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Progs. December **1913, Nos.** 1-3

15 **pages, with Notes.**

Subject.

Refusal of request of Abdul Salam, an Afghan refugee, for the grant of a maintenance allowance of Rs 10/- a month.

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For references to former and later cases see within the cover.

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References to former cases.

Branch, date and Nos.	Brief title of file.
~~F.B.February 13,Nos 64-66~~	
F.B.Februa[illegible] 13,Nos 64-66	Grant of a life pension of Rs 10 a mont to Salabat Jang.
F.B.May,10,Nos 66-67	Continuance to Ahmad Khan,of Rs 60 of th allowance of Rs 70,a month enjoyed by his fathe[illegible],Gul Shah Khan,on thr usual conditi of loyalty and good behaviour,and for the maintenance of the family of the decea[illegible]se.
C.B.December 08,Nos 141-142	Grant of allowances aggregating Rs.125 a year to six Ghilzai refugees residin in Baluchistan.
F.B.July ~~15x~~ 05,Nos 100-101	Intention of Go vt to extinguish the allowances to the families of deceased Afghan refugees. etc
F.B.Feby 04,Nos 556-559	Continuance to Jahandad Khan,eldest son of the late Sher Ali,of half the allowanc of Rs 60 a month enjoyed by the deceased.
F.A.November 97,Nos 92-129	Death of S Sher Ali Khan and settlement of the affairs of the deceased, etc.

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From the Govt: of Bombay.

No. 5843.

Dated 4th } October 1913.
Recd. 10th }

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{ Spare copies

Forwds. for favourable consideration, a petition from Abdul Salam, an Afghan refugee, praying for the grant of a maintenance allowance of Rs 10/ a month.

(pro no 1)

The facts of the case are stated in the Bombay Govts letter under consideration. Both the A. G. G. in Balu and the Bombay Govt. recommend that a monthly allowance of Rs 10/ may be sanctioned for Abdul Salam. It is contrary to the genral policy of Govt: to revive these allowances in favour of the Afghan refugees in India. In this connection please see the marginally noted collections.

F. B. May 1910 66/67 (slip Y)
F. B. Dec: 1908 141/142 (slip I)
F. B. July 1905 100/101 (slip T)
F. B. Feb: 1904 556/559 (slip J)

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F. B. Feb: 1913 64/66 (Secy. N)

But in special cases allowances have been given to them. The present case is a deserving one, and the allowance proposed is small. In the circumstances we may with the concurrence of the Finance Deptt. sanction the allowance of Rs 10/- to Abdul Salam.

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D.S.F.

u/o 1580 S.R. dt 28/10/13

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Finance Department.

U.O. No AR/80F dated 22-X-13.

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P.V.C.'s notes from p1 (3)

The applicant in this case is employed as a head constable in the Baluchistan Police drawing Rs. 16/- a month, and his case thus stands on different footing from that of Salabat Jang, which is cited as a precedent. A pension of Rs. 10/- a month was granted to the latter in consideration of his advanced age, physical infirmities and utterly destitute condition. These features are not present in this ~~present~~ case, and having regard to the declared policy of Government to extinguish these Kabul refugee allowances as far as possible, it seems doubtful whether the allowance proposed should be granted. If however, it is considered essential that some supplementary relief should be afforded in consideration of the applicant's birth and connections this could be done by giving him special promotion in the police, and this course may perhaps be suggested to the A.G.G.

3.11.13

Attention is invited to the first paragraph of Mr Clarke's note of 26-10-8 in Progs December 1908, Nos 141-2. Apparently the only ground for recommending the present pension of Rs10 to Abdul Salam is that his brother was previously recommended and that he is a very decent and respectable man who finds great difficulty in living in a manner befitting his birth and connections on his Police pay of Rs16.

The application of the brother never came up for consideration owing to his death, but it would doubtless have been considered on its merits like the case of

para 3 P.V.C.

* See margin of Foreign Dept note at p2 ante

* Foreign Dept. Progs B. Frontier Feb. 1913 nos 64-66 N

Cf. Mr Grant's note of 22.1.13 in progs quoted above. N/3

We are not concerned with this aspect. The A.G.G. should if asked by Government make his views known if his social position makes him a more efficient Police Officer. H.W. Dy Secy

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of Slabat Jang, who was blind of one eye, penniless and incapable of earning anything.

The other arguments adduced by Bombay would apparently result, if accepted, in a policy of reviving an allowance in favour of any claimant who considered that his connection with the family entitled him to live in better state. The matter is a small one, but it is difficult to see how this grant would not give rise to many other similar applications and nullify the policy mentioned in Mr Clarke's note, and should therefore, I submit, be resisted.

H Thuslton
5-11-13

H M

6/11.

Foreign Dept: M/O. N. R.

F.D. no. I. No: 1580-M.R., dy 7/11/13

Please supply the Finance Dept with a copy of note & Corresp.

It is for orders whether we should defer to the views of the Finance Dept. and decline to Sanction the allowance; or whether we should press for the grant of the allowance and take

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the orders of H.E. The Viceroy on the point. (The case will, in any case, have to be submitted to H.E., as, if we refuse the allowance, we shall be over-ruling a local Government).

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~~D.S.F.~~

I thought the case was rather a weak one but hesitated to negative it without reference to the ~~Secretary~~ Dept. Dept please

D. Macleagan
9.11.13

M Gee 10/11

A Draft is submitted for approval.

~~D.S.F.~~

Smith 12/11

H.E. Wood

Sent to Camp 12/11

11.11.13.

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Perhaps in any case? Sent HS.
it was necessary to trouble

D. Macleagan
12.11.13

H Wood
17.11.13.

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To the Secy to Govt, Rev Dept, Bombay
No 540 F dated the 25th Nov 13.

(pro no 2) Informs him that the Govt Govt is sorry does not consider the case to be one which deserves special consideration and he regrets that he is unable to accede to the petitioner's request.

(vide margin of page 4 of note) Finance Dept have asked for a copy of the notes & Corres: in this case. The encl below may issue.

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(pro no 3) Encl to the Finance Dept No 550F dated the 28th Nov 13.

Forwards a copy of the foregoing letter and of the letter (with enclosures) to which it is a reply.

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No. 5843 of 1913.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT;

Bombay Castle, 4th October 1913.

From

C. C. WATSON, Esq., C.I.E.,

Secretary to Government,

Bombay:

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,

Foreign Department.

J. B Dec 13 No 1

Sir,

I am directed to forward, herewith, for the favourable consideration of the Government of India, a copy of a petition, dated the 23rd December 1912, from Abdul Salam, son of Abdul Ghias Khan, an Afghan Refugee, praying for the grant of a maintenance allowance of Rs.10 a month.

2. In 1910, the then Agent to the Governor General and Chief Commissioner in Baluchistan forwarded a petition from Abdul Wahid Khan, the brother of Abdul Salam, the present applicant, and recommended an allowance of Rs. 10/- a month, out of the grant of Rs. 2,500/- sanctioned by the Government of India in their letter in the Foreign Department No. 4472-F, dated the 6th November 1897, for the dependents of the late Sardar Sher Ali Khan. However, before the Government of India could be addressed in the matter, Abdul Wahid Khan died and the question of the grant of the allowance was dropped.

F. A. Nov: 1897 Nos 92a 129 (sup. D)

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3. The present Agent to the Governor General and Chief Commissioner in Baluchistan has now reopened the question in favour of Abdul Salam. He states that although the recommendation was then made in Abdul Wahid Khan's name, it was also intended to include his brother Abdul Salam, who is at present a Head Constable in the Baluchistan Police. The Political Agent at Quetta reports that Abdul Salam appears to be a very decent and respectable man and that there is no doubt that he has great difficulty in living in a manner befitting his birth and connections on his police pay of Rs. 16/- a month. Sardar Mahomed Ali Khan, the son of the late Sardar Sher Ali Khan, also states that it is hard for a man with a family to live on Rs. 16/- per month.

4. The Agent to the Governor General and Chief Commissioner in Baluchistan had explained in 1910 that the petitioner was a Babar by caste and claimed relationship with the late Sardar Sher Ali Khan, ex-Wali of Khandahar, through his grand-father on the maternal side, who, it was stated, was the Sardar's brother-in-law. His father Abdul Ghias Khan was a camel owner. When Sardar Sher Ali Khan died, a list of dependents was prepared and recommended for pension, but the names of Abdul Ghias Khan and his two sons, Abdul Wahid, deceased, and Abdul Salam, the present applicant, were omitted from the list, because Abdul Ghias Khan, who was a servant of the late Sardar Sher Ali Khan, had left his service about 10 months or a year before the Sardar's death and proceeded to Australia, where he still resides, and his sons Abdul Wahid and Abdul Salam were too young to be shown in the list.

5. I am to enclose a copy of a statement showing the amount which lapsed to Government out of the

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grant of Rs. 2,500/- sanctioned by the Government of India and to request that, as suggested by the Agent to the Governor General and Chief Commissioner in Baluchistan, the Government of India may be moved to sanction the grant of a monthly allowance of Rs. 10/- to Abdul Salam.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Secretary to Government.

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To

The First Assistant to the Honourable the Agent
to the Governor General and Chief Commissioner
in Baluchistan.

Dated Quetta, the 23rd December 1912.

Sir,

Encl. to pro no 1

I most humbly and respectfully beg to state that my late brother Abdul Wahid Khan submitted a petition in May 1910 to the Political Agent, Quetta, praying for the continuance of a monthly allowance of Rs.25/- which my --- father Abdul Ghias Khan received from the late Sardar Sher Ali Khan owing to our close relationship with him.

After my father settled in Australia the Sardar paid the amount regularly to us but through some misunderstanding the allowance was discountinued on the death of the Sardar. All these facts have been admitted as correct by the Police enquiries instituted at the time and are -- also borne out by Sardar Muhammad Ali Khan son of the late S. Sher Ali Khan.

The Honourable Sir Henry McMahon, the then Agent to the Governor General was graciously pleased in November 1910 to address the Bombay Government on the subject and recommended the continuance of an allowance of Rs.10/- in our favour but as my elder brother Abdul Wahid Khan the -- petitioner unfortunately died in the following January the matter was not proceeded with further.

I am at present employed as Head Constable 3rd grade on a pay of Rs.16/- per mensem which is quite ---- insufficient for a bare subsistence more especially as I always lived in a respectable way. Besides, owing to my brother and father-in-law's death I am at present under a

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debt of over Rs.200/- which I was compelled to incur in meeting the expenses for the death ceremony as both of them had left nothing behind.

I, therefore, beg that in consideration of (1) the above noted facts, (2) the services rendered about the time of the Indian Mutiny by my father-in-law Resaldar Abdulla Khan in the 17th Bombay Cavalry; and (3) my attempt to prove useful in serving the Government faithfully, the allowance may kindly be continued in my favour.

My case is a pitiable one and deserves every consideration at the hands of the Authorities.

The delay in submitting the petition is partly due to my being in mourning and partly in writing and -- finding the details of the case.

I hope you will kindly excuse me for thus --- intruding on your valuable time.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- Abdul Salam.

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Amount's which have lapsed to Government out of the sum sanctioned for the late Sheralikhan's family.

Amount lapsed.	Particular's.
	Owing to death.
400	Bibi Bilquis.
50	Hyderali Khan.
45	Mother of Sardar Hafizullah Khan.
60	Another wife of Sardar Sheralikhan.
10	Inferior wife of the late Sardar.
20	Sister in law of the Sardar.
40	Sardar Khan a son of the Sardar's Paternal uncle.
50	Dost Mahomed.
8	Abdul Hak.
12	Sayad Nizam Agha.
7-8	Malik Afzal.
9	Haji Mahomed Amin.
7	Baher Farash.
5	" Arah.
3-8	Gharib.
10	Akhund Tada.
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	Owing to return to Afghanistan.
50	Atta Mahomed.
25	Safdar Ali Khan.
70	Sardar Mahomed Ayaz Khan.
70	Mother of Sardar Shah Nawaz Khan.
65	Hafizullah Khan.
25	Wife of Hafizullah Khan.
75	Sardar Sarwar Khan.
8	An old Female attendant.
3-8	Gharibis widow.
6	Ghulam Husein.
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For other reasons.

27-8	Sister of Sardar Sherali Khan- allowed half of Rs.55/- vide Government Resolution No.1682, dated 2nd March 1906 owing to marriage.
20	Nasratali Khan's daughter ---Do--- ---Rs.40 -Do.-
25	Widow of Ahmedali Khan- remarried-hence stopped.
15	Daughter of Sardar Sherali Khan ---Do.---
8	Abdul Ruf Deserted.
8	Samon --Do.--
5	Mulan Mahomed Umar's family-Pension ceased.
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Rs.1243.	

(Mulla Ali Khan) vide F. B. Feb: 1906 173-174 (Sh. W)

Sd/- A. M. Mac Millan,
Collector and Political Agent,
Afghan Refugees.

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Superintendent.

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Whether a reply is required or not } Not.

List of Enclosures Nil

HEADING:- A. R.

No. 540 F

Simla the 25th Nov: 1913

To

The Secretary to Government,
Political Department,
Bombay

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 5843, dated the 4th Oct: 1913, forwarding a petition from Abdul Salam, son of Abdul Ghias Khan, an Afghan refugee, for the grant of a maintenance allowance of Rs. 10/- a month.

In reply, I am to inform you that the Govt. in Council does not consider the case to be one which deserves special consideration and in the circumstances, the Govt. of India regrets that they are unable to accede to the petitioner's request.

I have etc.

sd. A. W. Reynolds.

Permanent Asstt. 24/11 Hdr. 25-11-13.

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Rs. BP. 24/11.
Xd. KPN.

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For approval.

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No. 530-F.

Desp'd. 28.11.13.

Copy of office note accompanies.

A copy of the foregoing letter and of the letter (with enclosure) to which it is a reply is forwarded to the Finance Dept., for information.

By order, etc.

Sd. L. W. Reynolds,

Deputy Secretary.

FOREIGN DEPT.,
SIMLA;
The 28th Nov; 1913.

LIST OF PAPERS FORWARDED.

Particulars for guidance of Issue Branch, to be filled in by Drafter.

From the Bombay Govt. No. 5843, dated the 4th Oct: 1913 (with encls).

To the Bombay Govt. No. 540-F, dated the 25th Nov: 1913.

(a) A copy of office notes from page to accompanies.

(b) A copy of office notes will follow in print.

(c) Original papers returned.

Rd. by Govt. / Rd. by H. P. Mr. } 27/11/13.

(d) Number of spare copies accompanying:

(1) Printed notes.

(2) Correspondence.

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