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From

R. M. Davies Esq^r

Secretary to Government of
Punjab & its Dependencies.

To,

The Commissioner & Supt.
Delhi Division

Dated Lahore the 8th Sept^r 1859,

Political Dept. Sir,

Adverting to your predecessor's letter No. 198 dated 13th June last, regarding Mirza Elahce Buksh; I am directed to annex Copies of the Correspondence marginally noted, conveying the orders of Supreme Government, in regard to the maintenance and future residence of the Mirza and his family.

2^d You will be so good as to furnish to this Office, and also to that of the Civil Auditor, a list of the pensions making up the sum of Rupees Twenty two Thousand Eight hundred and Twenty seven and six annas, noted in para 2, and a nominal

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both of the 76 pensioners alluded to in
Para 3 of the Government letter margin-
ally cited above, for whom annuities of
Rupees 120/- each have been sanctioned;
and with reference to the last para
of the Government letter, intimate
what may be the Mirza's wishes in regard
to the future place of residence of him-
self and his family. —

3^d The original enclosures of Mr.
Saunders's letter are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servt,
W D Davies
Secretary to Government,
Punjab

Copies

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From,

R. A. Davis Esquire,
Secretary to Government of
Punjab & its Dependancies

To,

The Secretary to Government
Punjab.

W. Lahore, the 8th Aug. 1859

Foreign Dept. Sir,

I am directed to forward for
the consideration and orders of
His Excellency the Viceroy in Council,
copies of a letter and its enclosures
from the Commissioner of Delhi,
N^o 198 dt: 13th Ultimo, bringing to
notice the service rendered by Mirza
Elahce Butksh during the rebellion,
and commending him to the favor-
able consideration of Government.

2^d Mirza Elahce Butksh is a
member of the Royal family of
Delhi. During the siege of the
City in 1857, he is believed to
have

have exerted himself in our favor
by his counsel to the leaders of the
rebellion; at any rate, he did good
service by enabling us to capture the
Em. King after the fall of the City,
since it is stated that it was by his
persuasions that the Em. King did
not accompany the rebel army in
its flight from Delhi. In consi-
deration hereof, the Mirza now puts
forward several claims, which I
am to take up seriatim, showing
the recommendations made by the
Commissioner on each.

3^d I The Mirza solicits that
the pensions originally enjoyed
by himself and his family, amount-
ing to Rupees 22,824. 6. 0. per annum,
may be continued, and paid up in
arrear from the 1st May 1857, since
which date he has not received it.

On this, Mr. Saurin recommends
that the pensions may be continued
for the life of each recipient, but
that

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that they shall not, as heretofore,
be held to be hereditary, and that
arrears may be allowed only from
the 20th September 1857, the date on
which the City was recaptured.

Secnd II The Mirza asks for the
restoration of his Jagir of Ason-
dah and Sampla, valued at
5000^{rs}. p. a. (or a cash payment
to the same amount in lieu thereof)
as well as of the proprietary rights
in 5 Villages yielding Rs 2221.9-6
per annum and of his house hold &
other property. The Commissioner
is wholly averse to the granting of
these concessions. The lands and
property have fairly lapsed to Go-
vernment, and it is desirable that
the influence of Members of the
Royal house, in that part of the Coun-
try, by means of their connection
with land or other property, should
cease. If a liberal recognition of
the Mirza's Services is desired, it
would

would be better to give him a money equivalent for his lost property, or to increase his pension.

5th III The next request is that pensions aggregating Rs 27,468 per annum may be granted to 76 members of his family, old women, widows and children, who were formerly dependent upon 30 members of his family having by Sir H. Metcalfe, and now dependent on the Petitioner. Mr. Saunders would assign life pensions of 10 Rs per month, to each of these 76 individuals, amounting to Rs 9,120 Rs per annum.

6th IV The Mirza petitions for some additional reward for his services during the rebellion, but the Commissioner considers that he will be sufficiently rewarded by the continuance of the pensions of himself and family as noted above.

7th V Lastly, the Mirza asks to

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to be allowed compensation for his property lost in the City during the Siege, stated to be worth Rs 1,14,376/- This property cannot be said to have been lost in consequence of the Claimant's well known loyalty and attachment to the British Government, and the claim is therefore not a valid one under the Compensation rules; but as his losses were very severe, and his services important, the Commissioner thinks this claim is one entitled to liberal consideration.

8th The Honorable the Lieut^g Governor considers that Mr. Saunders's several propositions are such as he would recommend, The Mirza is entitled to be considerately treated; and the recommendations in his favor appear to be liberal, looking at the position he held as a member

of the rebel King's household.

I am therefore to solicit the sanction of Supreme Government.

1st To the payment of the arrears of pension due to him and his family from 20th September last.

2^d To the continuance of these pensions at the former rates during the lives of the holders, to lapse at the death of each.

3^d To the grant of life pensions at the rate of 10^l. Rupees per month to the 46 members of the family dependent on the Mirza.

9th The Lieutenant Governor would not recommend that his claim to compensation for loss of property be considered.

10th His Honor concurs in Mr. Saunders' recommendation that the Mirza, with all his family and dependants, should be removed from Delhi; and strongly advocates their being all sent to Rangoon.

or at any rate to a distance from
Delhi. — A-427

I have the honor
Adm^r. R. H. Davis
Secretary to Government

Punjab
N. 5201.

From

The Secretary to the Government
of India

To

The Secretary to Government
of the Punjab
and its Dependencis
Of: Fort William 26th Aug 59.

Foreign Dept. Sir,

I have the honor to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your letter of
8th Instant, N. 524, together with its
enclosures, bringing to notice the claims
of Mirza Elahie Buksh, member of
the late Royal family of Delhi, and
the services performed by him during the
rebellion. —

2^d In reply, I am directed to state that the Governor General in Council concurs with the Lieutenant Governor in thinking, that the Mirza will be sufficiently rewarded by the continuance of the pensions which he and his family enjoyed before the rebellion. His Excellency in Council is accordingly, pleased to sanction the payment of these pensions, aggregating Rs. 22,827, 6, 0. per Annum, with effect from the 20th September 1854, each pension to lapse at the death of the holder.

3^d His Excellency in Council is also pleased to sanction life-pensions of 100 Rupees a Month each, to the 46 Members of the Delhi family, old men, widows and children who are now dependent on the Mirza for support.

4th The Mirza's claim to compensation for property lost at Delhi, and to the restoration of his jagges, has been very properly rejected by His Honor.

5th The last proposal is that the
Mirza

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Mirza, with all his family and dependants, be removed from Delhi, and sent to Rangoon, or to some place distant from Delhi. The Governor General in Council considers this a very desirable measure; but as the Mirza may possibly feel a repugnance to go to Rangoon, where the Ex King is, His Excellency in Council is pleased to permit him to select his own place of residence either at Surachee, or any where in Pegu or the Tenasserim and Martaban Provinces.

Fort William
The 26th Aug. 1819

I have &c.
Sd/ J. Cecil Beadon
Secretary to the Government
of India,

True Copies
R. B. Maulani
Superintendent

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Dear

Scorg. to Govt.

Dunlop

N^o 8
Sept 14

Reply to No 198 of 1873
concerning the future
residence and maintenance
of Muzo Slavic Bay &
family conveying the
views of Govt on the
subject requires that
the Civil and Ins Office
be furnished with a list of
provisions sanctioned
by Muzo up to select his views

Send the required
information to G. G.
a brief outline
to take the necessary
to visit to Muzo
Muzo Bay &
ask how long he
wishes to reside
with reference to
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