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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1027.	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated 15th April ~~19~~ 1869	

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No. 328. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th March 1869, No. 1,587 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Sub-Collector, in charge of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on Circuit at Narsarowpeta, in Rajapeta Talook, 2nd February 1869, No. 24.

I HAVE the honor to report upon the points indicated in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of Government Order, dated 27th November 1868, No. 2,970, communicated with your foot-note, dated 6th January 1869, and having reference to the pension enjoyed by the late Munsur-ud-Dowla of Masulipatam.

2. It will be convenient, at starting, to show how the pension of Rupees 150 was, up to the death of Munsur-ud-Dowla, distributed; and, premising that his father, Kutub-ud-Dowla, to whom the pension was first granted, and whom he succeeded, had issue by three different wives, the distribution is as follows :—

			Rs.	
1. Shadi Branch—	(1) Khatcja Begum, Shadi wife		10	
	(2) Munavar Begum, daughter of do.		9	
	(3) Azezimnissa Begum, do. do.		9	
	(4) Two sons of Mana Begum, (deceased) do.		9	
	(5) Munsur-ud-Dowla (deceased)		57	
			—	94
2. Nicka Branch —	(1) Fatta Alli Mirza Khan, son of Kutub-ud-Dowla, by Nicka		20	
			—	20
3. Mitta Branch—	(1) Kajimali Mirza Khan.	Children of do. by Mitta	15	
	Abbasi Mirza Khan ...		15	
	Sakhona Begum ...		6	
			—	36
		Total...		150

3. In paragraph 2 of the Government Order it is presumed that the division of the stipend, in the proportions specified therein, between Munsur-ud-Dowla (deceased) and Fatta Alli Mirza Khan was the result of private arrangement. This was not so in fact, for, upon the latter setting up a claim for the equal division of the whole stipend between himself and Munsur-ud-Dowla, Mr. Thornhill, in his letter, No. 65, dated 22nd March 1861, recommended to the Board that Rupees 50 out of the stipend should be allotted to Fatta Alli, (the son by the Nicka wife,) *and* to the children of the Mitta wife. The Board, however, in their Proceedings, No. 1,926 ,dated 12th April 1861, assigned 62 Rupees to the "petitioner (Fatta Alli) and his party".

4. Though this amount was assigned to Fatta Alli and his so-called "dependants," (I say *so-called* because the children of the Mitta wife were *not* dependent upon him;) in point of fact he did not touch a Pie more of it than 20 Rupees, which, as he admitted to me, was paid to him monthly by Munsur-ud-Dowla up to the date of his death. The other sums were similarly paid by the deceased to the other members of the family in the proportions set opposite their names—(*vide* paragraph 2).

5. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Government Order, I have the honor to observe, that as the Government have already, in their Proceedings, dated 16th July 1860, No. 1,173, recognised Munsur-ud-Dowla (deceased) as the head of the family, the honor would naturally be continued to his daughter, Kareem-oo-Nissa Begum, who is in all respects entitled to succeed him. As this, however, is a question for the decision of Government, I beg to enclose four petitions on the subject, as noted in the margin, received by post from the parties most interested in the issue. I may mention here that I had an interview with Fatta Alli Mirza Khan, Shems-ud-Dowla, guardian of Kareem-oo-Nissa Begum, and with the Nabob's agent, and that the information given verbally by each of them regarding the circumstances of the family, was admitted by all of them to be correct.

From Fatta Alli Mirza Khan.
,, Shems-ud-Dowla.
,, Fatta Alli Mirza Khan.
,, Members of Munsur-ud-Dowla family.

6. As regards paragraph 4 of the Order of Government, I have the honor to report that Fatta Alli Mirza Khan states that he has only two persons dependent upon him—that is, his wife Fatma Begum and his daughter Mahate Begum.

7. From the statement in paragraph 2 of this letter, showing the division of the stipend, it will be observed that the members of the Shadi branch have been enjoying Rupees 94, those of the "Mitta" branch Rupees 36, while Fatta Alli Mirza Khan, the representative of the Nicka branch, has only drawn 20 Rupees per mensem, a sum, in my opinion, inadequate to the position he holds in the family.

8. Of the amount of Rupees 57 enjoyed exclusively by the late Munsur-ud-Dowla, he has willed a monthly sum of 20 Rupees to his daughter, Kareem-oo-Nissa Begum, to be paid to her guardian Nabob Shems-ud-Dowla until she come of age. He also bequeathed the sum of 7 Rupees monthly to his wife Bhanoo Begum, and 20 Rupees to the child to be born of her, *if a female*, in which case, his monthly allowance, subject to the above deductions, was to be continued to Kareem-oo-Nissa Begum. A child, which happened to be a male, *was* born, and died; so that there still remains a floating capital of Rupees 30 out of the stipend undisposed of by the will. (I mention this will, not as binding, but simply as indicative of the wishes of the deceased). I would recommend then that the portions enjoyed by the other members of the family may remain as they are, and that the 7 Rupees being assigned to Bhanoo Begum, 20 Rupees of the balance may be equally divided between Kareem-oo-Nissa Begum and Fatta Alli Khan (the sum of Rupees 20 willed by her father to the former being also granted to her). By this arrangement Fatta Alli would, I think, have enough, and Kareem-oo-Nissa Begum not too much; and the extra sum of Rupees 10 might be given to whichever of the two the Government may be pleased to recognise as the head of the family.

Enclosures Nos. 1 to 4.—Petitions.

Submitted to Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 27th November 1868, No. 2,970.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th April 1869.

No. 329. Order thereon, 15th April 1869, No. 1,027.

Miscellaneous.

Under the circumstances set forth in Mr. Comyn's letter, dated 2nd February 1869, the Government resolve to continue the payment of a monthly pension of Rupees 150 to the family of the late Kutub-ud-Dowla, and to sanction the following distribution of the same:—

		Rs.
Fatta Alli Khan, son of Kutub-ud-Dowla by Nicka		45
• Kareem-oo-Nissa Begum, daughter of Munsur-ud-Dowla by Shadi		25
Bhanoo Begum, wife of Munsur-ud-Dowla		7
Khatoja Begum, Shadi wife of Kutub-ud-Dowla		10
Munavar Begum, daughter of do.		9
Azezimnissa Begum, do. of do.		9
Two sons of Mana Begum (deceased)		9
Kajimali Mirza Khan	Children of Kutub-ud-Dowla by Mitta.	15
Abbasi Mirza Khan		15
Sakhena Begum		6

2. This arrangement will be considered to have come into force after the death of Munsur-ud-Dowla, and the Collector of the Kistna District will take steps to ensure the correct distribution of the arrears.

3. The Government consider it unnecessary at present to decide on the question of the headship of the family.

• To be paid to her guardian, Shems-ud-Dowla until, she come of age.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bandeman.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 1869.

Read.

G. O. No. 150, April 1869, No. 1347.

APRIL.

Nos. 225-229.

Late Provincial-Fund's Leave
Continuance of a monthly allowance of Rupees
to the family of the late
sioned.

Kureem-oo-Nissa Begum daughter of Munsoor-ud-Doula Begum Shadi		25	* To be paid to her guardian Ahmed Doula until she comes of age.
Bhoroo Begum wife of Munsoor-ud Doula		7	
Khaleja Begum, Shadi wife of Hubibur-d Doula		10	
Munawar Begum daughter of - do. -		4	
Azeziunnissa Begum - do - of - do -		4	
Two Sons of Imam Begum (deceased)		4	
Hajimali Mirza Khan	Children of Hubibur-d Doula by a Bibi	15	
Abbas Mirza Khan		15	
Sukkena Begum		6	

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3. The Government consider it unnecessary at present to decide on the question of the hindship of the family.

H. Chapman Collector & Political Agent Dated 16 Sept 1845

Approved

H. Goldfinch