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No. 36. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated London, 17th November 1859, No. 14.

I forward copy of a letter for Her Majesty's Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs with the enclosures to the same; and I have to request that you will afford me such information as will enable Her Majesty's Government to satisfy the enquiries of the Prussian Minister at this Court, and if the money referred to, be in your Treasury to make it over to the Legatee or his heirs.

From WODEHOUSE, Esq.; to Sir G. CLERK, K. C. B., &c., &c., &c., dated Foreign Office, 27th October 1859.

I am directed by Lord John Russell to transmit to you copy of a note from the Prussian Minister at this Court, requesting the assistance of Her Majesty's Government in recovering a sum of money bequeathed by a German Missionary named Jean Thierry Chrétien Clüver, who died at Tutucoryn in the year 1837, to his brother.

The first intelligence of the legacy was received after the death of the legatee by his heir Guillaume Button, and it appears from the enclosure in Count Bemstorff's note that the money was transmitted in the year 1851 to the Government of Madras.

I am to request that you will lay these papers before Sir Charles Wood and will move him to cause enquiries to be made into the matter.

From M. BEMSTORFF; to Lord J. RUSSELL, dated London, 26th October 1859.

Le Missionnaire Jean Thierry Chrétien Clüver est mort à Tutucoryn aux Indes orientales le premier Novembre 1837. Dans son testament il a légué à son frère Christophe Louis Emille Clüver la somme de 350 Roupies, et a chargé sa femme nommée exécutrice du testament de transmettre cette somme à son beau-frère en Allemagne, "si elle pouvait se procurer de ses "nouvelles." Celui ci sujet Prussien est mort en 1843 et ce n'est que son heritier et beau-fils, le nommé Guillaume Button a Folerford en Prusse qui a reçu en 1853 la premiere nouvelle de ce legs par la lettre ci-jointe en copie d'un certain M. Beauchamp, Juge à Palamcottah. Le leg en question cependant a passé selon cette lettre en 1843 après la mort de la nommée Clüver, née Frek, avec sa fortune à elle, dans les mains d'un nommé Cocq. Le legataire n'ayant pu être trouvé, le nommé Cocq a transmis le tout au Gouvernement de Madras en Decembre 1851. Après avoir fait plusieurs démarches infructueuses, le nommé Button a maintenant demandé le concours du Gouvernement du Roi afin d'être mis en possession du legs destiné à son beau-pere auquel il a succédé.

Je me trouve en consequence chargé de recouvrir à la bienveillante intervention de V. E. en la priant de bien vouloir provoquer les ordres nécessaires de la part du Gouvernement des Indes pour que les recherches nécessaires soient faites, et que le nommé Button soit mis en possession de la somme de 350 Roupies leguée à son beau-père, qui faute de connaissance du fait, n'a pu dans le temps faire valoir ses droits.

MY DEAR THOMAS,

PARAMCOTTAH, 16th June 1858.

Mr. Clüver died on the 1st of November 1837, leaving a Will in which he bequeathed to his brother 350 Rupees and constituted his widow executrix. The brother's name was Manuel Christoph Judroig Emelius Clüver resident in Germany and the widow was to forward the money, when she can get news of him, the brother.

The widow whose maiden name was Frek died on the 16th of April 1843 and all her property fell to her mother Mrs. J. W. Frek, who died on 6th August 1845. Her property seems to have fallen into M. Cocq's hands who forwarded it to Court. It consisted of ready money

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and jewels the latter were sold and the proceeds, with the cash, amounting on the aggregate to 380 Rupees and odd, were credited to Government on the — December 1851.

Believe me, &c.,

(Signed) J. B. BEAUCHAMP,

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ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1860, No. 52.

Resolved that a copy of the above Despatch and its enclosures be furnished to the Civil Judge of Tinnevely, with a request to obtain from the Principal Sadr Amin of that Zillah and submit to Government a full report on the subject of the Estate of the late Mrs. Freck. It appears from the correspondence, noted in the margin, that several parties preferred claims to it.

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Ext. Mins. Cons. 6th November 1849, No. 721,
and 27th idem, No. 778.*

Copies of the Despatch and of its enclosures will also be forwarded to the Accountant General, and Administrator General and they will be requested to state whether they can afford any information upon the subject.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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