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Bombay, 22nd August 1913.

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Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office letters Nos. 9575/1913 and 19624/1913 dated respectively the 25th March and 14th June 1913 addressed to Mr. J.A. Simson, late Agent General in India for the British Protectorates in Africa, copies of which have been transmitted to me for my information, I respectfully beg to submit the following facts relating to the dispensation of my services consequent upon the abolition of the Bombay Agency for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.-

2. Prior to joining Mr. Simson's Office I occupied a permanent position in a local business house of repute and the only inducement to leave my former position was that I was taking up service under the benign British Government and in one of their permanent establishments.- The way in which I discharged the duties entrusted to me can be evidenced from the enclosed copy of a certificate granted to me by Mr. Simson.-

3. Having placed reliance on the permanency of my position, and on the ultimate benefits Government conferred on its servants, I had to give up more remunerative chances of outside private employment even at a time when the abolishment of the Agency had been definitely decided upon, not being permitted to seek service elsewhere till the Office was completely closed.- By remaining at my post till the last, I reasonably hoped that I would eventually be entitled to a gratuity in accordance with the Foreign Office Regulations for the Protectorates' Staff, as there was nothing in those Regulations

Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

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Regulations depriving me of the privileges.-

4. With due deference it may be pointed out that a Hamal of the Bombay Agency who voluntarily left the service in 1910 was granted a gratuity on retirement and I do not quite understand why I should not be regarded as eligible for a gratuity when my services have been dispensed with on account of abolition of Office.

5. On a kind and just consideration of the above circumstances I pray that Mr. Secretary Harcourt may be graciously pleased to sanction the award of a gratuity in lieu of my services.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

P. B. Bhattacharya

Late Clerk in the Bombay Agency  
for the British Provinces  
in Africa.

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BRITISH PROTECTORATES IN AFRICA,  
Administered by the Colonial Office,  
Apollo Street, Bombay.

Mr. Phiroshan Dhanrajji Amrucha has served in this office from the 1st November 1906 till the 31st August 1911 when his appointment took place. - He has shown himself to be a thoroughly efficient clerk, quiet, steady, well behaved, always willing, hardworking, very intelligent and honest. - I can confidently recommend him as a trustworthy member of the office. - Besides possessing general knowledge of office work he also understands accounts. - He has served in the office of the Secretary

(Signed) J. A. ...  
Agent ...  
for the British Protectorates in Africa