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

V
Government of Port St. George.

And 15th December 1877.

No. 109.

Enclosure
3 Extra copies.

To

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The Secretary

the Government
of Madras.

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Most Respected Sir

We, the heirs of the late Syed

Ali Sahib, Jaghirdar of Udayagiri,
Bellare District, humbly beg to submit
the accompanying petition addressed by
us to His Excellency the Gov: General
of India, and returned for submission
through the Madras Government.

We most respectfully crave that the
arguments we have dared to advance,
and the claims we have therein put

For a Memorial from the heirs of
Syed Ali Sahib, a member of the Udayagiri family,
praying for an increased allowance, containing that
this has been fully reported to His Excellency the
Jan 21st 1875, No. 109, and stating that the
no reason for recommending the application for the
allowance.



Dated Hyderabad
the 11th of August 1849

We are much obliged to you
for your very kind donation
of the following

type & composition
of the late
type all public

Sailed Hyderabad
the 1st of October 1877

We are Perfectly Sir,
your very Obedt. Servant
O. S. Williams (Clerk) C.M.S.

Signed by the late
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of justice always evinced by the Madras
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Once more earnestly praying that
~~our~~ a recommendation may be made
in our favor to the Govt. of India

Foreign Dept.
13-8-77

H. E. the Honble Edward Robert Lytton, Bulwer Lytton
Baron Lytton of Knebworth G.M.S.
Viceroy and Governor General of India.

May it please Your Lordship.

The reports we have heard, and are still hearing everywhere, of Your Lordship's impartial justice as meted out to Her Imperial Majesty's subjects in this vast Empire, have induced us to bring to Your Lordship's notice the following facts which will tend to show that in pointing out the injustice that has been done us and soliciting a reconsideration of our claims we only seek to secure what are our own just rights; and as the success of our petition will depend on the view taken by Your Lordship, and as the decision that will now be arrived at will be in every respect a final one, we beg we may be pardoned for imploring that the following statements may be carefully considered. Craving Your Lordship's pardon for the length of this petition, which is rendered absolutely necessary for a clear understanding of the subject, we proceed to lay our grievances before Your Lordship.

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Returned to the petitioners for submission through the
Government of Madras

Foreign Deptt.

Finance

Dec 1879

Circular Deptt. September 1879

By Order of

J. C. D. S. S.

Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India

Address overleaf

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No 107

From,

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To,

82 F.P. of 1877-78

First Assistant Resident,
Hyderabad,

Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Fort Saint George -

Dated Hyderabad 24 October 1877.
Sir,

Residents
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His Grace
petition of
Ali Sahib,
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Endorsement

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instructions, to forward,
for the consideration and orders of
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through the Government of Madras.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
Wm. Smith

First Secy Resident.

His

Revenue Department

No. 3587

21st December 1877

To,

The Secretary to the
Government of India
Foreign Department

Sir

In forwarding the enclosed
Memorial from the heirs
of one Syed Ali Shah praying
for an increased allowance,
I am directed to state that
this case was fully reported
on in the letter marginally
noted.

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* Dated 18 January 1878 No 105.

Has no answer been recd?
Answering memo. dated 7/5.
+ further provision in 1878.
Full: Reply in bundle.

2. The Memorialists now
complain of the relative
amount of the allowances
granted to different branches
of

6 copies on 20 Dec 77

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17/12/77

Memorandum
to the Secretary to the
Foreign Department

Dated 24 Oct
1877 & No.
No. 482 P. 1
S.D. 3587-10 December
1877

Forwarding for
consideration & order a
petition from the heirs
of the late Syed Ali
Shah, regarding the
allowance, & also
stating that the allowance
now received by them
may be increased

No 107.

* See papers with
letter from Lewis
for d: 15 Dec: 1844
No: 166

Have appeared the women for the
the distribution

Y. A.

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I have been informed
 of the death of the
 late Mr. [Name] who
 was a very worthy
 man and a great
 friend to the
 cause of the
 [Cause]. I am
 sorry to hear of
 his death and
 hope that his
 soul may rest in
 peace.

To
Govt of India

Memorial from
of Syed Ali Sahib of
Mehrauli, Delhi, for
for increased allowance

of the Govt. of India
to the family of the
late Sir J. D. B. B.

Under the provisions of
the Act of 1854, the
Government of India
cannot be compelled to

There is no reason to
suppose that the
Government of India
is not fully satisfied
with the present
allowance.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. B. B.