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Lieut Col. F. M. Birch

Deputy Commissioner,

DELHI.

To

Col. W. G. Davies C. S. I.

Commissioner and Superintendent,

DELHI DIVISION.

Dated Delhi the 31st October 1878

Sir,

In regard to your letter No. 1480 dated 1st Instant, to which I have now the honor to reply, I have to remark, that it is difficult to keep separate the correspondence about the personal grants to the late Mirza Ilahi Baksh, from that regarding the pensions of the late Royal family of Delhi. The whole matter requires sifting, and the Treasury Officer's replies transmitted in original, concern both —

Sifting?

2. — The answers to the questions contained in your 2nd paragraph are as follows; —

I

Of 458 pensions, all but eleven, have I
been drawn on life certificates signed
by the late Mirza ———

Periodical identification said to I A.
have taken place, in the eleven in-
stances above mentioned, last January
before Mr Pitcaithly's predecessor. ———

The money has been actually paid; —
in 86 cases to the Mirza's Agent Sham Lal
371 " to the pensioner's agents
(supported by life certificate of the Mirza)
" " " to the actual pensioners.

II
Ltr to G. Cant.
You must have 26 hours
of their looking here
Cant. ———

The grounds of my belief that some III
of the pensions have been alienated
are; the statements made before me
in Court by various indigent females
whose names are on the pension
roll, corroborated by the fact that
the large majority of pensions (371)
are drawn by the pensioner's agents,

Pensioners & loyal Family Settlement 11

Further queries of Df. - Business of Treasury W.

Please specify the number and names of the pensioners who drew their own pensions, unsupported by any certificate of the late Muza Kabilux & not by agent -

The names of the Pensioners are given in the accompanying list. The no is 11 - But this list is only for the last year - The matter is one subject to constant change - A pensioner may one year draw his pension in person & next year draw it by agent -

If these pensioners attended in person how comes it that there is no record of identification?

W. Smith
Df.

29 October 1898.

The rolls are separately endorsed as having been "Compared" - There is no other record - What was stated in reply II, previous page, was that there was no record of the "names identified" - that the names could be ascertained in a particular way by going through each roll & making

up a total - The
result, for each
separate year, would
be very defective
as all Rolls of
Pensions are re-
turned to her: Grant
as deaths occur
and Rolls are from
time to time re-
vised as soon as
the paper is filled up
by payment order
or the Roll is given
down by order -

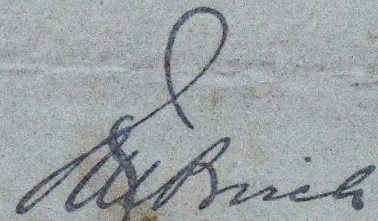
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who, according to the previous correspondence which has passed, are mostly acknowledged to be creditors.

3. — In Conclusion I recommend new pension rolls, and the attestation of the Treasury Officer, in preference to the certificate of the head of the family —

I have &c


Deputy Commissioner
— " —

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From

Lieut. Genl. Jm. Pouch
Deputy Commissioner
Delhi

No 660

D/ 31st October 1070
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(Signature)

Payment of pensions to the
family of *Amir* Thabek
Baker and other members
of the late Royal family

Furnishes reply to the ques-
tions put in his no 1480
of 1st Inst and state that
the whole matter requires deep
mg, and suggest prepara-
tion of new Rules and the
abolition of the Treasury
Office in preference to the
date of the head of the family
also encloses Treasury Office
reply in original.

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