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No. 23. From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Commissioner of Tanjore ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Negapatam, 16th November 1857, No. 251.

SIR,

14*th November* 1857. Adverting to the statement made in the annexed copy of a communication to my address from Ry. Succaram Sahib, husband of the late daughter of the late Rajah of Tanjore.

I deem myself bound to become the medium of submitting to Government, the accompanying Memorial in triplicate to the Honorable Court of Directors which has been forwarded to me by Ry Succaram Sahib.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,
Commissioner.

From RY. SUCCARAM SAHIB ; to H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Acting Resident Tanjore, dated 14th November 1857.

SIR,

Sic in orig.
(*Signed*) *H. D. P. Comr.*

At an interview I had the honor to have with the Governor during my recent visit to Madras, His Lordship was kindly pleased to forward any Memorial I might wish to address to the Honorable the Court of Directors.

I therefore request you will forward with your kind recommendation to the Government of Madras the accompanying cover containing a Memorial in triplicate, copy of which is herewith sent for your information.

(Signed) RY. SUCCARAM SAHIB.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,
Commissioner.

From RY. SUCCARAM SAHIB ; to the Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 14th November 1857.

SIR,

With reference to the permission granted to me by His Lordship while at Madras, I beg to forward herewith in Triplicate a Memorial to the address of the Honorable the Court of Directors, which I request you will lay before his Lordship in Council.

(Signed) RY. SUCCARAM SAHIB.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, No. 1006 ; dated 1st December 1857.

Ordered that the Memorial received with the foregoing letter be transmitted to the Honorable the Court of Directors, together with the previous correspondence on the subject to which it relates.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

To The Right Honorable
The President and Member
of the Honorable the Court of
Directors of the East Indi
Company — London.

The humble Memori
of Ry Saccaram Row Mothe
Ambirraik Sahib, son in law
of the late Seerajee Moharajah of
Tanjore —

Most respectfully Sheweth.

That Memorialist fully impressed with the benevolence, humanity, and sense of justice for which Your Honorable Court have always been famed, is emboldened to present this Address to Your Honorable Court, in the confident hope that the same will be taken into favorable consideration, and the prayer thereof granted to him —

1 — That Memorist is the descendant of an ancient Royal Family, and is on the maternal side closely related to his late Highness of Tanjore While Memorist was Young the late Rajah took a written stamped Agreement from his parents by which the latter relinquished in favor of the former all their natural rights in him — His Highness had the utmost care bestowed on

Brenoot training and education and invested him with the Poonool and waist string, and being highly satisfied with his qualities mental and personal, selected him from other Youthful candidates to be his son in law and gave him the hand of his elder daughter and to draw the ties of affinity still closer, the Rajah made Brenoot his Gurgavoy son in law which according to Hindu Law means one who always lives in his Father in law's house and is considered in the light of his natural born lawful son, and the heir to all his rights and privileges, and in the event of a son being afterwards born to the Rajah, he is entitled to 1/2 of the property, and is in accordance also with immemorial and unalterable usage. Some time after that event, the Rajah being confirmed in the good opinion he had already formed of Brenoot further delegated to him the administration of and conduct of the affairs of the Palace and the Raj and instructed the Queen Dowager and Princess to attend to his advice and guidance, and thus constituted him Viceroy and also entrusted to his care his Royal Seal and the Treaty entered into between the Honorable Company and his late Highness Serfojee Boharajah—

2— That to give greater effect to the dignity with which he had invested him, the Rajah authorized Brenoot to wear all the insignias of Royalty equally with himself, and on the occasions of the visits of the Governors and Residents and other respectable European Gentlemen, he was treated with the same consideration as his Highness, and when questioned by the Residents Mr. Kindersley and Sir H. C. Montgomery on the subject, His Highness intimated to them that it was from his own choice, he had delegated to Brenoot the administration of the affairs of the Raj, and that he had made him his lawful heir, and also in reply to a Despatch of the Honorable Court of Directors sent thro' the Gov & Sir H. C. Montgomery Bart reported that the Rajah of Tanjore had informed him that Brenoot and his wife were his only heirs at that time—

3— That further when the late and present Governors of Madras visited the Rajah the latter put Brenoot's hands into theirs and recommended him to their protection and support after his own and by that act indicating the important position in which he stood with regard to the Brenoud, Brenoot was in short treated by all ranks and classes in the same light as the Rajah. there being no difference between them with the

exception that the latter alone sat upon the Musnud

4 — That to show he was not unworthy of all the rights, titles, and privileges thus conferred on him Memost endeavoured to the best of his ability to conduct the affairs of the State thus entrusted to him with due Zeal, prudence, and justice — at the same time subserving the interests of the British Govern^t. on all occasions cordially and heartly co-operating with the Residents from Col M C Lean down to Messrs. Forbes and Cherry, seeking and availing himself of their advice whenever he found it necessary. The above facts, which are only a part of what could be brought forward will be amply testified to by Messrs. Forbes and Cherry and the Serestadar of the Residency, and can also be fully proved by the Records of the Palace and Residency — That Memost having in this manner been regarded and honored, it was his late Highness's earnest wish that the title, dignity and honors, he had conferred on Memost should receive the complete and full recognition of the Govern^t. and expressed his sentiments to M^r. Bishop the then Resident — That Gentleman fully approving of the same, recommended the matter strongly to the consideration of the Govern^t. —

5 That when M^r. Forbes was appointed Commissioner to carry into effect the annexation of the State and to settle the affairs of the Palace, Memost consistently with the course of Policy he had always pursued acted in the interests of the Honorable Company and by his personal influence and exertions prevented any display of popular feeling which such a Measure was calculated to arouse — He removed all obstacles from the path of that Gentleman and thus made himself obnoxious to the people who regarded him with feelings of the deepest hatred and detestation, as well also to the other members of the Royal Family — Undeterred by these manifestations Memost has continued to pursue the same course regardless of the consequences the interests of the Honorable Company being uppermost in his thoughts —

6 — That when M^r. Forbes was about to return to Madras when he was appointed Secry to Gov^t. he was pleased on the occasion of Memost informing him that he had addressed a Petition to Gov^t. to commend the Zeal he had evinced and to express the value he entertained of Memosts services and assured him at the same time that the Gov^t. would not fail to show their due appreciation of Memosts services —

7 — That after Memost arrived at the

Years of discretion, he after mature and deep reflection resolved in the course of conduct he has ever since pursued in relation to the Honorable Company, who have always shown themselves ready to extend their powerful protection to those who have proved themselves faithful and loyal as is proved by many and numerous examples - It will be suffecient to instance the case of the Tondaman of Poodoocottah whose services were properly rewarded by the Govt. From his Youth upwards Memoot has always looked to the Rajah and the Honorable Company for protection - the former having departed this world, he is constrained to put his whole trust in the Honorable Company as his sole support and stay —

8 — That the above rather lengthened detail is but the necessary elucidation of the grounds under which Memoot has ventured to submit this address to Your Honorable Court, and has thus been compelled to engross a great part of your valuable time and attention, but not more he trusts than the importance of the case demands —

9 — That the grounds under which Memoot prefers his claims are that he was not only the late Rajah's son in law, but by the title of Garjavoy he was constituted his lawful heir in the event of the demise of the former without male issue, to give full effect to which he entrusted the administration solely into his hands invested him with all the necessary honors, and dignities and the insignias of Royalty, intimated the same to the Residents of Tanjore and caused him to be treated by all classes with the same marks of respects as were due to himself - All these privileges, rights, and dignities could only have been bestowed on Memoot as one who was the Rajah's lawful successor, and moreover on the death of his late Highness his funeral rites were performed under the direction of Memoot and Mr. Forbes also at that time Resident directed that all affairs of the Palace, as well as the Queen and Ranees &c. should continue to be under Memoot's authority - In this manner recognizing him as the heir to the Raj and it is also the custom in Travancore and other native States for the Veceroy to succeed the Rajah on his demise —

10 — That His late Highness having died without male issue Memoot most respectfully urges upon the consideration of Your Honorable Court that he has every right and lawful claim to the Masnud and most humbly entreats Your Honorable Court will take the same favorable and just view of his case and issue the necessary orders to the Supreme Govt. for giving effect to his claims by placing him on the Masnud, where he trusts his conduct will be such that Your Honorable Court will have no cause for regret in having thus humanely accorded to him the prayer of this Address —

11 — That Memorist begs further to mention that the late Rajah treated him with greater respects and considerations than were shown towards himself by his father the late Highness Serfojee Moharajah — From all of the above facts, it will be evident to your Honorable Court that Memorist's title is clear, valid, and indefeasible, and he looks to your Honorable Court to exalt him and make him a Monument of your justice and benevolence and enable him to protect the inhabitants of a Raj that has always been faithful to the Govt. That in conclusion Memorist would beg to remind your Honorable Court that in the Treaty executed between the Honorable Company and the late Serfojee Rajah it is stipulated that the Raj should never become extinct.

14th Novr. 1857
Tanjore

And Memorist as in duty bound will ever pray —

Rj Tavarani Sahib

No. 1006.

Ordered that the Memorial received with the foregoing letter be transmitted to the Honble the Court of Directors, together with the previous correspondence on the subject to which it relates.

Fort St. George
1st December 1857

To the Comr of Tanjore — Dispd 5th