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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 5th November 1858.

Read the following papers.

No. 38. The Right Honorable Lord F. T. HARRIS, Governor in Council.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Thodoovas of Ootacamund.

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH,

Permit us petitioners to bring the following few lines to your Lordship's foot-stool and mutual sensibility, stating, that after the creation of the Thodoova sex, petitioners were accustomed to sacrifice Baffaloes to their death ceremonies, which being performed from generation to generation and lived happy.

But after the hill being stationed by the Honorable Company, the usual rule of Thodoovas did continue for some period of time.

But now about nine months back, petitioners obtained an order by E. B. Thomas, Esq., that no Baffaloes should be sacrificed which all critical events attacked to the Thodoovas sex.

Some district of Thodoovas who knowing not such order, did sacrifice some Baffaloes to few death ceremonies to which the Collector of Coimbatore E. B. Thomas, fined Rupees 109, and entirely rejected the sacrificing, by which your petitioners doth sustain great losses of cattle through sickness, and dwellers decreasing by sudden death by such effect and also a less growth in our farms or field, we are suffering poverty on detaining the usual rule of Thodoovas.

Good Lord,—Your petitioners beg to say that should your Government deem such habit being against your rule of christianity, if providential instructions, we petitioners will amend such event gradually. But the full stop of sacrificing, we are suffering such by losing dwellers, family, children and distress of food and loosing cattles by sickness, which we could not suffer.

Therefore we petitioners beg your Lordship will from that christianity move and grant us the permission to the usual rule of ceremonies to perform. We beg for a favorable answer.

Petitioners beg to remain,

Your obedient Servants,

Thodoovas' Names.

BELLEY,	SOOREE,
THELLSAOOR,	KURPOOVANOO,
PETTADADEE,	YALOOVANOO,
NARAVANOO,	HALLUANOO,
BURRANOLE,	NURREEKODE,
PONNAVOONOO,	MINKOOT,
NARATHOOTHEE,	BOZREEALL,
POTHOLEE,	KATTATOO,
NURRANEN,	THAYLEE,
KULKOOTTEE,	and several individuals.

No. 2262 of 1858.

Referred to the Acting Collector of Coimbatore for report.

By Order,

Fort Saint George, 21st August 1858.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL
Dy. Secy. to Govt.

No. 39. From J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Acting Collector of Coimbatore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 9th October 1858, No. 48.

SIR,

1. With reference to the endorsement of Government on Petition No. 2262 of 1858, I have the honor to report that the cruel practice of sacrificing Buffaloes by the Todas in their

funerals, was prohibited under the orders of Government conveyed in para. 3 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated the 7th August* 1856, No. 836, Judcial Department, which were approved of by the Honorable the Court of Directors in their Despatch of the 12th August 1857, No. 12.

* "The Governor in Council considers that the custom of sacrificing Buffaloes should not be tolerated even on its present reduced scale. The Magistrate should continue his endeavours to procure the entire relinquishment of so barbarous a practice."

2. These orders were duly communicated to the Todas, and it was in those instances in which they renewed their barbarous practice in defiance of the orders of Government that the fine of 109 Rupees alluded to, was levied from them by Mr. Thomas.

3. The Petition No. 2252 of 1858, is returned herewith.

4. With regard to the request of the petitioners to be permitted to perform their usual ceremonies, I beg to state that the brutal and savage mode of sacrificing the Buffaloes, and the loss of property incurred by the sacrifice was so fully reported to Government in Mr. Thomas' letter of 25th June 1856, No. 26, that it is scarcely necessary for me to enter into any further details, than to express my opinion that the orders of Government quoted above should be made imperative under pain of punishment for an infringement of the same.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, No. 1541; dated 3rd November 1858.

The Governor in Council cannot permit the Toda practice of sacrificing Buffaloes to be resumed, but he authorizes the Acting Magistrate to remit the fine imposed by his predecessor. Mr. Cherry will inform the petitioners accordingly.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Govt.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Coimbatore
Coll^{r} Office
9th October
1858.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed^{t} Servant

(Sd) W. Cherry
Ag Collector

To
J. Pycroft Esqre
Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George.

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Endorsement 3rd Novr 1858.

Petitioners are referred to the Magistrate of Coimbatore to whom instructions have been sent on the subject of their Petition

Petition of Judicial Department
1858 DFC
Govt. Sec. Dept.
From
The Collector
of Coimbatore
To The Chief Secretary
to Government
of Fort St. George.
Dated 9th Octr 1858
Rec'd 3 Octr 1858

No. 2030

Petitioners Inclosure
Extract Petition Rec'd 22nd
of 1858 that the cruel practice
of sacrificing Buffaloes
by the Todawomen called
Tuna Thokkiliteel under orders
of Government.

Read Petitions from certain Inhabitants of Utacamund - 3 August 1858. No. 1541.
Read Letter from the Acting Collr of Coimbatore 9 Octr 1858.

We cannot permit the Toda
~~Petitioners are informed that~~
practice of sacrificing
~~by the Todas of proceedings ap-~~
Buffaloes to be resumed -
~~pended against - that he pardon~~
but he authorizes the acting Magr.
~~& disposal of buffaloes as it proceeded~~
to remit the fine imposed by
~~amongst the Todas, cannot be allowed~~.
Predecessor - Mr Cheyne will in pla
D.T. 14/10-58.

The Petitioners
accordingly -

To the Magistrate of Coimbatore
Endorsement to the Petitioners

Disp 8th
Endorsement referring petitions &
May to whom instructions have been
sent

Fort St George
3 November 1858.