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READ—again letter from the Acting Commissioner of Tanjore, dated 2nd May 1857.

READ—also the following papers:—

From the Hon'ble Company's Solicitor, dated 10th June and 30th November 1857, Nos. 319 and 697.

From the Acting Resident at Tanjore, dated 27th August 1857, No. 451.

NO. ORDER THEREON, No. 1046; dated 15th December 1857.

In the foregoing letter, the Commissioner reports on the past and recent position of the Choultries managed by the late Rajah of Tanjore, and proposes certain modifications in the system, with other suggestions.

2. On the appointment of a Commissioner to Tanjore, the Government observe; the Lands, Rents and Produce which form the income of these Institutions, were attached, as a temporary arrangement, and a scrutiny was ordered of the Accounts for the last five years. On the receipt at Tanjore of the injunction of the Supreme Court, forbidding "all interference with the real and personal property of the late Rajah," the Collector withdrew his attachment. Orders, however, were subsequently passed by Government instructing the Collector to re-assume the management of these endowments, the alienation of which, it was observed, had been absolute and unqualified, and for the administration of which there were no existing means of supervision, no Dharmakurtahs having at any time been appointed.

24th December 1856.

Ext. Min. Con. 26th January 1857.

3. Such Allowances in Money and Grain as were made by the late Sevajee Rajah continue to be made, and the Produce of the Land and the Money Rents heretofore set aside for these Choultries are still paid by the Collector. Mr. Phillips, however, has submitted this report in justice to the interests of Government in order that it may be determined whether the Charity Allowances as paid by the late Rajah do not admit of some modifications.

Paras. 75–6.

4. As to the history of these Choultries, it appears that their endowments formed no exception to the Article of the Treaty of 1799 by which all Revenue control and management was vested in the Government of Fort St. George. In the following year, however, it was, with reference to the Rajah's "ease and comfort" *inter alia* conceded, that, "the Palaces, Gardens and Chuttrums belonging to the Rajah, and the Gardens and Bazaars appropriated to the Houses of Charity of the Queens shall be held under their respective authorities." Under this concession, no interference has been exercised by the Officers of Government. The Board of Revenue, in whom, since the enacting of Regulation VII of 1817, the General Superintendence of such Institutions is vested, have had the question before them, their latest order on the subject is dated the 18th April 1853. They are there found instructing the Collector, who had represented that any severe scrutiny would be highly distasteful to the Rajah, that His Highness' management should not be harshly interfered with, it being sufficient to see that the Funds generally were appropriated in a proper way.

Chief Secretary to the Resident, 5th July 1800.

5. As long as the Widows of Tooljajee were alive, H. H. Serfojee Rajah was careful to allow those Ladies to manage, according to the stipulation above mentioned, the "Charity Houses of the Queens" referred to. He then entered the endowments in the names of his own Wives. As to the *management*, however, this has always, since the death of Tooljajee's Widows, vested in the Reigning Rajah. It was so during the Reign of the late Sevajee, with one trifling exception in the case of his first Wife, now deceased Sydemba Boyee. In a word, whatever Ladies' names were

entered in the Dufters, they have not had "the least concern in the control of the several Charities, in the distribution of the funds belonging to them, or in the realization of the Revenue by which they were supported."

6. The number of the Choultries is (22) twenty-two in all. Of these 14 are termed "old," as having been founded anteriorly to the accession of Serfojee Rajah to the Musnud (A.D. 1798), and 8 "new," as founded subsequently to that event. The founders in almost every case have been Females; Members of Rank in the Families of the late and former Rajahs.

The *object* of the Institutions is, to afford food and shelter to Pilgrims, and food to Beggars and other needy persons resident in the neighbourhood. In many cases the Funds have been misapplied, to the benefit of influential parties, not actually in want.

The *income* is derived partly from Land and Taxes on Bazaars, and partly from Allowances in money and grain.

7. To go into detail. Some (five) have no endowments of any kind, and are maintained by allotments of portions of the Revenue of others.

In Fusly 1265, the income from all sources came to Rs. 1,31,549–1–11. To this should be added Rs. 18,870–3–0; the interest annually due on certain deposits of money and loans made to the Rajahs by the founders, in some instances. This sum however has never been paid, so that with it and the amount of the *Mohturfa* of eight villages transferred to the Rajah by the Government in the year 1822, and likewise never disbursed, the sum due by the late Rajah to the Choultries, reaches, without interest, the sum of Rupees 4,09,262–2–0.

Para: 32.

8. The endowments in *land* comprise 140 entire villages or 'gardens,' as some are styled, and portions of 18 other villages, a kind of grant termed "Pogul." The area of the whole is 13,992 *valies*, a *valy* being equivalent to $6\frac{5}{7}$ acres; of this 5903 *valies* are *layac* or fit for the plough, and the rest is (*a*) Perumboke (*b*) Anâdi Bunjer or 'Immemorial Waste' and (*c*) Enams.

In Fusly 1265 the Jummabundy amounted to Rupees 99,125–13–4, a trifle under the average. Under the Rajah's management, there existed a vicious custom of encumbering the Accounts by debiting, each year, to the Merasidars and Ryots sums which it was never intended to claim and which should properly have been remitted. These *old* arrears, at the close of Fusly 1264, reached the sum of Rupees 2,08,958. The amount is irrecoverable, and the Commissioner has the sanction of Government for writing it off.

9. The expenditure of the Choultries for Fusly 1265 amounted to Rupees 1,49,857–5–9. This was met out of the current receipts, which came to Rupees 1,59,043–10–4. There is, besides, a balance of Rupees 1,07,123–1–7 in favor of the Institutions.

The expenditure above specified is nearly double the average of the last five years. This is accounted for by the fact that there have recently been paid off large arrears due for salaries and supplies. The poor too have had their wants better attended to, than under the old *regime*. The price of grain moreover has been high, and one or two merely nominal items credited to the Charities have been struck out.

10. The establishment is of two classes; the Dimmut or that at Head Quarters and that for the Out-stations. The former comprises 22 persons at a salary of Rupees 113–12–0 per mensem. The latter 798 at an expense in money, of 1776–10–0, and in Grain, Rupees 53–5–0. Over all is the Sirkele, who procured his orders direct from the Rajah.

10. Having stated these general details, the Commissioner proceeds to give his views as to the future disposal of these Institutions, basing his recommendations on a consideration of the means of each Choultry, the requirements of the vicinage and other such points.

Para: 46.

11. In Tanjore itself there are four Choultries. A. The "Ahalya," designed in honour of the Avoo Sahiba. The building is unfinished, and a garden set apart for its endowment is appropriated to a neighbouring Pagoda. There seems to be no objection to offering the Queen Dowager liberty to finish the building, and Her Highness would then manage the proceeds of any endowment she might make.

Para: 47.

Should this offer be declined, an estimate of the cost of constructing the edifice should be procured from the Civil Engineer, and Government will consider the propriety of finishing it themselves. In any case, the garden must be taken from the Pagoda, to which it does not belong.

B. and C. The North and East "Strayaree" Choultries. Mr. Phillips' proposal to incorporate these two into one Choultry, the North is approved. The income proposed, Rupees 3,500 per annum, appears a fair calculation. It is understood that a fine square tank adjoining the North Stayaree Chuttrum is still unfinished and that an estimate for its completion was called for from the District Engineer by Mr. H. Forbes. If not yet furnished it should be again called for and the work proceeded with out of the general Chuttrum Fund if its expense cannot be defrayed out of the income now appropriated to these two Strayaree Choultries.

D. The Santeanna Montapa Annadana Choultry. This is very conveniently situated for travellers and others. It is a mile and half from the Town, on the South side of the Vermar. Means should be taken to restore the Charity to proper objects; at present it is monopolised by the Brahmins of the neighbourhood. Mr. Phillips recommends that it be enlarged and endowed with Rupees 4,200 a year. This sum being assured, the land might be resumed. With regard to the proposed enlargement he should obtain an estimate and if the cost would not be excessive it may be proceeded with as above ordered in the case of the Strayaree tank.

12. The Choultry at Sooroocottah was built by the late Rajah in honour of his concubines, and is termed 'Mangalavadam.' There is no endowment, but part of the revenues of the North 'Strayaree' Choultry at Tanjore is devoted to it. Mr. Phillips would make it over to the parties who as abovementioned are personally interested in it. They have means and will probably endow it handsomely. This is approved.

13. There are two Choultries at Poodoo Agraharum. As the town of Trivady, which has no lack of Choultries is close by, the Commissioner suggests it will not be necessary to maintain these two. The garden forming the endowment yields annually Rupees 229–9–4. The Commissioner would apply this to keeping the building in repair, and in maintaining a Calivêndru or water Pandal during the hot months. This may be done or the building sold, under the provisions of Sec. IV and XV of the Regulation.

14. The Ardangy Choultry in Puttoocottah. As this is no longer of material convenience to the public, it may be sold; or it might be given over to the person who claimed the wardenship in the time of the Rajah, provided he agrees to keep it in repair.

15. Deducting the five it is proposed to discontinue, there are 13 which require no direct official aid. The three others and the Mooctumpapoor Charity require separate notice.

Mooctumpa was a favorite concubine of Rajah Serfojee. In her honour the Rajah founded this Charity, which in 1827, at the earnest request of the Rajah, was endowed by the Government with the *beriz* of 4 villages, or Rs. 6,293–7–2 per annum. To this should be added the interest of a large sum which the Concubine bequeathed to the King for the purposes of the Charity. This interest however has never been paid. The Government concur with the Commissioner that there is no necessity for their adding any thing to the resources of this large Charity. The Rajah, it is observed, himself gave 15 villages.

16. The Rajacumara Boyee Choultry has a land endowment of Rs. 636-7-4, and the sum deposited with the Rajah by the Boyee was 33,000 Rs. The Government approve of a sum equivalent to 5 per Cent. on that amount, or Rs. 1,650, being disbursed to this Choultry.

17. This Sum *plus* the sums sanctioned for two of the Choultries in Tanjore itself, gives a total of Rs. 9,350 to be borne annually by the State, in lieu of the ready money and grain heretofore (though very irregularly) disbursed by the Rajah. From the Table appended to the report it appears that the total value of the endowments will hereafter stand at Rupees 1,09,696-7-6 per annum.

18. The Commissioner calls attention, to a system allowed by the Rajah, under the name of *Vasaent*. This consisted in permitting various parties to borrow sums from the balances at the credit of the Choultries. The outstanding amount of these Loans is no less than Rs. 54,807-15-9. There are also arrears of pay to the Establishment of Rupees 66,910-4-7. The Governor in Council agrees with the Commissioner, that, with reference to these two items, it will be quite sufficient if his superintendence begins from the date of the charities falling into his hands.

19. The Commissioner, (para: 73,) proposes keeping on as a "Choultry and Devastanum Cutcherry" certain of the persons who were employed in the time of the late Rajah in his Chuttrum and Devastanum Dimmut, the aggregate amount of their Salaries not being in excess of the sum of Rupees 240 per mensem, or Rupees 3-15-8 below the sum hitherto paid on that account. This is clearly inadequate for any other than a temporary arrangement. The Government have referred to the Honorable Company's Solicitor in respect to the future management of these Institutions, and that Officer has laid before them the opinion given on the subject by the Advocate-General. Mr. T. Sydney Smyth, deems it "equally competent to the Government to direct that these Charities shall be managed in future by the Local Officer, whether styled Collector or Commissioner, with such establishment as Government may authorize, or to order the Board of Revenue to assume the superintendence of them and to manage them under the provisions of Act, VII of 1817. The question appears to him one of convenience and expediency rather than of law, the latter course would perhaps be found the most convenient and best calculated to assure uniformity, and would most clearly mark the intention of Government to regard and maintain them as public charitable endowments." Mr. Smyth considers the provisions of Regulation VII of 1817, sufficiently large to apply to the present case.

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Chuttrums	86	12	0
Devastanum	157	3	8
	243	15	8

20. Under this opinion the Government decidedly think that the Regulation in question should at once be acted on as regards these Charities, and they resolve to direct the Board of Revenue immediately to assume charge of them and to administer them through the Collector as their Local Agent. The Board, to whom these orders will be communicated through the Revenue Department, will report to Government through that Department, the arrangements which they may make and establishments which they may sanction for the purpose.

21. The Commissioner will inform Avoo Sahibah, in reply to her Memorial of the 26th August last, that the Choultries to which it relates were public charitable Institutions which were under the superintendence of the late Rajah of Tanjore during his life: on his death they have come under charge of Government by whom they have been made over, together with their endowments, to the Board of Revenue to be managed by that body under the provisions of Regulation VII of 1817. Against any orders passed by the Board she can, if she sees fit, proceed by Civil Suit under Section XIV of the same Regulation.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT.

To the Revenue Department.
" Commissioner of Tanjore.
" Accountant-General.
" Civil Auditor.

10 June

No. 319

From The Honorable Company's Solicitor

To The Acting Chief Secretary to Government &c

June 10th 1857.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the Extract from minutes of Consultation noted in the margin and to advise that no notice be taken of Mr Norton's letter (as agent for Avoo Sahiba) to the Commissioner of Tanjore, under date the 11th ultimo.

I consider that the course pursued by the Commissioner of Tanjore with respect to the lands in question (as explained in his letter to Government of the 18th ultimo No 178) was warranted by the opinion of The Advocate General of Bengal under date the 5th December 1856.

In the event that the Commissioner of Tanjore sees no objection to a copy of this opinion being furnished to Avoo Sahiba, I do not deem it necessary to trouble Government with any further remarks on the subject.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

J. Norton

Advocate

Re Mr/C dated 28th May 1857 No 404 Political Department

Duplicate.

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I observe that the Commissioner of Tanjore is in possession of a Copy of this opinion.

Under these circumstances I do not deem it necessary to trouble Government with any further remarks on

in P/C dated 25 May 1857 — No 404 Political Departt —

P. & L. Dept. Encl. to Desp. to Bengal
No. 1800 Rec'd 3 Oct

11-8-94.
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Encl. to Govt. Ltr. dated 10 June 1857
Rec'd 1857
Political Department
No. 1857
Letter from the Solr. to the Govt.
dated 10th June 1857
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Know all Men that we the Undersigned Inhabitants of Tanjore do hereby declare that we have received a Copy of the Opinion of the Advocate General of Bengal dated the 5th December 1856 and that we are willing to abide by the same and to be bound by the Terms thereof. (Signed)

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Copy Opinion

These Chuttrums appear to be public Charitable institutions, supported by Revenues long since dedicated for their maintenance, and from Mr Phillips's Report it appears (Para 21) that the late Rajah of Tanjore during his life had the sole superintendence and control of both the Chuttrums and their Revenues, and the East India Company having assumed possession of the Tanjore Country as devolving on them by escheat on the Rajah's death, these Chuttrums and their revenues are now in the hands of Government represented by their Commissioners.

In this state of things it appears to me to be equally competent for the Government to direct that these Charities shall be managed in future by the local Officer or the City Collector or Commissioners, with such establishment as Government may authorize, or to order the Board of Revenue to assume the superintendence of them and to manage them under the provisions of Act VII of 1817. The question appears to me one of convenience and expediency rather than of law, the latter course would perhaps be found the most convenient and best calculated to ensure uniformity, and would most clearly mark the intention of Government to regard and maintain them as public charitable endowments.

The Chuttrums and their endowments being now actually in the hands of Government I doubt the bearing to Section V of the Act VII of 1817 whether the case be exactly such a one as that Act.

Act contemplates, which seems to me to have been rather one where such charities were not in the hands of Government or its Officers, but in those of private individuals. Still looking to the general purview of that Act, and sections 1. 2. and 5. its provisions seem to me sufficiently large to apply to the present case.

As for the details of the changes suggested by Mr Phillips, those must I conceive be left to the judgment of the Officer on the spot. What the law requires is that the revenues dedicated to the support of Charitable institutions shall be expended on them in a way as near as possible to the expressed or presumable intentions of the Founder and that no unnecessary changes shall be made unless such as there may be fair grounds to suppose he would approve of, if alive.

Nov. 28/57.

(Signed) Thos Sydney Smyth
Advocate

(True Copy)
C.M. Boyston
Revenue Solr

Pol. Sir to Eng. 22 April
No 15 of 1858 - Paras 3 (a)

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in the mode of management were made -
This I have accordingly done. -

I now beg leave to return all the papers
which accompanied the Extracts from
Minutes of Council therein above noted, together
with the before mentioned Copy of the Ld. Advocate Generals opinion, and do.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
J. M. Boyson
Hon. Capt. Sole

Pol. Dept. to Govt. 22 April
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Solicitor. — 697.

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No. 523. 4 July last, forwarding
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on the question of the ma-
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Dronpudamba poorum Chutrum in the village of Inum made good, entered in the Pattavattah		Built by the late Bonpude bayee sahib wife of the said Pretap Sing late		1764. The Cirkar enquires it since 1809.	7	16	59	73.99	3	4	"

Mungalamaganum Chitrum in the garden of Sooriattah in Trivadi Taluk	Constructed by the late Serfojee Rajah in 1839	Cirkar from the beginning	"	"	"	"	"
Veeraya Sahidamba Teertha in the Eastern gate of the Fort attached to its territory.	Established Charity in it, by the late Serfojee Rajah in 1839	Cirkar from the beginning	"	"	"	"	"
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Sahidumba poorum Chuttrum in the garden of Soorakottay attached to Trivady Talook	Built by Sahadumba boye the grand mother of Surfojee Rajah rajah in 1838	Management of the Cirkar from the beginning	184	9	3	10
Matostry Akillamba Chutrum in the garden of Tennantten Curray attached to Trivady Talook	Built by the late Serajee rajah in the name of his Brother the present Akilla boye said in 1833.	Superintending of the Cirkar from the beginning	15	12	10	5
Soubaguady Rajcoomra boye Ummagy Rajas Chuttrum in the garden of Soorakcoatta in Trivady Talook.	Constructed by the Cirkar in the name of S. Rajcoomra boye the daughter of Surfojee Rajah in 1834.	Enquiry of the Cirkar from the beginning	15	3	78	5
Sreemut Terrumanum Sawmy draw Soorjoee which is out of the northren gate of the Fort of Tanjore attached to its territory.	Built by the late Serajee Rajah in 1839	Cirkar enquires from the beginning	2	10	1	1

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[illegible] Chuttrum of the Trinity Talook		1849.				
Puyanda Mahamba poonnu Chuttrum in the said village of Trinity Talook	Built by Ammanthoye Ilyanmma grandmother of the said Pothumthoye Rabil in 1822	Circar pagoda from 1822	2	1	24	60
Poyil Tot Amachchum in the village of Trinity Talook	Constructed by the late Judge Rajah Vinaya long since	Circar pagoda from the beginning	1	12	88	236
Mullaven Chuttrum in Mullaven village of Kattalam Talook	Built by Cheriya Ammathoye of Rajathoye grandmother of the late Rabil wife of Judge Rajah in 1756.	Circar pagoda from 1809.	27	5	69	587
New Chuttrum in Ramaswaram	Constructed by Ancestors Boundary in 1797.	Circar pagoda from 1797	"	"	"	"
Mookkumba poonnu Chuttrum in Trinity Talook	Built by the late Surfojee Rajah in the name of Mookkumba Taboye in 1852.	Circar pagoda from the beginning	986	19	17	2430.

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Rajasamba poonnu Chutrum in the Village of Dauraswinnum in Cumbaconnum Talook	Constructed by Raja subuy great Avoo sahib wife of the late Tulja rajah in 1772.	Cirkar enquires from 1809.	12				
Sobutchnaumba poonnu Chutrum in the Nelangulum village attached to Puttucotta Talook	Built by Subutchnaubuy saib wife of the late Tulja Rajah in 1785	Cirkar's inquiry from 1799.	12		"	"	01
Aroondaugy Chutrum of Puttoocotta Talook		Cirkar	"				
Rajacoomraumba poonnu Chutrum in the Memorial of Puttoocotta Talook	Constructed by Rajcoomraubuy saheb wife of the late Tulja rajah in 1777.	Cirkar from 1849.	1234				
				"	"	2	3
Mahanaumba poonnu Chutrum in the Rajah muddum village of Puttoocotta Talook	Built by Mahaumbuy saheb the little Avoo Saheb wife of the late Tulja Raja in 1784	Cirkar from 1849	66	9	18	64	1647

Mahadavaputtunum Choultrum in the Mahadavaputtunum village of the Manargoody Talook	Constructed by Unnam boya sahib mother of the said Pretap sing before 1763	It is in the Cirkar's enquiry since 1799	59	8	84	115
The old Choultrum in Kanna-coorum	Built by Pertap sing Rajah in 1752.	In the Cirkar's enquiry from the beginning.	124	5	60	124

"	On the 25th Suwaal of Essuma subbine mya ullaf is equal to 1772.	After she expired it has been bestowed to Ahilla boyee Sahib who is at present
"	On the 3rd Jalade of Rumm mud Simmamine mya ullaf equal to 1785.	After Sulutchenamboye Saib died, her Chuttrum was given to the present Ahilla boye Saib.
175	From the Revenue of the said Sulutchenamba poon	It was added together with the Sulutchenamboyoorum Chuttrum.
"	On the 13th Suwaal sub bind subbine mya ullaf 1777.	After Rajamma boye died, it was in the possession of Lokemma boye the wife of the late Tulja Rajah; after
	On the 6th Suwaal of Tijpa Subbine mya ullaf 1779.	she expired it was given to Sahibumma boye Saib the first wife of the
	On the 16th Jalade of Tijpa sub bine mya ullaf 1778.	late Serwajee Rajah; and after her departure it was added

ullaff the year of the Turk is equal to the English year 1768.	boye Sahib next to the said Pretty Sing; after her death it was given to
On the 13th Suwaal of Subba Subbine mya ullaff equal to 1777.	Amma boye Saheb the first wife of the late Surfojee Rajah. After her departure
On the 18th Subun of Do equal to 1777.	the Chuttrum was rendered to Rajamma boye daughter of Surfojee till her marriage
	After that time the said Chuttrum was bestowed to Ahilla boye Saheb who is at present the mother of the late Serwajee Rajah.
On the 4th Subon of Tijpa Rummasima mya ullaff - to 1759	After Sucktaan died, it was rendered to Rajamboye the eldest mother of the late Surfojee
On the 26th Runjaan of Sittyne mya ullaff - 1760.	After she expired, it is now in the possession of the present Ahilla boye Saheb
On the 9th Rujub of Arba Sittyne mya ullaff 1764	After Draipunda boyee's death, it was given to Rajasubboy, the eldest mother
On the 17th Jumaade	of the late Surfojee. After her death

Gardens & Department for the year 1854 & 1264 Fasly

Village	Measures of the lands			Revenue of the lands		
	Tahes	Mans	Gulies	Rupees	Annas	Pice
	1225	1	20	58300	13	1
	479	3	88	6884	3	2
	2212	13	35	18619	9	6
	16	10	62	20	12	4
	3933	9	5	83825	6	1
	164	11	98	3194	4	8
	33	4	17	1039	13	8
	35	14	38	57	9	1
	233	10	53	4291	11	5
	725	10	19	4991	1	2
	27	10	56	998	11	8
	95	16	62	1344	2	9
	335	5	52	2325	3	4
	347	"	"	837	8	1
	778	2	14	4528	14	2
	578	15	34	6899	"	5
	6216	17	82	105534	12	11
	"	"	"	239	4	5
	"	"	"	79	3	"
	"	"	"	133	12	5
				105987	"	9

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Memorandum for Avoo Sahib

The names of the professions	The village & Gardens &c	Numbers of
Matoostry	Moosaa	24
Abilla Boyee	Exchange	9
Sahib	Gardens	78
	Survamaimm	4
		115
S. M. Fahidum Boyee Sahib, the first wife of the late Serajee Rajah.	Gardens &c	10
	Company Inam	3
	Survamaimm	3
		16
Chuttrums	Exchange	8
Pagodas	Do	1
Sirkar	Palace	16
	The purchased and Stolenem	10
		8
		34
The lands for Cows grazing	Meadows	32
Houses tax of Carvetuttangoody city &c.		206
the tax of the lands given for firing tiles		"
Weavers places tax		"
		"
	Total	

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Statement shewing the measure of the whole land of the Rajah and both his Mothers &c according to the account given in 1809 to the Honorable Company

No	Departments	The whole land									Deduction made for the land for charitable & Chutrums & Devasthanum &c and for the waste land.			Remaining retained for their own use											
		Nanja			Punja			Total			Nanja			Punja			Nanja			Punja			Trees & Gardens			Total		
		Vah.	Ma.	Gad.	V.	M.	G.	V.	M.	G.	V.	M.	G.	V.	M.	G.	V.	M.	G.	V.	M.	G.	V.	M.	G.	V.	M.	G.
	Mocasa villages gardens, Chutrums Agraharum Survamanium of the Rajah and his wife Ankilla boye and his daughter Rajumma Lboye Unkumma Rajaru	1674	2	14 6/16	3866	16	81	5541	18	95 6/16	812	"	2 1/2	3344	4	62 15/16	862	1	69 14/16	1379	19	4 9/16	142	13	13 1/2	2384	13	87 15/16
2	Gardens Chutrums Agraharum Survamanium of senior Avvo Lakiba another of Surfojee	583	14	75 9/16	447	4	17 15/16	1030	18	93 1/2	473	10		380	11	82 9/16	110	4	72 9/16	50	1	32	16	11	3 6/16	176	17	7 15/16
3	Mocasa villages Gardens, Chutrums Survamaniums of junior Avvo Lakiba mother of Surfojee	289	16	92 2/3	1942	17	93 5/16	4842	14	86 1/16	2842	12	7/16	1906	6	79 4/16	57	4	41 5/16	25	16	37 10/16	10	14	76	93	15	54 15/16
4	Gardens of Tanadars	33	2	85 3/16	45	6	29 12/16	78	9	14 3/4	1	17	3/4	8	2	14 15/16	31	5	11 6/16	26	7	52 5/16	10	16	66 1/2	68	9	30 1/16
5	Gardens Chutrums Survamaniums of Rey Ramasawmy Swamee	905	5	48 14/16	1322	11	19 13/16	2127	16	68 1/2	905	5	1/2	1222	11	19 13/16	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Total	4096	2	16 11/16	7524	16	41 11/16	13624	18	58 15/16	5035	6	2 9/16	5864	16	55 15/16	1060	15	98 1/16	482	4	26 6/16	180	15	57 6/16	2723	15	81 4/16

To The Right Honble.
Robert Francis Lord Harris
Governor in Council
of Fort Saint George

The respectful Memorial
of H. H. Ahmuliah Bhaye
Sahib mother of the late
Rajah Serajee of Tanjore

Sheweth,

That by various papers & grants,
copy of which are hereunto annexed,
Your Memorialist became entitled
to certain Mocasa villages, gardens,
and Chutrums of great value within
the districts of Tanjore; which for
many years previous to the Rajahs
death were under her controul &
management.

That on the 23rd October last
all the above property was seized
by order of the Acting Collector of
Tanjore. A translation of such
order accompanies. It may not

be altogether accurate, as the present Commissioner observes in his letter No. 112 dated 14th February 1857; but your Memorialist believes that the translation is substantially correct and she labours under the disadvantage of being unable to procure official authenticated copies of the orders issued by the Government authorities to their subordinate officers.

That order of the 23rd of October expressly states that the attachment is merely a temporary measure; for the purpose of enabling the Commissioner to examine the titles of the occupants to their respective lands. It invites all parties to attend before the Commissioner and prove their titles. It promises that the lands shall be restored to such persons as can show title to them.

On the 24th of December last the Commissioner issued an Order to the Thasildars of the various talooks in which the various mocasa villages, gardens, and

Chatrums

Chatrums are situated, forbidding further interference with the collection of the revenue of the said property until further orders. Copy of the Order issued to the Thasildar of Trivady Taluk accompanies. Your Memorialist is informed and believes that the others are in every respect similar.

That thereupon and up to the time next hereinafter mentioned your Memorialist by her servants and agents continued to collect the revenues of the said property.

By an order of the Commissioner issued on the 31st January 1857, the Chatrums and Pagodas above alluded to were again taken out of your Memorialist's management in obedience as your Memorialist believes to the order of Government of the 26th of January 1857.

That your Memorialist thereupon and on the 16th February addressed the Commissioner by her Agents offering to appear and prove her

her title to such property in pursuance of the Order of the 23rd of October. See B. A correspondence followed, Copy of which accompanies. See B.D.E.F. and there through your Memorialist was perfectly ready and willing to act under the terms offered in the Order 23rd October, although under protest against the legality of the course, she has never been granted any opportunity of proving her title, but the Chattrums and Pagodas have been taken under the management of the Government Officers.

Precisely the same course has been followed since with respect to her remaining property as to which without any hearing, notwithstanding her former offer, she has been deprived of the whole of the rents and profits, management and collection of revenues of her Malcarra villages, and gardens under Orders issued by the Collector, Copies of the Orders published 697. 698. dated respectively 19th April accompany. On the 4th of May it was publickly notified that the contract of the whole of the Malcarra villages, Pagodas, and Chattrums would be put up to public Auction on the 12th January. See Notice by Cathoo Row. If thereupon your Memorialist forwarded to the Collector and the Shanbogue respectively the following Notices on the 11th May. See J.K.

Thus your Memorialist is deprived of her last property in January; and she now throws herself upon your Lordship's sense of justice to do her right, and restore her to her undoubted property, confident that if your Lordship in Council has already passed any orders authorizing the Malcarra authorities she has been stripped of all her property, it has been in the absence of information as to your Memorialist'

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Memorialists title.

She ceased a patient hearing
while she endeavours to explain
how her title to the respective pro
perties stands.

1st As to the Mocawa Villages.

The following 11 villages,

Trincadagork
Coyungaloor
Colaumungala
Auraccon
Paungul
Pairamboondee
Kulacaarachey
Shruneeasamellore
Pairmbeer
Mooppee Comb
Treevarshaloor Bhundrawandar

were enjoyed by the Rajah Surfo-
jee by his Rowanah or Royal
Grant to Yamuna Boyee Sahib
his first wife in 1799.

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Copy of this document, the original
of which together with all the
originals herein referred to, is
in your Memorialists possession
ready to be produced.

By Purwannah or Royal Grant
of Rajah Surfojee under date 21st
November 1808 to the whole of the
above villages on the death of the
said Yamuna Bhaye Immiaun
Rajah her daughter.

By Purwannah or Royal
Grant of the Rajah Surfojee dated
15th May 1811, copy of which accom
panies, on the marriage of the said
Rajunnah Bhaye the whole of
the said Villages, Choultries and
Bazaars of the said Rajunnah
Baye were transfered to the de-
partment of your Memorialist.

2nd As to the fourteen following villages

Gnanapaty Agraharum
Alumalum
Vaalleetunday
Pachungoody
Sweenpaduchaiellum
Nargoody
Subbeerchanapoor
Tillastan
Alundapooram
Seenubhattavarthy
Rudamley
Soorcaudoor poor

Auditor Gen.

Recherches Rayporam.

By [illegible] Royal Grant
of Surfojee of even date with the
grant of the 11 villages, to his wife
Yemmona Boye Sahiba the above
14 villages were granted to your
Memorialists.

That certain points were provi-
sionally agreed to between the Re-
sident, the Collector of Tanjore
& the Rajah Surfojee in the
year 1800 as appears by the Resident's
letter to the Rajah dated 1st De-
cember 1800.

That such provisional agreements
were communicated by the Resident
General Blackburne to the Go-
vernment of Fort Saint George in
his letter of the 6th of April 1800.

That on the 6th of July 1800 the
Government of Fort Saint George
addressed by its Chief Secretary
Mr Webb a Letter to the Resident
commentary to the points provisionally
agreed

agreed upon.

That the 8th para of such let-
ter is in the following terms.

"The palace gardens and Chutrum
"belonging to the Rajah and the
"gardens and bazaars appropriated
"to the houses of Charity of the Queens
"shall be under them respective
"authorities.

That the management of the
property of the said Ladies has al-
ways been kept separate and dis-
tinct from the management of the
estates of the Rajah, and as a proof
thereof your Memorialist craves
to refer to the two separate state-
ments forwarded by the Manager
of the department to the Commissioner
of Tanjore when required, one
shewing the Condition of Revenue
& of your Memorialists Gardens
in the year 1834: the other the
Charitable Chutrum Department
for the same year, the remarks
in which will shew the origin of
each of the Pagodas and Chutrums

From these remarks it will be seen that those pagodas and Choultries to which your Memorialist lays claim never were in fact the property of the Rajah. They have been built and endowed out of the private estate of the various Queens, and have gone down from one to the other, until they have for years past been vested in your Memorialist and that the gardens also which have from time to time been vested in various other Ladies have by the Purwannahs or Royal Grants to your Memorialist, _____ all vested in her and have been managed in her department ever since. See **L.M.**

Your Memorialist is informed that in 1809 the Rajah Serfojee wrote a letter to the Government of Madras wherein he set forth all the property which he had retained for his own use, and also all that which had been set apart for and vested in the Ladies of his Palace The Rajah, your Memorialist is informed and believes, and that accordingly forwarded to the Government of Madras at a later statement of all such last mentioned property, whereof the accompanying is a true copy: Q from which also it will be seen that the various property to which your Memorialist now lays claim is of a private and not a public character.

Your Memorialist submits that the death of her son the late Rajah Seevajee has made no difference in your Memorialist's private estate and she prays that if necessary the matter may be referred to the Law officers of your Lordship's Government and that such orders may be issued as will restore your Memorialist's property to her.

And your Memorialist will for ever pray &c.

Tanjore Palace
28th August 1857

Rec'd 1857
Ex. 820.

Petition of the Ranee of Tanjore praying that the property which was in the possession of the late Rajah may be restored to her.

such transactions have been kept in the Palace duftors, now in poss-ession of your Lordship's Government your Memorialist is ready to produce the original Purwannahs or Royal grants herein referred to when called upon so to do, to such officers as your Lordship may appoint.

The death of the late Rajah as your Memorialist submits can give the East India Company no right to take possession of or to interfere in the management of, or difference as to her rights, and that she is just as much entitled to the property granted to her and to the management and controul thereof now that the East India Company has taken possession of the late Rajah's public property, as she was during her son's life.

At various time the late Rajah Serfojee has borrowed from your Memorialist various sums of money the interests of the said property and receipts of such

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J. W. Ekeny Esqre

Acting Collector of Tanjore

hereby gives notice to all the Mocaddums Surwoumaumimundars or Free holders and inhabitants Shroffs attramundars and the Managers of Pagodas and Chuttrums of the late Rajahs of Tanjore

Agreeably to the minutes of consultation of the Government it is necessary to the Commissioners of Tanjore to acquaint himself with the nature and condition of the lands of Pagodas and Chuttrums and of the landed property of his late Rajahs and it is hereby directed that all such lands &c should be attached under the name of Government

2. The said attachment shall continue for a short period, as it is only to be clearly known by the Commissioners on what grounds those lands are possessed of by the occupants.

3. All the occupants are requested to present themselves directly

on through them Vakeel, with the documents to prove their title before the Commissioner of Tanjore.

4. The lands shall be relieved from attachment and committed again to the charge of such persons who could prove their title of holding them before the Commissioner of Tanjore

5. Meerasidars and Renters should pay the money of rent only to the Company's officers and they should obtain the receipts for the same given by the said officers.

6. The Nummar Managers and Nattamaygans or village officers and other officers of those villages should immediately deliver up in the charge of Government Officer the money and the Corn which they might have collected in those villages and present themselves in the Commissioners' office at Tanjore

7. The Managers of Pagodas and Chuttrums should produce in the Commissioners' office the account of the Revenue and disbursement of five years past of the respective Chuttrums and Pagodas.

23rd October 1856.

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No 112.

Tanjore
Commissioner's Office
14th February 1857.

To
J. B. Bertram Esqr
Agent &c.
Tanjore

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated the 11th instant, expressing your readiness to produce proofs of your Client the Avoo Sahibas' rights and title to certain Choultrums &c. and requesting me to name an early day for the investigation of the matter; I have the honor to observe that the proceedings taken by the late Acting Collector and the late Commissioner are incorrectly recited in your Communication; in last whether or not, I beg to state that I am not now prepared to enter on any enquiry of the nature of that which you wish

to

to have commenced

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed.t Serv.t
[signed] H. D. Phillips
Commissioner

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Translation of an Order issued from the Commissioner, to the Tahsildar of Trinady Taluk.

You are hereby directed not to interfere in the collection of the revenue of villages and gardens of the late Highness' Mokasa and of Chuttrums and Pagodas now under attachment until further orders.

[signed] H. Forbes
Commissioner
24th December
1856.

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J. B Norton Esqre

Agent to H. H. Amandahiba

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H. D. Phillips Esqre

Commissioner of Tanjore

Sir

Under an Order issued by the late acting Collector on the 23d of October last all my Clients' Chuttrums in Common with those belonging to other individuals were seized by the Government of Fort Saint George.

2. By an order dated the 24th Dec. last issued by H. Forbes Esqre then Commissioner all interference with my Clients' property ceased.

3. In consequence of an order issued by yourself on the 31st of January my Clients' Chuttrums and the lands thereto attached have again been taken under the Government's management.

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4. The last recited order confirms the order of the 23rd Oct. in all respects except in certain particulars therein specified.

5. The 2nd Para of the order of the 23rd Oct. declared that the property therein directed to be seized was attached in order that the Commissioners might ascertain the title of parties claiming it

6. The 3rd para invested parties or their Vakeels to attend before the Commissioners and prove their title.

7. The 4th para declared that the lands of those parties who prove their title to the satisfaction of the Commissioners shall be released from attachment and restored to the owners.

8. Protesting against the course thus adopted entirely my Client's profession is made to prove her title to her own property,

Contrary

to the ordinary course of Law obtaining in this Presidency and without prejudice to any steps of a legal or other nature which my Client may be advized to adopt hereafter, respecting the property in question I now beg to avail myself of the provisions of the Order of the 23rd Oct. confirmed by the order of the 24th Dec.

9. This appears an object of importance to save my Client the expense, delay, & inconvenience of a Law suit, if possible and relying upon the sincerity of the promise to restore the property seized to parties proving themselves the owners, I am prepared to wait upon you with the proofs of my Client's right and title to the Chuttrums &c. and the exclusive management thereof which management has been interfered with and taken from

from my Client against him
will be the orders of yourself
and your predecessor.

I shall thank you to name
the earliest day for the investi-
gation which will suit your
convenience

I am
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(signed) John Bruce Norton
Agent &c.

Tanjore
11th July 1857.

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From —
J. B. Norton Esqre
Agent to Govr Sahiba
To
A. D. Phillips Esqre
Commissioner

Sir,

Adverting to your letter under
date 14th July. 1857. No. 112. I shall
feel obliged by your informing
me whether you mean that you
are not at present prepared to
enter on the inquiry directed to
have commenced but that such
inquiry may be commenced here-
after, and if so, when; or that it
is not your intention to enter upon
any such inquiry at all.

Your language leaves me in
doubt as to the proper interpreta-
tion to be put upon it, and
I am desirous of having all
doubt removed.

I am

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Your most Obedient Servt

/Signed/ John Bruce Norton

Agent &c.

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No 113.

Jaujore

Commissioner's Office

16th February 1857.

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J. B Norton Esqre

Agent to Suo Sahib

Jaujore

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of this date, requesting me to explain the meaning of my Communication of the 14th instant on the points specified.

2. In my communication, to which you refer, I stated that I am not now prepared to enter on any enquiry of the nature of that sought. As regards the course which may in future be taken I am not yet in a position to form any decided opinion. I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servt

/Signed/ R. D. Phillips

Commissioner

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№ 697

Translation of an order issued by the Collector to the Tasildar of Pamparemanam Talook.

Adverting to the instructions from the Government our Yeerahs been issued on the 23rd October 1856, in order to attach the Nivaara villages and gardens, and the real property of Chuttrums and Devastanams of His Highness the late Rajah of Tanjore, and they have been held under the attachment accordingly.

Besides, orders have been issued at different times; one on the 24th Dec. 1856, directing not to interfere in the affairs of Collection until further order; another dated 29th Janr. 1857 to take under Circar management the Chuttrums and Pagodas, according to the order of Government, and another on the 31st Janr. 1857 stating that there is no intention to interfere with the affairs of Cultivation cutting the growing crops &c. of the Nivaara villages and gardens, and that the Ryots should be responsible for the arrears of rent, and that the Government would not acknowledge any sum paid without permission.

As the Government has passed order on the 15th instant to take under Circar management the Nivaara villages and gardens on which the attachment already

already placed has not as yet been removed. You are hereby directed to conduct all the affairs connected collecting rents be connected with all the other villages, except those lands which had been attached, and recently removed by order; and to take due care to collect such part of the arrears of rent for the fusly 66 which is payable except that which has been collected for the fusly 66, during the time when they were under the management of the Cirkar, and the arrears of rent for the fusly 65, and those arrears of rent payable for the past fusleas.

Accounts of the said Mocawa villages and gardens shewing the whole revenues and the amount collected and balance and those of the Chuttrum & Devastanums, shewing the receipt and expenditure &c. should be henceforth transmitted to my office and you should address yourself to my office.

Tanjore
19th April 1857

Signed H. D. Phillips
Acting Collector

No. 698

Translation of an Order issued by the Collector to the Tasildar of Papanasenaswamy Taluk.

An order has been issued to-day, in order to take under Cirkar management the affairs of such collection &c connected with the lands of Mocawa villages and gardens of His Highness the Rajah of Tanjore.

Therefore orders shall be issued on a future date to send down here the Kurnums and village officers with their accounts in order to prepare the gunahbundee (or total income) account of the said whole villages; but in this interval you should acquaint yourself well with the condition of each village, and if there were any village rented, you should cause it to remain so and if they were in a enamy charge you should immediately cause the growing crops to be cut down

of

of such lands, if there were any still unreaped; and measure the Puttaiattah lands and rent the crest, and be ready at the time above mentioned without any hinderance,

[signed] P. D. Phillips
Acting Collector

Tanjore
19th April 1857

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It is hereby proclaimed to all individuals by Sattoo Row Jaildar of Trivady

In obedience of the order of the Honble, an auction is going to be held, on 12 O'Clock on the 12th day of June 1857. for the contract of all the Nunjah and Ponjah lands and their apertenances belonging to the Moovana Villages Pagoda and Chuttrums of the late Rajah of Tanjore, consequently those persons who are like to contract may be present to Cutcherry on that day.

4th May 1857.

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From

J. B. Norton Esqre

Agent for Travancore

To

A. D. Phillips Esqre

Commissioner and Collector

Sir,

I have represented to me by my Client that you have seized all her Pagoda lands, gardens, villages, Choultries, and pagodas: that you have interfered with her management of the same, and deprived her of the management thereof.

Further that you have assumed the management of the said Pagoda lands, villages, and gardens, on behalf of the East India Company under colour of a grant of such lands &c. forming part of the property of the late Rajah or Raja: and that you purpose on the 12th of June instant to put up the said lands to public Auction

I hereby give you notice on behalf of my Client that she will hold you and the East India Company personally responsible for such illegal seizure, depriv-ation, and all consequent thereupon, as also for all mesne profits that you may make of my Client's lands during the whole period of your illegal occupancy of them and also for damages for the wrong and injury done to her.

I am further to give you notice that in pursuance of her legal right to protect her own estate, it is the intention of my Client to send her servants to such public auction as may take place, and peaceably give notice of her title to all persons attending, warning them at the same time not to bid.

I am
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servt.

Tanjore
11th May 1857.

/signed/ John Bruce Norton
agent for Avvoolabiba

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From

J. B. Norton Esqre

Agent for Avvo Lahiba

To

Sathoo Row

Thasildar of Trivady Talook

Sir

I have the honor to forward you herewith copy of a letter addressed by me to the Commissioner and Collector of Tanjore on behalf of my Client Avvo-Lahiba; and thereby request you to take due notice of the same; and to give you notice that my Client will hold you responsible for any part which you may take in the pretended auction and for the consequences thereof.

I am
Sir
Your Obedient Servant

Tanjore
11th May 1857.

/signed/ John Bruce Norton

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Translation of Royal Grant. 40

(Royal Seal)

Dinsten Pakka or Royal Grant made by Rey. Surfoje Maharajah having been pleased with Swibhagianathy Matashree Yemmanaloye Sahiba, for granting to her the undermentioned villages as Komda Moorasa according to Parmangnee issued on the 20th Ramajan of Fifsa Jeff of Mogul year

Villages

Trivadagoody	/
Coomgalour	/
Colamungala	/
Sooracoon	/
Paungal	/
Pairambondie	/
Keela kaimetay	/
Shreenevasanellore	/
Pairumbur	/
Mooplee Coil	/
Treenaskalore Ahundra vanda	/
Total	11

above mentioned eleven villages including the nunja and poonja lands therein

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therein, were hereby granted, and they shall henceforth be left to her profession and shall be continued in every year to come, This original grant shall be returned to the Grantee on copying it.-

[signed] M. Hazarie Raj. Treasurer.

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Seal Head Assistant

[signed] Lowa Loda

[signed] Pulongaunnee

Dated 25th Ramjan of the same mogul year corresponding to the

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By Surfojee

Sunnud or order from the Rajah - dated 21st Nov. 1808.

It is hereby stated that the Poona Villages, Gardens, Chuttrums and servants and allowances for daily expence &c. and also the charge for travelling and the payment of Pagodas, which are standing in the name of Sawabageawadhy Motoosree Yumoona Boyee Saibe should from the 29th of Shaual be delivered up to the authority of Seemgeree Rajunnal boyee Ummaney Rajaik.-

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Hoozoor Purwannah passed on the
15th May 1811.

It is stated that all the Gardens
Moosaa Villages Chuttrums Bazar
and Servants and Monthly allowan
&c left to the professions of Rajeeun
Boyee after the demise of Yamoona
Boyee said shoulds for the future
be connected with the department
of Savoobagiawatty Motooree
Anbelah Boyee Saib.

On making over these properties to be
made over Avoo Sahiba.

Hoozoor Purwannah dated 28th April 18[illegible]

It is stated that the Gardens
Chuttrums &c in the professions of
Motooree Avoo Sahiba. name
Rajasa Boye Saib, shall for
the future be delivered up to the
charge of Savoobagiawatty Mo
tooree Avoo Sahiba, and that
herby Roodrapee Jadow is
appointed as Muddaist on Manag
of

of the same

A Will on an Address to the Rajah prefered by Annalakiba named Mohona Boye to the Rajah dated 20th January 1832.

This declared that as she is in bad state of health, all the Moocasa Villages, Gardens, Chut=ums, Bazars, Pagoda and her Palace monthly payment &c should after her death, be conferred upon Sawaahajiawathy Motoosree Sydnee Boye Saib, who is hereby requested to treat her servants in the same way as she had.

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Translation of Royal Grant

Royal Seal

Sunften Roakka or Royal Grant made by Rg. Surfojee Maharaja having been pleased with Sawaahagia==wathy Motoosree Anhilla boyee saib, for granting to her the undermentioned villages as Khunda Moocasa, accord=ing to the Purwannah issued on the 20th Ramjan of Fifty Fifsine of Mogul seal year.

J. Noyes

Gunapathy Pragarum 1
Munalore 1
Tollakundy 1
Rachungrady 1
Swiempadichanellore 1
Pargrady 1
Subbeeshamapoor 1
Tillastan 1
Mudapurum 1
Seembhuttaurty 1
Rudamby 1
Soamaisuerpoor 1
Aadusthosay Devastan 1
Beecheetra Roypoor 1

Total 14

A true

Rect. Lr to Engr
22d. Augt. No 5 of
Para 3 (a) 4

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Above mentioned fourteen villages inclusive of the Mangiwaram Poramboke lands therein, were hereby granted and they shall be henceforth in her possession and shall be continued in every year to come. The original grant shall be returned to the grantee on copying it.

/signed/ Mt. Hazurat Rajashree Tremboliana Rao Ananda Rao Saiboway (seal)

(seal)

/signed/ Correa Cook

/signed/ Palangamuree

Dated 25th Ramjaw of the same mogul year corresponding to

3/ Encl

No 451.

Tanjore Resident's Office 27th August 1857.

From H. D. Phillips Esq
Acting Resident of Tanjore

To E. Maltby Esq
Acting Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit enclosed, a Memorial addressed to the Government by the Mother of His late Highness the Rajah of Tanjore, the Avoo Sahib, relative to the attachment of certain Villages and Chuttrey endowments which are claimed by her as her own private property.

At the request of this Lady, I yesterday morning visited the Palace and there verified the signature which the Memorial bears.

bearer.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

A D Scudder
Acting Resident.

Tanjore.
27th August
1857.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George.

Compd
Ramchundra Row
H D W

Pol. Dep. to England
22nd April No. 8 of 1858.
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In Cons. 15 Dec. 1857
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From
The Acting President
of Tanjore

To
The Actg Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Dated 27th August 1857
Recd 31st

No. 457.
3 enclos.
With one Enclosure.

No. 806

Transmitting a Memorial
from the Honorable on
the subject of certain
Villages and Endowments
claimed by her as her
private property.

in the Board of Works under Reg VIth. 1817

Mr Forbes it will be observed from his

[illegible] I have thought proper to suspend the execution

of the decree accordingly.

It should be observed that the

disposal of this institution is not

affected by the proceedings now depending

in the Supreme Court. The fact has already

been informed by the Solicitor

that the endowments would not be

by the injunction of the Supreme Court

and has therefore determined the payment

- ment of the Charities which had for a

while been intermitted - to Mr

Phillips Report D. 5-6 -

The Advocate General in his opinion

treats this as public Charities devolving

on Govt by the default of the Trustees, now in

their hands as represented by this Commission. The Govt Commission

are settled - and that in the manner

provided by Law - the better -

J.P

7.12.57

c. 7 Dec
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Political Dept

No 1076

Gov. to H. C. dated 15th December 1857

Rec'd [illegible] 26th Dec.
the acts. Comm.r of Tangier.
Read by the following letter
from H. Scott Esq
dated at Tangier
27 Aug. 1857 — Rec'd 26th Dec.

} Here enter 2d May / 10 June / 57 Nos 53. 57.
{ Nov 30. 1857 — 197

In the foregoing letter, the Commissioner reports on the past & present position of the endowments managed by the late Naïb of Tangier, & proposes certain modifications in the system, with other suggestions.

2. On the appt of a Commissioner to Tangier, the Govt observe, the lands, rents & funds which form the income of these Institutions, were attached, as a temporary arrangement, and a scrutiny was ordered of the accounts for the last five years - on the receipt at Tangier of the Injunction of the Supreme Govt, forbidding "all interference with the real & personal property of the late Naïb", the Collector withdrew his attachment. Orders, however, were subsequently passed by Govt instructing the Collr to resume the management of these endowments, the alienation of wh, it was deemed, had been absolute & unqualified, and for the administration of which there were no existing means of supervision, no Shar-[illegible] having at any time been

24 = Dec.r/56

2. H. C. 26 = Jan.y/57.

Paras 7 & 8

Such allowances in money & grain as were made by the late Surajee Rajah continue to be made, & the produce of the land & the money rents heretofore set aside for these charities are still paid by the Collector of Chillipet, however, has submitted his report in justice to the interests of Govt in order that it may be determined whether the charity allowances as paid by the late Rajah do not admit of some modifications.

8. As to the history of these Choultries it appears that their endowments form no exception to the article of the Treaty of 1799 by which all revenue control & management was vested in the Govt of Fort St George. In the following year, however, it was, with reference to the Rajahs "ease and comfort" inter alia enacted, that, "the Palaces, Gardens & choultries "belonging to the Rajah, & the gardens "& topes appropriated to the "houses of charity of the Queens shall "be held under their respective au- "thorities." Under this exception, no interference has been exercised by the officers of Govt. The Bd of Revenue, in whom since the enacting of Regn VII of 1817 the general superintendence of such Institutions is vested, have had the question be-

Chief Secy to the President. 5th July 1800.

-fore them; their latest orders on the subject is dated the 18th April 1853. They are here found instructing the Collr, who had represented that any severe scrutiny into the legality of distributions, might be highly distasteful to the Rajah, but his highness' management should not be hastily interfered with, it being sufficient to see that the funds generally were appropriated in a proper way.

9. As long as the widows of Toolsajee were alive, H. H. Serfojee Rajah was careful to allow those ladies to many, according to the stipulation above mentioned the "charity houses of the Queens" referred to. Ten have entered the endowments in the names of their own widows - as to the management, however, this has always since the death of Toolsajee's widows, rested in the reigning Rajah. It was so during the reign of the late Surajee, with one trifling exception in the case of his first wife, now deceased, Sydamba Boyee. The "Court, whatever ladies' names "have entered in the Sunnads, they "have not had "the least concern "in the control of the several charities, "in the distribution of the funds "belonging to them, or in the realisa- "tion of the Revenue by which they "are supported".

6. The number of the Choultries is (22) twenty two in all. Of these 16 are termed "old", as having been founded anterior to the accession of Tipu to the Musnud (A.D. 1798), and 8 "new", as founded subsequent to that event. The founders in almost every case have been females, members of rank in the families of the late & former Rajahs.

The object of the institutions is, to afford food & shelter to pilgrims, & food to beggars & others nearly destitute residents in the neighbourhood. In many cases the funds have been misappropriated, to the benefit of influential parties, not actually in want.

The income is derived partly from land & treasury Bangaree, and partly from allowances in money & grain.

7. To give this detail — Some (five) have no endowments of any kind, and are maintained by allotments of portions of the revenue of others.

In Fusly 1265, the income from all sources came to Rs 1,31,549 " 1 " 11.

To this sh^d be added Rs 18,870 " 3; the interest annually due on certain deposits of money & loans made to the Rajahs by the founders, in some instances. This sum however has never been paid, & but with it and the amount of the old rents of six villages [illegible] to the Rajah by the Govt in the year 1822, & likewise various sums due by the late Rajah to the Choultries, makes, with interest, the sum of Rs 4,09,262 " 2.

8. The endowments in land consist of 140 entire villages or 'gardens', as some are styled, and portions of 18 other villages, a kind of grant termed "Poguel". The area of the whole is 13,992 values, a value being equivalent to $6\frac{6}{10}$ acres; of this 5903 values are Cayar or fit for the plough, and the rest is (a) Perimboke (b) Anâdi Bumjen or 'Immemorial Waste' and (c) Enams.

In Fusly 1265 the Jummabundy amounted to Rs 99,125 " 18 " 4. a trifle under the average. Under the Rajah's management, there existed a vicious custom of encumbering the accounts by debiting, each year, to the Mirasidars & ryots sums which it was never intended to claim & which should properly have been remitted. These old arrears, at the close of F/64, reached the sum of Rs 2,08,958. The amount is irrecoverable, & the Commissioner has the sanction of Govt for writing it off.

9. The expenditure of the Choultries from F/65 amounted to Rs 1,49,857 " 5. [illegible] out of the current receipts

which came to Rs 1,59,043-10-4.
There is, besides, a balance of Rs
1,07,123-1-7 in favour of the
Institutions.

The expenditure above specified
is nearly double the average of the
last five years. This is accounted for
by the fact that there have recently
been paid off large amount due for
salaries & supplies. The power to
limit such heavy wants taken advan-
tage of, have under the old regime.
The price of grain moreover has
been high, and one or two merely
nominal items credited to the Chari-
ties have been struck out.

10. The establishment is of two classes,
the dismissed or lent at Head Quar-
ters, and that for the outstations.
The former comprises 22 persons at
a salary of Rs 113-12 rupees per
mensem. The latter 79 at an
expense, in money, of Rs 1778-10,
and in grain, Rs 53-5. over all
is the Sahela, who procured his orders
direct from the Rajah.

Having stated these general details,
the Commr proceeds to give his views
as to the future disposal of these In-
stitutions, having his recommenda-
tions on a consideration of the means
of each Chaultry, the requirements of
the locality & other such points.

In Tanjore itself there are four
Chaultries. A. The "ahalya"; described
in honour of the Avoo Sahiba. The
building is unfinished, and a garden
set apart for its endowment is appro-
priated to a neighbouring pagoda.
There seems to be no objection to offe-
-ring the Queen Dowager liberty to fin-
-ish the building, and then keeping
with them management the proceeds of any
endowment she might make.
Should this offer be declined, an estimate
of the cost of constructing the edifice
should be procured from the Civil Engi-
-neer, & Govt will consider the propriety
of finishing it themselves. In any
case, the garden must be taken from
the Pagoda, to which it does not be-
long.

B and C. The North & East "Ma-
-ravar" Chaultries. Mr Phillips' pro-
-posal to incorporate these two into
one Chaultry - the North - is ap-
-proved. The income proposed, Rs
3500 per annum, appears a fair
calculation. It is understood
that a fine Syrian tank
adjoining the North Street
Chaultry, is unfinished and that an
estimate for its completion
was called for from the
District Engineer by the
Dr & Forbes. If not pro-
-cured it should be applied for
by and the work proceeded
with out of the Chaultries Funds if its
expence cannot be defrayed out of
the income now appropriated
to the two Chaultries.

D. The Sankanna Mantapa
Annadâna Chaultry. This is very
eminently situated for travellers
& others. It is a mile & a half from
the town, on the S. side of the Vennar.
Means should be taken to restore the
charity to proper objects; at present
misapplied by the Brahminical
Establishment. Mr Phillips

[illegible] enlargement [illegible] should obtain an estimate and if the cost will not be exces- -sive it may be proceed- -ed with as the in above- -mentioned case of the Straycaree Tank.

recommends that it be enlarged (the [illegible]) & endowed with Rs 4200 a year. This sum being opened, the land might be resumed. With

12. The Choultry at Sonnoorbad was built by the late Rajah in honor of his concubines, & is termed 'Man- -galavâdam'. There is no endow- -ment, but part of the revenues of the North 'Straycaree' Choultry at Tanjore is devoted to it. Mr Phil- -lips who makes it over to be [illegible] who as above mentioned & they have manifested interest in it will faithfully endow it handsomely. This is approved.

13. There are two choultries at Poodoo Agraharum. As the town of Tuvady, which has no lack of choultries, is close by, the Commrs suggest it will not be necessary to maintain these two. The garden forming the endowment yields annually Rs 229-9-4. The Commrs are apply this to keeping the building in repair, and in maintai- -ning a Calivêndrum or water pan- -dal during the hot months. This may be done, on the building sold, under the provisions of Sect IV and XV of the Regn.

14. The Tangy Choultry near Puttoocottah.

[illegible] material [illegible] as the [illegible] lodges of convenience to the

[illegible] station, it may be sold; & [illegible] might be given over to the persons who claimed the wardenship in the time of the Rajah, provided he agrees to keep it in repair.

15. Deducting the five it is proposed to discontinue, there are 13 choultries requiring no direct official aid. The three others & the Mooctumpa boom choultry re- -quire separate notice.

Mooctumpa was a favorite concu- -bine of Rajah Serfojee. In her honor the Rajah founded his charity, who in 1827, at the earnest request of the Ra- -jah, was endowed by her Govt with the levies of 4 villages, or Rs 6,293-7 per annum. To this it is added the interest of a large sum which the concubine bequeathed to the king for the purposes of the charity. This in- -terest however has never been paid. The Govt consent with the Commrs that there is no necessity for their add- -ing anything to the resources of this large charity. The Rajah, it is stat- -ed, himself gave 15 villages.

16. The Rajah nâma Boyee Choultry has a land endowment of Rs 2636-7 and the sum deposited with the Rajah by the Boyee was 33,000 Rs. The Govt desire that the sum equivalent to 5% interest, or Rs 1650, [illegible]

distributed to his Chaultry.

17. This sum should be annually remitted for the two of the Chaultries in Tanjore itself, giving a total of Rs 9350 to be borne annually by the State; in lieu of the ~~[illegible]~~ ready money a grain contribution (the very unequally) distributed by the Rajah. From the table appended to the report it appears that the total value of the endowments will hereafter stand at Rs 1,09,696-7-6 per annum.

18. The Comrs call attention to a system allowed by the Rajah, under the name of Vasaut. This consists, in permitting various parties to borrow sums from the balances at the credit of the Chaultries - The outstanding amount of these loans is no less than 54,807-15-9 - There are also arrears of pay to be Establishment of Rs 66,910-4-7. The Govt in Council direct the Comrs that, with reference to these two items, it will be quite sufficient if his superintendence begins from the date of the Chaultries falling into his hands.

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Chaultrums		86	12 -
Devasthanums		157	3 - 8
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19 The Commissioners para 73- propose vesting over as a Chaultry and Devasthanum Cutcherry certain of the persons who were employed in the suite of the late Rajah in his Chaultrums and Devasthanum Diumuns, the aggregate amount of their salaries not being in excess of the sum of Rs 240- per mensem, or Rs 3-15-8 below the sum hitherto paid on that account - This is clearly inadequate for any other than a temporary arrangement. The Government have referred to the Honorable Company's Solicitor in respect to the future management of these institutions, and that Officer has laid before them his opinion given on the subject by the Advocate General Mr J. Sydney Smyth who originally competent to

the Government to direct
that these Charities shall
be managed in future
by the Local Officers,
whether styled Collector
or Commissioner, with
such Establishment as
Government may autho-
rize, or to order the Board
of Revenue to assume the
Superintendence of them
and to manage them under
the provisions of Act VII
of 1817. The question ap-
pears to him one of con-
venience and expediency
rather than of law, the
latter course would per-
haps be found the most
convenient and best cal-
culated to assure uni-
formity, and would most
clearly mark the intention
of Government to regard
and maintain them as
public charitable en-
dowments. Mr Smyth
considers

considers the provisions
of Reg. VII – 1817 sufficiently
large to apply to the
present case.

2d Under this opinion
the Government decided by
think that the Regula-
tion in question should
at once be acted on as
regards these Charities,
and they resolve to direct
the Board of Revenue
immediately to assume
charge of them and to
administer them through
the Collector as their
Local Agent. The
Board, to whom these
orders will be com-
municated thro' the
Revenue Department,
will report to Govt.
thro' that Department
the arrangements which
they may make and
establishments which
they may sanction

for

for the purpose.

2d. The Commissioners
write in form Avvo Sahebs
in reply to her Memori-
al of the 26th. August
last, that the Charities
to which it relates were
public Charitable in-
=stitutions which were
under the Superintendence
of the late Rajah of Tan-
=jore during his Life & on
his death they have
come under charge of
Government by whom
they have been made
over, together with their
Endowments, to the Board
of Revenue to be manage
by that body under the
provisions of Reg. VII - 1817.

J P

To the Rev. Depart. Disp. 22d
" Com. of Tanjore Disp. 21st
" Asst. General } Disp. 22d
" Civil Auditor }

C. T. Dyer
R. E. H

Rec. Dupree

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