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No. 69. Read the following letter from E. W. BIRD, Esq., Subordinate Judge of Ootacamund; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 4th May 1859, No. 90.

Mrs. Helen Sophia Thompson, widow of the late Lieutenant Thompson of the 15th Regiment M. N. I., died at Ootacamund, intestate on the 4th February last. Her property which consists of furniture, crockery &c., to the estimated value of about Rupees 383-14-10, is now in the Subordinate Court House in deposit under the provisions of Clause 7, Section 16, Regulation III of 1802, and no one has yet appeared to claim it as legal heir of the deceased. The Administrator General has declined to administer to this estate on the grounds that its value is below Rupees 500. The case therefore is one which falls under the provisions of the above enactment as ruled by the Court of Sudder Udalut in their Circular Order of the 12th November 1855, No. 136 E. Under Clause 7, Section 16, Regulation III of 1802, the Governor in Council is declared to have the final disposal of property such as that now in question, for which no claimant may appear and I therefore do myself the honor in submitting copy of the Inventory of the effects of the deceased to solicit permission to have the same sold by public auction to the highest bidder and the proceeds deposited in the Court cash chest to meet the demands of future cliamants. The articles in question will be liable to deterioration by keeping for the prescribed period of 12 months, and the available accommodation in this Court House is far too small to enable me conveniently to give the effects in question standing room for that lengthened period. No claims have yet been made against the estate of the deceased; but Miss King of Ootacamund who has present charge of the children of the deceased and is distantly connected with the family has requested that the few trinkets mentioned in the accompanying List may be given up to them. I request permission to comply with her application. Mr. and Miss King I would add decline to administer to this estate on the grounds that there are, they fear, heavy liabilities, for which they do not desire to be held responsible.

Inventory of the late Mrs. Helen Sophia Thompson's property at Ootacamund.

1	1	Bracelet with three stones.	7	0	0	28	1	Ring Broach		2	8	0
2	1	Broach set with a stone	10	0	0	29	1	Ring with cornelian Jane inscribed		3	8	0
3	1	Broach set with pearls and blue stones and with hair.	10	0	0	30	1	Broach of hair hearts (pinch back.)		1	0	0
4	1	Golden cross set with green stones	4	0	0	31	6	Bits of ring &c., some with stones		2	8	0
5	1	Broach of hair	5	0	0	32	1	Watch flat glass		1	0	0
6	1	Broach set with red stones (pinch beck.)	3	0	0	33	5	Tea spoons weighing	Rs. A. P. 12 15 0	9	11	3
7	1	Broach cross set with green stones	4	0	0	34	1	Desert spoon	3 14 0	2	14	6
8	1	Broach set with a pebble.	3	0	0	35	1	Mustard spoon	2 15 0	2	3	3
9	1	Do. with picture	2	0	0	36	2	Egg spoons	3 13 0	2	13	9
10	1	Locket	10	0	0	37	1	Butter knife	4 3 0	3	2	3
11	1	Do. small	5	0	0	38	1	Pap boat	7 3 0	5	6	3
12	1	Golden fish	4	8	0	39	1	Nutmeg grater	4 13 0	3	9	9
13	1	Porcelain Broach	3	0	0	40	2	Silver picks estimate value		0	4	0
14	1	Watch hook	3	0	0	41	9	Pieces of silver do		0	8	0
15	3	Shirt's studs	3	8	0	42	6	Tablespoons German silver		3	0	0
16	1	Hair chain	1	8	0	43	5	Desert spoons		2	0	0
17	1	Red Broach	0	8	0	44	2	Salt do		0	8	0
18	1	Eye glass	5	0	0	45	1	Mustard do		0	8	0
19	2	Bits of hair chain	0	4	0	46	3	Tea do		0	12	0
20	1	Ring with pearls and blue ceest	4	0	0	47	1	Marrow do		0	12	0
21	1	Do. with red stones	4	0	0	48	1	Milk ladle		1	8	0
22	1	Do. with blue stones	1	8	0	49	6	Table forks		3	0	0
23	1	Do. with old English letters carved on it	5	0	0	50	6	Desert do		2	4	0
24	2	Earrings (one broken) pinch beck	2	0	0	51	1	Almirah		35	0	0
25	1	Plain twisted ring	2	8	0	52	1	Writing table with the lock and key		7	0	0
26	2	Plain rings	3	8	0	53	1	Camp table in two pieces.		12	0	0
27	1	Ring with white stone	0	8	0	54	1	Folding chair with cushion		4	0	0
						55	1	Do. broken		1	0	0

56	1	Grass-hopper couch.....	9	0	0	98	3	Tin sauce pans of sizes ...	0 3 0
57	6	Small chairs	6	0	0	99	1	Tin coffee pot.....	1 0 0
58	1	Tea caddy with glass sugar basin	2	0	0	100	2	Tin plate cover small.....	0 8 0
59	1	Argand lamp shade broken	8	0	0	101	2	Do pots	0 4 0
60	1	Pair of candle sticks with a shade and burner	5	0	0	102	1	Brazen vuttee.....	2 0 0
61	1	Brass reading lamp.....	4	0	0	103	2	Iron tea kettles, 1 large and the other small	2 0 0
62	1	American 8 day clock with stand	8	0	0	104	1	Small Iron oven	0 8 0
63	1	Large looking glass with stand but without drawers	8	0	0	105	1	Iron night lamp.....	0 4 0
64	1	Small	1	0	0	106	2	Do. frying pans, one very old	0 8 0
65	2	Table glass ornaments.....	1	0	0	107	1	Do. bed chamber lamp ...	0 1 0
66	9	Cut tumblers.....	4	8	0	108	1	Do. spit	0 4 0
67	1	Plain tumbler.....	0	4	0	109	2	Hatchets, one large and the other small	1 0 0
68	4	Cut wine glasses.....	1	0	0	110	1	Bill hook.....	0 12 0
69	1	Salt celler.....	0	8	0	111	1	Chopper	0 2 0
70	2	Pepper canisters.....	0	4	0	112	1	Steel yard	7 0 0
71	2	Glass chimney one broken	0	4	0	113	1	Pair scales and 9 weights.	5 0 0
72	1	Lot of medicine bottles &c.	1	0	0	114	1	Iron pen and knife	0 8 0
73	1	Tea pot.....	2	0	0	115	1	Tin tray.....	0 8 0
74	1	Do.	2	0	0	116	1	Hat brush	0 2 0
75	9	Dishes of sizes				117	1	Cork screw	0 2 0
76	2	Hotwater curry dishes with covers.....				118	1	Lantern.....	0 4 0
77	2	Curry dishes with do.				119	1	Tin hat box containing species, &c., ...	0 4 0
78	1	Small do. without do.				120	1	Stone mill.....	1 0 0
79	1	Sneaker.....				121	1	Lot of cake moulds.....	0 2 0
80	1	Large jug.....				122	2	Blacking jars empty.....	0 1 0
81	2	Small do.....				123	1	Six dozen chest with empty bottles full.....	2 0 0
82	2	Small do. broken.....	10	0	0	124	1	Do. empty chest.....	0 8 0
83	8	Cups and 5 saucers.....				125	1	4 dozen chest with empty bottles.....	1 8 0
84	1	White cup.....				126		Lot of empty bottles.....	0 8 0
85	11	Hotwater plates.....				127	1	Do. of empty pints	1 8 0
86	11	Soup plates.....				128	1	Pair of spectacles.....	1 0 0
87	20	Flat plates.....				129	1	Pen knife.....	0 8 0
88	16	Plates of small and different sizes.....				130	1	Measuring tape	0 8 0
89	2	Blue pickle pots.....				131	1	Lot of music books, &c.,	1 0 0
90	1	Dozen of table knives, new	6	0	0	132	1	Tin box	0 8 0
91	6	Desert knives, new.....	3	0	0	133	2	Small wooden boxes	0 8 0
92	1	Knife 3 forks old.....	0	2	0	134	1	Grid iron.....	0 4 0
93	3	Empty china jars.....	0	12	0			Ready cash	25 4 10
94	2	Copper chaties	5	0	0	135	6	Desert knives and forks...	4 8 0
95	3	Do. pans of different sizes	5	0	0	136	2	Pairs of carvers.....	3 0 0
96	1	Tin foot tub	1	0	0			Total Co.'s Rupees.....	383 14 10
97	2	Do. canisters empty, one do. small and the other large	0	6	0				

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. W. BIRD,
Sub Judge.

No. 70. ORDER THEREON, 10th May 1859, No. 646.

Government authorise the Subordinate Judge of Ootacamund to dispose of the property of the deceased as per Inventory, and to hold the proceeds and the ready cash in deposit for the prescribed period. The trinkets referred to may be delivered to Mr. and Miss King for the use of the children of the deceased.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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The Subordinate Judge
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