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Mr. Foster states - that
the late Knight & Garrison
daughter - had - by the
decease of her sister
become the ward of
her father.

Is this the case?

If so. the arrangement
must be proposed to
make appeal to

that under the circumstances -

I suppose he has good grounds for trusting the ^{brother} person, he proposes to entrust the girl -

Mr. Burton's letter I look upon as a proof & warrant in itself - to

the President & to Govt
in his prison - & I
had better not answer
so truly acknowledge
it - informing him
that Govt have taken
the charge of the
camp body - & are
not responsible to

leave for the arrangements
they may make.

As what he requires
else. And all his
arrangements are before
him.

He

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circumstances as the
young Prince is the
arrangement for the
present charge seems
as good as could be
obtained. — So far
the whole the above
I shall wound and
further that old la-
-day's intrigues and
would not be in
consequence with
the wishes of her
late father. — So
I will run to Haver-

The B. Rogers would
probably aid the
cause of the duds
Mr. Mrs. Mr. Rogers
and unbloody -
Massachusetts
The maternal friend
- and then of the child
might perhaps be
convinced frequently
to see her -

I think it would
be better not to
enter into any cor-
-respondence with

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Mr. Norton - Mr. Hoke
has already a know-
-ledge of the matter of
Mrs. Hoke - Mr. Hoke,
if with perhaps some
late communications
from Mr. Cherryman -
- Mr. Hoke, can be more
proply and wantonly
unwilling than Mr.
Norton's letters - It
would only afford
him an opportunity
of further insult to
what any assertion
- He has made now:

ever untrue -
but I think the 3^d
Para of Mr. Forbes letter
requires some notice.
Mr. Cherry can have
nothing to do with Jun-
ior now and it would
be well if he were
told that his frequent
intercourse with Mr.
Boston had better be dis-
continued - It is the
bad for the Gov^t to be
thus embarrassed by
the folly of their own
officers -
5/1/57 - M. M.

J.

Tanjore
Residents Office
29th December 1856.

From H. Forbes Esq
President of Tanjore
To J. Percroft Esq
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

Para 1

On the 26th instant I reported
to Government the death of the eldest
daughter of the late Rajah. This
event has rendered necessary a new
arrangement for the younger child,
who, now that her sister is dead,
can not continue to reside with her
brother in law Subbaram Sahib.

2. I have received three
letters upon the subject from Mr. Norton.

Copies

Copies of which I enclose - the first calls upon me to adopt measures which have already been taken, the second makes assertions and insinuations not founded on fact, and the third corrects the second.

3. I beg leave to draw the attention of Government to paragraph 5 of Mr. Norton's letter of the 27th and to his letter of the 28th, as showing the probability that he obtains his information, from the Officers of Government, and corrects it, when necessary, by discussing affairs with them.

4. The intense anxiety said to be felt by the Bhojpur Sahib for the welfare of the Rajah's young child

child, is certainly of recent growth, and I can not remember that these ladies ever took any notice of the child in her Father's life time, or cared where or how she lived.

5. It is singular that Mr. Norton, who can see so much intrigue in every act and thought of a man unconnected with his own party, and can even imagine facts in support of his own conclusions, should be wholly insensible to the possibility of those by whom he is accredited, having themselves an end to serve.

6. The public have been ostentatiously informed that Sahkaram Sahib is moving every power to obtain the hand of his wife's sister in marriage, that

the Durbar, the late Acting Resident,
and myself, are all ready to aid
his endeavours, that large sums of
money have been paid & promised,
that for a few weeks past great
civilities have been shown to the
Residency, that furniture has been
lent, and that nothing but Mr.
Norton's interference can have
power to stop the arrangement.

7. That large sums of money
have been lately expended at Tanjore,
is I fear but too true, but Mr. Norton
is the person who must account for
the expenditure, & its object. That
Civilities have passed between
Sutikaram Sahib & the Residency,
or that any articles whatever had
been

been received there from the Palace since
the middle of October, is simply false.
For so scrupulous have I been
that no opening for insinuation should
be given, that I prohibited the
Customary Christmas compliment
of fruit & flowers, which it was
almost childish to refuse. So far
also from my being an advocate
for Sutikaram Sahib's marriage
with the young lady, the Government
will find that, in the letter which
I addressed to them from Madras,
in comment on the Auroo Sahib's
petition, the date of which I am
not able to quote, I said that
the alliance was one which
in my opinion no Resident would
ever be found willing to recommend.

John

In that letter I admitted the probability that Sahkaram Sahib wished the marriage - he has never referred to me upon the subject, but I know that he caused his wishes to be once communicated to the Rajah, and that they met with a direct denial. - But it is no less true that the Auro Sahib's design is to marry the Chico to the boy Rajah Ram, who was for some time put forward as having been adopted by the Rajah. and then, whether Ramatcheebhoyee Sahib, after her installation as Uaha Ranee, adopts Rajah Ram, or whether at her death the Raj descends to the Prince, all power will continue in the hands

hands of the party who are building what they conceive to be an enduring political scheme. But this is not the only intrigue on foot connected with the Chico, which is passing under Mr. Norton's eyes without his being alive to it, for Soorway Row, Ramatcheebhoyee's brother, Mr. Norton's chief adviser and informant, has himself a son who, he is very desirous, should be married to the Rajah's young daughter, and as both he and the Auro Sahib are too cunning to have their own names put forward in connection with a matter in which they have a personal interest, the Bhoyee Sahibs

Sahibs and Mr. Norton are made their tools, and hence arises an anxiety for the welfare of a child, and a struggle for the possession of her person, when a few months ago her existence was not a matter of thought.

Q. I have not answered Mr. Norton's letters further than, on receiving the second, acknowledging the receipt of the first, and I do not consider it necessary that I should discuss, either with her clients or with him, the future of the Rajah's child — She is now the ward of Government, and neither the Bhoyee Sahibs' intrigues, nor Mr. Norton's advice,

can

can be needed upon the question.

10. Indeed I think that the Bhoyee Sahibs have by their own act placed themselves out of the question, for in a letter which they addressed to their Memasar on the 4th instant, they directed him to inform the Sirkah that they did not admit the existence of his office, and that they refused to yield him, or the Government officers, any obedience, and they concluded an impertinent letter by directing that a copy of it might be sent for the information of Government. After such conduct I do not consider it necessary to consult their wishes upon any matter

not

not immediately connected with themselves.

11. As regards the future charge of the Child, I have had some difficulty. It appeared on many accounts inexpedient to entrust her again to the Aroo Sahib, and indeed the orders of Government of the 10th of October last left no room for doubt. Her Maternal Grand Mother resides in the Palace, and would have been a fit guardian, but on her being applied to by my orders, she represented the fear she was in, of ill treatment by the Aroo Sahib if she took any step hostile to her views, and begged to be relieved

Ext. Min.
Con. Pol.
Sept. 1863.

relieved from the duty - there is not another lady in the Palace to whose care the child could be consigned without her being immediately given over to the Aroo Sahib.

12. For the present therefore I have requested Sashoo Choyee Unmut, to transfer her residence from the Palace at Trivani to Lanjir, and to receive the child in charge, and after much consideration I can not see any more fitting course.

13. Sashoo Choyee is the Head Lady of the Rajah Serfojee's Malina Mahal. She was united to him by a sword marriage, and by the late

Rajah

Rajah, by his family, and all persons, has always been treated as second to the Avoos Sahib alone, the ceremony of prostration being performed by His Highness and his wives whenever they entered her presence.

14. On the score of position and consideration in the family therefore there is no objection to the selection of Sadhoo Choyee, and the objection that will be made will probably rest on the President Sherentadan being the Trustee for the management of her affairs, under Serfojee's appointment, and it will be represented that she is under his influence, and

and that he therefore can favor the wishes of Saktaram Sahib. I have thought it right to lay the question fully before the Government, but in my own opinion the objections that will probably be made are not worth consideration. I can assure the Government that there is really no wish on the part of the Durbar that Saktaram Sahib should marry the child, that they all know, & admit, that the Rajah absolutely refuses his consent, that they are fully aware that they would very ill consult her happiness by bringing about the union, and are too loyal to their Master's house

house to do what they know he
did not wish, and what would
produce unhappiness to his sole
surviving child.

15. It remains only to notice
the assertions made by Mr Norton - 27.

16. I did not refer Mr. Decr 1856.
Norton's letter of the 24th to the para 2.
Littles - it was seen by no
one but myself.

17. It is not true that the para 3.
entrance from Satkaram
Sahib's Palace to the young
child's apartment was left
unguarded. Having been unable
to attend at the Palace myself,
I requested the Acting Collector
with Lieut. Stewart, who is
referred to by Mr. Norton as an
authority

authority, to visit the spot and
report to me, and the copy of
the reply, which I subjoin, will
show that Mr. Norton is wholly
wrong.

Para 7. 18. It is not true that
Satkaram Sahib visited the
Princess at seven o'clock in
the evening, and any acquaintance
with the rigid rules
of Hindoo mourning would
have taught Mr. Norton that
his doing so was impossible.
that Satkaram Sahib passed
the night of his wife's death
with her own infant sister, a
too filthy a conception to receive
any notice from me.

That

19. That Paria Annah waits on
the young child is true - it is his
peculiar duty, and one he is pe-
-culiarly fitted for - on her
mother's death it was to her sister
and to Paria Annah that she
was confided by her Father, &
he it is that for the ten years
that she has lived, has constantly
attended upon her. My Sherasta
- dan also visited her, and so-
- did the Sirkar, for it was
necessary that there should be
persons about her in whom I
could repose confidence.

20. When the late Prin: para 10.
- cess's last hour was approach-
- ing it was determined that
he

her young sister should remain
with her as long as she was
conscious, and then should
be removed - to this arrange-
- ment Saik Param^{shah} assented,
and himself led the child
to the door, and delivered her
to her attendants, when his
wife was no longer sensible.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Lanjie. Your most obedt servant.

29 Decr/56.

Brooke

President.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

The Govt is of opinion that the
 course proposed by the Commis-
 sioner for the charge of the
 younger daughter of the Late
 Rajah of Tanjore is the best
 that can be pursued under
 the circumstances —

The notice taken of Mr
 Norton's letter by the Com-
 -missioner was all that
 was required — Should Mr
 Norton make any further
 representations on the ~~same~~
 subject of the same character
 he should be informed
 that the Govt deny the accu-
 -sation of his statements

Copy to the Com-
 -missioner Oct 28 and altogether this allow
 to do it Nov 23 his title to interfere in the matter
 7th January 1857

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From
The Resident
at Launce

To the Chief Secretary

to Government

~~24~~ 24 Decr 1856

Recd 5 Jan 57

Wm. H.

Encls: 4.

Wm.

Reporting upon the

arrangements made

for the removal of

the Pagoda, & removal

of Langston.

With an order

At the residence of
the Resident
24 Decr 1856

Wm. H.

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Wm.