

To

His Excellency
 The Right Honourable
 The Marquis of Lansdown
 G. M. S., J. F., C. M. G., M. J. E.,
 Viceroy + Governor General of
 India.

The humble petition of Mirza Khorshed-
 Alum humbly sheweth.

That I Mirza Khorshed Alum
 son of Mirza Fat-hul-Mulk who was an heir-
 apparent to the late King Bahadur Shah of Delhi
 respectfully beg to lay my case before your Excellency.

My father died 10 months prior to the Mutiny
 of 1857. And after his death his allowance
 was distributed amongst his heirs.

The friendship & loyalty of my father to the
 British Government is well known.

When Sir J. Colvin Lieutenant Governor N. W. P.
 came to Delhi in 1853 or 54. He called upon my
 father, I was sent to receive him, although
 I was very young I was put down in the Durbar
 List as a Durbari.

Your petitioner now humbly begs to bring to your
 Excellency's kind notice, that in December 1857

The Government was pleased to sanction Rs 50 for my allowance per month. When I presented the Shiqqa (Deed) of Rs 150 the monthly allowance ~~was~~ granted by the above late King.

I received Rs 50 as allowance from Government for life only while my younger brother & step mother & also their children receive their full pension each in perpetuity.

I am the eldest son of my father's family and on this ground I venture to ask the favour of a grant of full account of my pay like the other members of the family. My further request is that I wish my parent allowance from 1857 upto 1887. The period for which I received no allowance whatever. If for reasons best known to Govt. your Excellency does not think it proper to do so.

I solicit your Excellency to increase my allowance to double the present amount so that I may get rid of heavy debts & destitution & get a lodging to live in with my family.

In conclusion I earnestly pray your Excellency to grant my humble request for which act of kindness & I shall ever pray.

میرزا غوث شیر عالم

