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No. 16. Read the following letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 21st October 1873, No. 90:—

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2. The objections which he makes have already been fully discussed, and the Act was actually placed in abeyance for several years, during which time nothing whatever has been done, either by the present Rajah or by his predecessor, to ameliorate the sanitary condition of the place. He now resorts to the old proposal to carry out conservancy himself, if vested with municipal powers. He must, however, be aware that no special powers can be granted. Most of the measures that are most essential could have been done by him in his capacity of landowner had he possessed the will and knowledge necessary. I have no hesitation whatever in saying that he has no serious intention of doing anything. When I last visited Cannanore he was hiding in his palace in order to evade service of a warrant of the Tellicherry Civil Court, and could not even take his ordinary drives. He is neglecting to pay his peishcush, and at the same time is known to be purchasing private lands for the purpose of enriching his own immediate family at the expense of his legal heirs. The latter have complained of this to me, and I have informed them that their remedy is by an application to the Civil Court in the same manner as in the case of any other misconducted managing member of a family.

3. A further grievance now brought forward for the first time is that, by the introduction of the Act, innumerable secluded females of birth are exposed to the prying eyes of the public. The streets of Cannanore are already admitted and treated as public, and there is no reason to apprehend that there will be any grievance felt on the score of invasion of privacy by the widening and opening out of some of them. The most public street of the place is that leading from the Cantonment to the Custom-house, and the Rajah's house is in this street. It is necessarily quite public, and its position in this respect will not be altered in any appreciable degree. The Rajah has just begun a new house, for the females of his own immediate family, between the old house and the street, and within a few yards of the street. Had the feeling of which he speaks existed, it is scarcely credible that, having an extensive area to select from, he should have chosen almost the most public place he could find.

4. I have in vain represented to the Rajah that the late orders of Government were only passed after the fullest discussion of the question in all its bearings; but, as he insists on this representation being forwarded to Government, I have no alternative but to forward it.

5. I have already informed Government that good progress is being made in conservancy works, and I trust nothing will occur to check this, as the result would be most disastrous.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON. THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,

Fort St. George.

The petition of grievance of SULTAN ALI RAJAH, of Cannanore.

I beg most respectfully to represent my great grievance with reference to the Orders of Government, respectively dated the 14th March and 5th July 1873.

1. As that part of the order of date the 14th March last, which states "that my house have no sanction or authority to collect tax within the Karar," has been reversed by the order of the 5th July, the latter is in consonance with the dictates of truth and reason; and, as your Excellency in Council has not been late in rectifying an error founded on misconception, I beg to tender my grateful thanks for your kind acceptance, for I am impressed with a firm belief that your Excellency in Council will not fail to award the fullest consideration to my case and redress my grievance.

2. I very much regret to learn by the first mentioned order, as well as by the *Malabar Government Gazette* of date the 6th July last, that Government were constrained to place the Karar land under the Cannanore Municipality in consequence of my having failed to attend to its conservancy. In the interview I have had with the Acting Collector, Mr. Logan, as well as in my letter to that gentleman of date the 21st April, I promised to undertake the sanitation of the Karar land on my being vested with municipal authority; and, had my proposal been accepted on that occasion, the sanitation of the above land would have 'ere this been an accomplished fact. The circumstance of Government having, without either accepting or rejecting the above proposal, saddled upon me the burden of an alleged breach of promise, and placed the Karar land under the Municipal Act, is opposed to the stipulation of the Karar, which has been respected for the last seventy-seven years, as well as to our right and title to its revenue; and I regret to add that my family are, by the above act of trespass, suffering all the pangs we would have felt had we been precipitated into the sea to perish under the waves; moreover, the above act of trespass exposes innumerable secluded females of birth and position to the prying eyes of the public, and I am unfortunately fated to witness their grief and humiliation.

The above invasion of my land militates also against the right and title I have to the exclusive management of the Karar land.

3. I am fully convinced of the necessity of maintaining the conservancy of the above land, but the giving of my consent to other than the members of my family to carry it out will tend to violate the integrity of the Karar, and render me guilty of betraying the interests of my house, and I, therefore, refrain from attempting it.

4. If Government have no other object in view than that of maintaining the conservancy of the Karar land, I beg to renew the proposal of my conducting it forthwith, as for the requisition of the Municipal Act, on my being vested with the necessary authority; and I, therefore, most humbly and submissively beg that your Excellency in Council will be pleased to award to the above proposal your most kind and liberal consideration; extend your favour and protection to an ancient family who have enjoyed the same for the last seventy-seven years; detach the Karar land from the grip of the Municipal Commissioners; and cause an early order to be passed, investing me with municipal authority to enable my undertaking its conservancy.

I remain, your Excellency's most obedient servant,

CANNANORE,
19th September 1873.

(Signed) SULTAN ALI RAJAH,
of Cannanore.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1873, No. 1617.

The Collector will inform Sultan Ali Rajah that the orders relative to the extension of municipal management over the Karar limits was passed after the utmost consideration had been shown to him and his predecessor and cannot be withdrawn.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 1 of 1873.
Dated December 7th 1872.
Read
G.O. 7th November 1872 No. 1417.
NOVEMBER
Nos. 1417.
Government Notification.—Sutlej Canal Extension.—Under the provisions of Act XXIII of 1871, the Governor General in Council has been pleased to direct that the Punjab Canals Act, 1873, shall be applied to the Sutlej Valley Canal Extension, and has been pleased to appoint Mr. Alfred Thomas Arbuthnot to be Superintending Engineer, and Mr. Alfred Edward Kennedy to be Executive Engineer.

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Malabar Collector's Office.

Calicut 21st October 1873.

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A. MacGregor Esq.

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The Hon'ble W. Huddleston.

Chief Secretary to Government

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From, No. 1935

The Collector of Malabar.

To,

The Chief Secretary to Govt.

Ootacamund.

Dated 21st October 1873.
Received 23rd

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Forwards a Memorial from Sultan Ali Rajah of Cannanore protesting against the introduction of the Municipal Act in the Kurora limits with his opinion on the subject.

Ootacamund. 7 Nov. 1873.

Mr. Sec. Gill in the Chair

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The Collector of Malabar

Govt. of [1873] Madras.

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Dated Novr 7.

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G.O. 7 Nov. 1873, No. 617.

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