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in a somewhat similar tone on the subject
of this Lady's claim & on reference to the
then Commissioner, a report was laid before
Government which contains all the informa-
-tion that could be gathered. Its gist is to
the effect that certain lands although nomi-
-nally entered in the Raj accounts in favor
of the Ooro Sahiba, were in reality under
management and in actual enjoyment by
the late Rajah who appropriated their pro-
-ceeds to the purposes of his general ex-
-penses as if no such person as the Ooro Sahiba
were in existence.

3. The enquiries which I have since
made, confirm the correctness of the view
taken by Mr. Forbes, whose report supplies
the Government with a statement of the
grounds on which ^{the} claim brought forward
by the Ooro Sahib should be repudiated.
In the report which I myself submitted
on the marginal date, I have also shown
that the villages which this Lady is re-
-presented as believing to be her own, are
in point of fact endowments of the
several

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Tanjore
18th May 1857.

From

H. D. Phillips Esquire
Commissioner of Tanjore

To

E. Maltby Esquire
Acting Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit a copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. J. B. Norton, Agent for Avoor Sahiba, Widow of Perfojee, former Raja of Tanjore, intimating the intention of his Client to hold the Government responsible for their alleged illegal occupation of Avoor Sahiba's lands and for their mesne profits, stating also that her servant will attend and peaceably give notice of her title and warn persons not to bid when "on the 12th of June instant" the said lands will be put up to public Auction.

2. On a former occasion Mr. Norton addressed the late Acting Collector Mr. Henry

several charitable institutions nominally entered in the Rajah's accounts as hers, but in the concerns of which she had no participation whatever.

4 The injunction of the Supreme Court issued at the instance of Haimatshie Boyce, led to the suspension of the collections which, previous to its receipt, were in progress under the local Government Officers, but they were resumed on the communication to me of the opinion of Government recorded in Minutes of Consultation dated the 25th January last, No. 86. Similar measures were taken and are now being enforced in those which have been termed the Rajah's Procassu villages.

5 The meaning of Mr. Norton in regard to an intended sale of the lands by Auction is not clear. No such process has been directed by me, nor is it in contemplation. I apprehend his Tanjore informants have heard that proposals for renting the lands & villages for one year, or more, will be received, and that any such offers as may be deemed sufficient will be accepted and put in force from the commencement of

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the ensuing Fushy; and that thereupon they have erroneously inferred that some permanent measure was to be put in force.

6 Unless otherwise instructed, it is not my intention to notice Mr Norton's letter, and my impression is that I have no legal means of opposing the attendance and any, peacable warning that may be given by a servant of the Avoos Sahib to such persons as may hereafter attend at the Talook Cutcheries to ascertain the result of their proposals to take up the cultivation of the villages for the approaching Fushy.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant.

H. D. Phillips
Commissioner

Tampore
18th May 1857.

To

The Acting Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort. Saint George

Compd
D. Phillips

From

C. B. Norton Esq^r

Agent for Avoos Sahib

To

H. D. Phillips Esq^r

Commissioner and Collector.

Sir,

It is represented to me by my Client that you have seized all her Moccas lands, gardens, villages, Chuttrums and Pogo-das 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 Mocasa lands, villages and gardens on behalf of the East Indian Company under colour and pretence of such lands being forming part of the property of the late Rajah or Raj: 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 deprivation and all acts 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 Servant to such public auctions as may take place, and peaceably give notice of her title to all persons attending, warning them at the same not to bid.

Received
11th May 1857

I have read
Signed John Bruce Norton
Agent for Mrs Sahiba.
(True Copy)

H. D. Sullivan
Commissioner

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Ordered that the foregoing letter and its enclosure be referred to the Company's Solicitor for any remarks that he may have to offer on the proceedings to which they relate.

2 George
May 1857

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do to Comr of Tanjore }

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