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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 23th July 1857.

No. 25. From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Acting Resident of Tanjore; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tanjore, 16th July 1857.

SIR,

* 16th June 1857. Para: 1. I have the honor to forward a Memorial* addressed to the Government of Ceylon, by the first and fourth Queens of the late King of Candy, soliciting a contribution, on the part of that Government, towards the expenses of the Marriage of their Grand Daughter Letchumadavy. A counterpart of it addressed to the Madras Government is also submitted.

2. The names of the Memorialists are marginally given. I visited *Peddaswamaloovar.* them a few days ago at their request and learnt by personal communication, *Chinnaswamaloov.* that they find it impracticable to save Funds from their Stipend, so as to admit of the performance of Marriage Ceremonies in their family without some indulgent and liberal consideration from the Government of Ceylon. They could not quote any precedent for an allowance on such an occasion to a Grand Daughter, but mentioned that of a Daughter, to whom a sum of Rupees 2,500, appears to have been granted.

From Colonial Secretary, 25th May 1836.

3. It is difficult to specify the precise sum to which they would seem entitled. The ceremony, even when performed with much economy, is a costly one with reference to the rank of the applicants and their position; but so far as I can judge they will require not less than Rupees 1,750, which sum the Government may perhaps feel disposed to recommend should be allowed them.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,
Acting Resident.

To the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Ceylon, dated Tanjore, 16th June 1857.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We the 1st and 4th Queen's of Shree Vickramasunmah Maharaj, the late King of Candy, beg to acquaint your Excellency that we have a Grand Daughter, whose name is called Letchmudavy, and she is come now to bloom of Age. Consequently we proposed to celebrate her marriage so soon as possible at Tanjore.

At Vellore, the marriage of our eldest Daughter was celebrated in the year 1833, and at Tanjore the marriage of our another one Daughter was celebrated in 1836: To each of those marriages, the Government had been pleased to give us 2,500 Rupees for our expences. According to the above said custom, the Government should be pleased to give us a sum which can answer the expence of the proposed marriage.

We are now come to an old age and wish to see the marriage be fulfilled at Tanjore in our days with such manner that will not in some way degrade the Honor of our Noble family. Besides we are under Your Excellency's liberal and kind protection, and yet our small Pension does not provide us sufficient food, &c., consequently we are obliged to run in debt, and your Excellency is also well known of our circumstances than any one that are at this part of the Peninsula. Consequently if your Excellency will not take the trouble of fulfilling our wish, who will engage themselves for doing it. We therefore humbly request Your Excellency to take the circumstances into your serious and princely consideration, and then to order us a pecuniary assistance according to the usage for fulfilling the above said marriage.

What can we say more except our wish to your Excellency's health and prosperity?

(Signed) *! యాగీత మహారాజ రాజ క్షీ,*
ఇక్కడ స్వామిలవార్ల చేత్రాలు.
o యాగిరుకు చిన్న స్వామిలు చేత్రాలు.

Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 28th July 1857.

No. 26. TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY AT COLOMBO, dated 25th July 1857, No. 576.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit, for the consideration and instructions of the Ceylon Government, copy of a letter from the Acting Resident of Tanjore, with a Memorial addressed to His Excellency the Governor by the 1st and 4th Queens of the late Ex-King of Candy, soliciting a contribution towards the expenses of the marriage of their grand-daughter Letchumadavy.

2. In submitting this application the Acting Resident states that, so far as he can judge, the parties will require not less than Rupees 1,750, as the ceremony, even when performed with much economy, is a costly one with reference to the rank and position of the applicants. It will be for the Government of Ceylon to decide whether, under the circumstances of the case, the above sum should be allowed for the marriage expenses of the Grand-daughter of the Ex-Queens. Similar grants appear to have been authorised on account of the marriage of the Daughters of the late Ex-King of Candy.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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The Colonial Secretary at Colombo

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I have, Sir

To the Colonial Secy
London 25th July 1857
From the Secy
Hon. Secy

Fort Saint George,
25th July 1857

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