

Financial Department Proceedings, January, 1865.

PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.

Grant of charitable allowances to certain destitute Members of the Ex-Royal Family of Delhi.

No. 4, dated 9th January 1865.

No. 259. *Endorsed by the Govt. of India, FOREIGN DEPT.*

Forwarded to the Financial Department, for consideration and orders, with an intimation that the Governor General in Council in this Department agrees to all the proposals. (To be returned).

No. 676, dated 19th December 1864.

*From—The Secy. to Govt., Punjab and its Dependencies,
To—The Secy. to the Govt. of India, FOREIGN DEPT.*

I am directed to submit, for the favorable consideration and orders of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council, a Statement of charitable pensions which have been proposed from time to time by the Commissioner of Delhi, for eighteen destitute members of the Ex-Royal Family of Delhi, aggregating in all Rupees 86 per mensem.

2. To the List has also been added one case, that of Bilkees Zumani Begum, whose pension it is proposed to increase from Rs. 10 to Rs.50 per mensem. This case has been forwarded with the express permission of His Excellency the Governor General.

3. As an offset to the increase of expenditure now proposed, the Commissioner has submitted three Lists, copies of which are hereto appended, viz :—

A. Giving the names of 7 persons for whom pensions aggregating Rupees 34 per mensem have been authorized, but who died before the receipt of the Government sanction.

B. Giving the names of 21 persons who have never appeared to claim their pensions, which aggregate Rupees 103 per mensem.

C. Giving the names of 9 persons, with pensions aggregating Rupees 43 per mensem, who by error were twice entered in the Lists formerly submitted.

Thus the pensions now proposed for the favorable consideration of the Supreme Government would not involve an increase in the sanctioned amount, which on the contrary would be diminished by Rupees 54 per mensem.

4. After the repeated orders of Government to close the List of Delhi pensioners, the Hon'ble the Lieutenant-Governor submits these cases with much reluctance; but His Honor has ascertained that they are really cases of hardship deserving of consideration, and on this account he ventures to bring them before the Supreme Government.

5. His Honor also trusts that the great number of these pensioners, amounting to some 1,500, the similarity of their names in many cases, and the fact, that many of them are ladies whose personal attendance it was impossible to secure, may afford some excuse for the errors that have been discovered, and for the delay which has taken place, in bringing these cases forward.

Charitable Pensions proposed for Members of the Ex-Royal Family of Delhi.

No.	Name.	Amount.	Proposed by Deputy Commissioner.	Recommendation of Commissioner.	Recommendation of Lieutenant-Governor.
1	Mirza Feroze Shah, Nephew of the late Ex-King of Delhi.	Rs. 10 p. m	<p>Mirza Feroze Shah is the son of Salim Shah, a younger and favorite son of Akbar II., father of the late Ex-King. On the death of Salim Shah, Akbar II. granted Feroze Shah an allowance of Rupees one thousand per mensem. On the succession of Bahadoor Shah, the late Ex-King, the allowance was withdrawn, but subsequently at the instance of Sir T. Metcalfe, a sum of Rupees 200 per mensem was allowed to Feroze Shah, together with Rupees 300 per mensem from the Privy purse. On the death of Sir T. Metcalfe, the late Ex-King reduced the allowance to Rupees 200 per mensem.</p> <p>In 1856, Mirza Feroze Shah left Delhi and went to reside at Kodaneah, near Kalpee. There, he says, he remained during the period of the mutiny. In 1859, he surrendered himself to the Nawab of Jowrah, under the terms of Her Majesty's Proclamation, and obtained a certificate from that Potentate of non-complicity in the rebellion. Between two and three years ago, he returned to Delhi, and at the same time professed himself of the Christian religion, but made no claim for the restoration of his allowance, until 4th March 1863. The only explanation he gives of this delay is, that having just turned Christian, he thought it would be unseemly. It is improbable that Mirza Feroze Shah had any share in the rebellious designs of the Timoor Family, as in the first place he is known to have been on bad terms with the late Ex-King's party, and had left Delhi some months before the outbreak. I recommend that, as a member of the</p>	<p>I coincide in the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner. Had Mirza Feroze Shah appeared at the proper time, he would have received a pension like other members of the Ex-Royal Family. There is nothing suspicious in the delay. He bears the character of a quiet inoffensive man.</p> <p align="center">G. W. HAMILTON, <i>Commissioner & Superintendent.</i></p>	<p>Recommended for a pension of Rupees ten per mensem.</p>

house of Timoor, he receive a pension of Rupees ten per mensem, double the amount allowed to other descendants of equal degree to applicant, in consideration of the higher position formerly enjoyed by him.

D. FITZPATRICK,

Offg. Dy. Commr., Delhi.

2 Ahmed Shah, 1st, aged 9 years, son of Mirza Baber Sheko, of the Ex-Royal Family. Rs. 5 p. m.

Ahmed Shah has hitherto been supported by his aunt, Hagi Begum, to whom a pension of Rupees five per mensem was assigned. She has lately died, and Ahmed Shah is left destitute. His name was originally entered in the list of applicants for a pension, but he was not recommended on account of his absence. He is just as much entitled to Rupees five per mensem as the other members of the Family, and his friends are to blame for not bringing forward his claims before.

I coincide in the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner.

G. W. HAMILTON,

Commissioner & Superintendent.

Recommended for a pension of Rupees five per mensem.

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3	Luteefoonnissa, aged 50 years...	Rs. 5 p. m.
4	Mulka Zumanee, aged 17 years...	4 "
5	Hoosun Afroze Bano, aged 15 ...	4 "
6	Mahomed Sooltan " 4 ...	3 "
7	Mooncer Sooltan " 7 ...	3 "
8	Unwer Jehan Ufroze Bano Begum, aged 23 years ...	5 "
9	Hoosynee, alias Jowadoonnissa aged 45 ...	5 "
10	Imami Khanum, aged 5 ...	5 "
11	Wuzeer Oonnissa Khanum, aged 65 ...	3 "
12	Ranut Oonnissa, alias Sarib Oonnissa, aged 45 ...	5 "
13	Oolfut Oonnissa Khanum, aged 60 ...	5 "
14	Hoosynee Khanum, aged 48 ...	5 "

These pensions have been regularly paid from the Treasury. But by an oversight were omitted in the List submitted to Government for confirmation. It is impossible now to trace the cause of this omission which occurred 2 or 3 years since, and I beg to recommend that the pensions aggregating Rupees 71 per mensem may be confirmed by Government, and that the amount already paid to the pensioners, aggregating Rupees 1,136, as per bill enclosed, may also be passed.

G. W. HAMILTON,
Commissioner & Supdt.

Recommended as proposed with effect from the 1st January 1862.

No.	Name.	Amount.	Proposed by Deputy Commissioner.	Recommendation of Commissioner.	Recommendation of Lieutenant-Governor.
15	Wuzeer Oonnissa Khanum, aged 50	Rs. 5 P. M.		See preceding Page.	See preceding Page.
16	Tyze Oonnissa, alias Ufzul Nissa, aged 28	" 5 "			
17	Oolfat Mehal, aged 35	" 5 "			
18	Roheeman, aged 50	" 4 "			
	Members of the Ex-Royal Family.				
19	Bilkees Zumanee Begum, widow of Mirza Baber, son of the late Emperor Akber Shah.	Rs. 50 P. M.		<p>A pension of Rupees ten per mensem was granted to Bilkees Zumanee Begum by order of the Government of India, No. 2369, dated 30th June 1860.</p> <p>She had a pension of Rs. six hundred per mensem from the Royal Treasury secured to her through the Resident, and she had valuable household property, and a house in the Palace. All these she lost during the mutiny, although she was in no way concerned in the rebellion, being at enmity with the Ex-King. She could not show her loyalty actively, but she never communicated with the Royal Family, or with the rebels and mutineers. Had her case originally come before me, with my present knowledge of her circumstances, I should have recommended for her a pension of Rs. 50 per mensem, as I consider her case is deserving of special consideration.</p> <p>NOTE.—This case has been submitted with the express permission of His Excellency the Governor General in Council.</p> <p>G. W. HAMILTON, Commissioner.</p>	Submitted for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

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List of pensioners whose names have been entered twice in the List sanctioned by Government.

No.	Register No.	List No.	NAMES.	Remarks.	Pension sanctioned
1	207	160	Ameerun Nissa	Haram	4 0 0
2	333	174	Dowlut Nissa, alias Dowlut Abady	Ditto	4 0 0
3	249	463	Burree Begum	Begum	5 0 0
4	732	458	Khoorshinda Afroze Bano Begum	Ditto	5 0 0
5	970	326	Muryum Zamee Begum	Ditto	5 0 0
6	272	425	Bahoo Khanum	Munkoocha	5 0 0
7	1297	439	Raheemoo Nissa	Ditto	5 0 0
8	495	391	Ushruf Nissa	Ditto	5 0 0
9	1344	374	Sum Samooddeen	Sullateen	5 0 0
Total Rs. ...					43 0 0

DELHI,
 DPITY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
 The 6th June 1864.

D. FITZPATRICK,
 Offg. Deputy Commissioner.

No. 286, dated 14th January 1865.

No. 260. RESOLUTION—By the Govt. of India, FINL. DEPT.

Read Endorsement from the Foreign Department, No. 4, dated 9th January 1865, forwarding, with an expression of concurrence therein, a proposal from the Government of the Punjab, for the grant of charitable allowances to certain destitute members of the Ex-Royal Family of Delhi.

Subject to the confirmation of the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, the Governor General in Council is pleased to sanction the grant of the charitable allowances proposed by the Government of the Punjab.

Ordered, that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be sent to—
 The Foreign Department.

„ Civil Pay Master, Punjab,
 „ Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, Punjab ; } with copies of the
 and that the original papers received from the Foreign Department be returned, copies being kept for record. } Statements forwarded with letter from Secy. to Govt., Punjab, No. 676, dated 19th Decr. 1864.

Reported to the Secretary of State for India in despatch No. 12 of 1865, dated 14th January.