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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
16th December 1862.*

No. 161. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Political Department,
dated 10th December 1862, No. 493.

Observing that the Proprietor of the Vizaga-
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title of } (Vide Proceedings Political Department, dated
the addition of His } 10th December 1862, Nos. 25 & 26.)
Highness cannot be permitted in official cor-
respondence.

No. 162. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1862, No. 2,051.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Police.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

PROCEEDINGS

Read the following letter from the Honorable T. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, dated Vizagapatam, 23rd October 1862, No. 879.

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(Extract Revenue Department, June 1848) to register him a salute of 15 guns (as now the Division is entitled) on

5. As to the title His Highness, origin of it, though On one occasion in Government was ascertained that it had not been received by But it has been conceded frequently

notably and very recently in the Order in the Public Works Department, dated 22nd September last, No. 2,271, giving cover to copy of the highly complimentary Despatch from the Government of State with reference to the Jeypore Road. The title of "Rájá" however has never been adopted, and not unfrequently "Mahárájá" has been adopted. The title is contained in the vernacular form of address in use in this Office, and is the name by which the great Vizianagaram Zemindar is universally known throughout the District. We have more than one title allowed by Government in the Agency Rules, XXVI, Clause 3, but only one Far away, in the title "Mahárájá" Jeypore.

6. If this Native Nobleman is to be addressed in future solely "Viziana-grum" in English correspondence, I apprehend it is clear, from what has been said, that it will be a sudden derogation of courtesy; if the Government in the order "His Highness the Rájá" advisedly, I had no need to refer the but with the opposite order before me of 1857, it is my duty to transmit the Rájá's title determined whether that title, or the completer form of "His Highness the

be used by officials who have occasion to correspond with the Raja, *namely*, in English. In non-official life, there will be no escape from "His Highness the Mahārāja" because the Rāja always styles himself so.

From the MAHARAJAH of Vizianagram; to D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Agent to the Governor, Fort Saint George, dated Vizianagram, 18th Oct.

In 1860 a dispute arose between the villagers of Kotepilly belonging to my Samustanum in the Godaveri District and the Ryots of the Government village of Kotta also in that District regarding the land in the river Godavari. I was then in the District and I passed between myself and the Collector on the subject. Mr. Purvis in the District Office at the time addressed to me as usual "His Highness the Rajah of Vizianagram" and the correspondence had to be sent to the Board of Revenue, who in disposing of the dispute referred to the use of the terms "His Highness" in the future; and have also written to you to do so in that style.

I beg to bring to your notice that it is a notorious fact that my ancestors were formerly almost like Sovereigns of these Districts, and the Nizam's Government then the ruling power conferred on my Great-grand-father, the then Maharajah of Vizianagram, the titles of "Meerjah and Munna Sultan," terms synonymous with "Prince" and "Rajah of the Hill Tracts," and the British Government ever since their assumption of the country have recognized and continued the same, and we were honored with a salute of 19 guns whenever visiting the chief Civil and Military authorities at Waltair; such being the case it is not, I presume too much for me to expect or out of place for the Government to continue the use of the titles of "His Highness."

The style is not a new one but one that has been always adopted. I may safely say for a century and more by every European authority, and also by other gentlemen in general with me, my father or grandfather.

Unfortunately I have not many papers to bear out my assertion as to the antiquity of the use of these titles, but such as have been left I beg to forward for your perusal. Your records no doubt will afford you more evidence of what I say than I can ever be able to produce.

It is not my province to expatiate on the good services rendered to the State and to the country in general by me and my ancestors from time to time. History, the records of Government, and the local and controlling authorities, and the people, all bear testimony to this fact.

I therefore ask that you will lay this my request before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the usual forms of address hitherto observed for more than a century be continued.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Agent to the Governor.

ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1862, No. 493.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that the Government have not been in the habit of addressing the proprietor of the Vizianagram Zemindary as "His Highness," and that in the Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated the 28th July 1857, the practice which appears to have obtained in the District of Vizagapatam of addressing him by that title was discontinued. In the Proceedings of Government in the Department of Public Works, dated the 22nd September last, the title in question was given apparently by inadvertence. In strictness the title of Zemindar is unquestionably the proper title of the proprietor of the Vizianagram Estate.

2. But as the Acting Agent observes the proprietor of this Estate is in a different position from ordinary Zemindars, and in granting him a salute the Government have recognized

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Communicated to the
Inspector Genl. of Police.

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With an Order.

The Inspector Genl. of Police, 3rd Decr 1862