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**Government of Madras.**

*Physical* **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 18th August 1857.*

No. 1. From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Commissioner of Tanjore; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tanjore, 28th July, 1857, No. 202.

SIR,

1. Adverting to the orders of Government communicated to me in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated the 16th Ultimo, No. 462;

2. I have the honor to state that the absence of Dr. Brooking on the Neilgherry Hills, under the leave of absence granted\* to him for six months and of which he took advantage on the marginal† date, will, to all appearance, effectually prevent my at once enquiring into the Sirkele's claim against him and reporting upon it.

\* To Dr. Brooking 24th June 1857.

From Do. 9th July 1857.

To. Do. 27th July 1857.

§ 9th July 1857.

3. In order to place the Government in possession of information respecting the steps taken by me to bring this matter to a close, I beg to transmit a copy of my correspondence‡ with Mr. Brooking, whose reply§ seems to me to be sufficiently vague and unsatisfactory. The duty of showing what he supplied to the Rajah and of making up an account to be used as a set off against the Durbar claim, rests with himself. The Servants of the Rajah will, I am aware, afford him every possible assistance in bringing the matter to an equitable adjustment; but I see no prospect of one whilst Dr. Brooking is absent from Tanjore.

4. On the marginal date,|| I had the honor to sollicit authority for securing through the aid of Dr. Arnold now on duty here, efficient and proper Superintendence for the Rajah's Hospital, for the duties of which Dr. Brooking has the contract.

5. I now beg to suggest whether it will not be advisable to authorize the cancelment of that contract; and I would solicit authority to assign from the funds to meet it which have hitherto been disbursed through the Residency Office, as one of the ordinary Palace expences, enough to remunerate the Covenanted Medical Officer for the time in charge of the Detachment here for the duty of treating the patients in the Hospital. I would further request that until Tanjore Affairs are settled, I be permitted to indent for or purchase such Medicines and Sundries as may be wanted to carry out the benevolent and charitable intentions of the late Rajah when he established a Hospital and, as its first Seperintendent, selected Dr. Brooking. The aggregate of these expenses would fall considerable within the limit of the sum drawn by Dr. Brooking, if, as I presume, the Medical Officer in temporary charge of Tanjore should be allowed 175 Rupees per mensem for his Superintendence.

6. The more I see of the present system of conducting the duties of this Hospital, the more impressed am I with the conviction that injustice is being done to the poor sufferers who would resort to it if it were under a different system of management.

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7. Meanwhile, as the orders of Government directing the salary of Durbar Surgeon to be continued were apparently passed in ignorance of the fact that Dr. Brooking was no longer at Tanjore, I shall, until otherwise instructed, abstain from discharging the Durbar Surgeon's salary and shall issue no more than the sum required to cover the actual expenses of the Hospital and the pay of its Subordinate.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,  
*Commissioner.*

(True Copy)

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,  
*Commissioner.*

To S. BROOKING, Esq., Durbar Surgeon, Neilgherries, dated Tanjore, Thathan Choultry,  
24th June 1857, No. 192.

SIR,

Adverting to the Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated the 16th Instant, No. 462, relative to the adjustment of the claim brought against you by the Sirkele of His Highness the late Rajah of Tanjore, I have the honor to request that in order to the fulfilment of the instructions of Government that I should bring the subject at once under investigation, you will favor me by forwarding to this Office, any Vouchers you may have in support of the set off against the Sirkele's claim, which, from your correspondence with that Officer, I observe has been urged: or, as likely to be more satisfactory to all parties, I would suggest, that, if not convenient, you should name an early date for personally attending at the Presidency, there to enter upon an examination of the Account standing against you in the Sirkele's Office.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,  
*Commissioner.*

To H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Commissioner of Tanjore; dated Ootacamund 9th July 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th June with its enclosure, Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 16th June, and in replying to the request contained in your letter, I think I had better *at present* confine myself to a reference to the correspondence which has passed between myself and the Sirkele and the documents with which he has furnished me.

It is not necessary for me to furnish you with all the copies, as they are obtainable from the Sirkele's Office; and I shall only transmit those, which really bear on the subject and I give the Nos. of the documents as they been docketed by the Sirkele.

No documents have been received from Dr. Brooking the only accompaniments to his letter are the copies of a letter from himself to the Sirkele and of one from the Sirkele to him.

H. D. PHILLIPS, *Commissioner.*

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No. 1 (my own numbering) is copy of a letter from the Sirkele to me dated 9th May 1856.

Nos. 1 to 13 are copies of receipts furnished by me to the Treasury with the exception of No. 6 which I have not got.

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 13 are acknowledgements of money received by me in 1848, the last No. 13 has no annual date affixed, but my Accounts with the Madras Bank will settle this.

Nos. 9, 10, 11, and 12 are receipts for money disbursed to me in 1849, the latest date of which is April 21st 1849.

The other documents furnished me, as acknowledgements of Goods sent by me to the Palace are useless, as No. 18 of these proves the regular renderance of Accounts up to March 1849, and gives a balance in my favor of (531) five hundred and thirty-one Rupees and the only receipts furnished by me *since* that date are of the 21st April, Nos. 11 and 12.

In my letter to the Sirkele, dated 21st June 1856, you will see that I have not taken any *advantage* of this admission of a debt due to me, *subsequent* to the receipt of so large a sum from the Palace, and I have a right to expect equally liberal treatment at the hands of the Government. This letter, (I have the honor to request) you will do me the favor to transmit for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

The withholding the Gratuity to which I am entitled by Order of the Government of India, places me in a very unpleasant position, for I have to forfeit my pledged word to several, and to implicate friends in the settlement of private debts, which their trust in me made them responsible for.

The same feeling of honor which has actuated me hitherto in these harassing transactions with the Palace, will be my guide in their final settlement.

(Signed) SAMUEL BROOKING,  
*Retired Surgeon.*

To SAMUEL BROOKING, Esq., Durbar Surgeon of Tanjore, dated 9th May 1856.

SIR,

I have duly received your letter of the 1st Instant. Agreeably to the wishes you have therein expressed, I have herewith forwarded to you the copies of all the receipts you have at various times given to the Palace for the money received by you, and also the copies of the correspondence which took place between you and the late Sirkele in 1849.

I hope that the said copies will enable you to furnish me soon with satisfactory explanation called for in my former letters, and I request you will without further delay settle your Accounts with the Palace as regards the balance of a large sum standing against you in the Palace Accounts.

MAHRATTA SIGNATURE,

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) SAMUEL BROOKING,  
*Retired Surgeon.*

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To the Acting Sirkele, Tanjore ; dated 21st June 1856.

SIR,

I have been employed for the last fortnight in endeavouring to bring into order the very irregular Documents, copies of which you have been good enough at my request to send me ; but I find that every possible difficulty stands in the way of my furnishing you with an exact disbursement of the money which I have laid out for His late Highness. That you may understand this I have to bring to your notice that an Account of the disbursements of the *last half year only* has been preserved, those of the previous years which I was in the habit of presenting every three months to the Kurdee Maul have been lost and that while my receipts for money have been carefully preserved in the Treasury (as was to be expected from the orderly management of that establishment) the Documents proving the expenditure which have been furnished separately with each article, as well as being embodied in my regular accounts are not forthcoming. If I were therefore to prepare my Accounts solely from the information I derive from the remaining Documents, I should be thousands of Rupees out of pocket, and I must beg you to remark that no fault rests with me in this matter, that I cannot be answerable for the remissness of others, nor am I to blame in being unprepared to furnish Accounts a second time. A few instances will serve to show you how useless these Documents are as data to be depended on. Besides many other purchases of which I have only an indistinct recollection, I have four times procured English Grey Hounds from Madras and elsewhere for His Highness 6 or 8 at each time and three times a similar number of Arab Dogs ; whereas two Documents only remain proving their receipts and those of two Dogs only. Besides the English Bulls and Cows I procured from England, others were sent for from Madras in 1848 of which no Documents is furnished. For my own sake therefore I must take up the Accounts from the date of the last regular Statement of which you have sent me two, which brings my disbursements up to the 19th March 1849, leaving a balance by your own showing in my favor of 530 Rupees ; this tallies with the original which I have in my possession, but it omits the important fact of an entry which is as follows, " In hand after rendering my Accounts to the end of June 1848, to R. Vergappah Rupees 2,800, " this proves the habit of a regular renderance of Accounts. My own Statement carries on the disbursements to June 1849, when there is a sum due to me of Rupees 2,228-10-0 expended beyond the sum I had in hand after submitting my previous Accounts. It is the payment of this sum which caused the correspondence between myself and the late Sirkele, copies of which you have sent me. Among the Documents I have received from you are two invoices for Medicines. These were sent as they were received from the Medical Storekeepers, and have to be deducted from the sum set apart for the purchase of Medicines which I shall speak of presently. In the same way the payment of a Chestnut Horse is debited to me, whereas its price I received instructions from His Highness to deduct from a sum set apart for the purchase of English Horses, Cows, &c., and it is of this sum I have now to remark on, Taylor's bills bears date 14th May 1849, which is proof sufficient that it could not have been entered in the Accounts I had previously furnished, the last date of which is the 19th March of the same year. In 1848 His Highness entrusted me with a separate sum of 27,000 Rupees remitted to England for the purchase of English Horses, Cows, Dogs, Medicines and Books, &c. It is for this sum only that I consider myself res-

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possible and I am prepared to furnish you with a Statement of its expenditure. I have further to inform you that besides the sum I had to deduct from this, as stated above, His Highness liberally presented me with 2,000 Rupees to aid me in the expenses attending my Family's return to India. I cannot conclude this letter without reminding you that His Highness had on his visit to me before I left Tanjore (on speaking of these Accounts) informed me that whatever small sum there might be remaining in my possession, I might consider my own as some equivalent for the present he was prevented giving me at my daughter's marriage ; and I do not take advantage of this generosity, partly because from your demanding a settlement of these Accounts, this intention of His Highness is I suppose unknown to you, but principally because as an English Gentlemen I do not wish to profit by any advantage which yourself and other Members of His Highness' Durbar have tacitly disavowed. At the same time, as I have already mentioned to you in a previous letter, I charge a commission of ten per cent on all the purchases I have made with this 27,000 Rupees that I may secure myself from loss.

(Signed) SAMUEL BROOKING.

(True Copies)

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,  
*Commissioner.*

From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Commissioner of Tanjore ; to S. BROOKING, Esq., Neelgherries, dated 27th July 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 9th Instant, accompanied by transcript of communication from yourself to the Acting Sirkele and of a note from that Officer to you, relative to the claim of the Tanjore Durbar against you for a sum of Rupees 32,218-14-7.

21st June 1856.  
9th May 1856.

2. I regret that as connected with the adjustment of this claim, I do not now feel at liberty to meet the request that your letter to me should be forwarded for consideration by the Government, because it contains no sufficient information in respect of the claim in question which, you are aware I have been directed " at once " to investigate and " report upon."

3. Before placing myself in communication with the Government, I deem it essentially necessary to beg you will favor me at your earliest inconvenience, with the particulars calculated to aid me in forming an opinion in regard to the correctness of the Durbar claim. To this end,

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I would request from you a Statement showing, by reference to your own Accounts, the articles &c., furnished by you to the late Rajah and the several sums on their account to which you consider yourself entitled as a set off.

The Mahratta Accounts of His Highness the late Rajah exhibit in detail a total sum of Rupees 51,789 as having been advanced to you at different times, subsequent to the 1st January 1848. They also shew that from January the 16th of that year you have been credited with Rupees 9,570-9-5 for Horses, Cows, Dogs, Books, Medicines, Furniture, Pomatum, Surgical Instruments, &c., &c., supplied to the late Rajah on various dates, the difference, thus standing against you is Rupees 32,218-14-7.

5. The Acting Sirkele however informed you on the 20th March 1856 in a letter of which a copy is now before me, that there were "animals " and articles said to have been sent by you to the Palace as per an accompanying list; but as their value was not known" he requested you would ascertain it by means of your Accounts or otherwise and make him acquainted with it as early as practicable. For ready reference I enter below a copy of that list.

| When Sent.                                        | Number. |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 18th June 1847..... An English Mare.....          | 1       |
| 7th May 1848..... A Do. Cow.....                  | 1       |
| 7th June 1848..... A Do. Do.....                  | 1       |
| ”..... A Do. Calf.....                            | 1       |
| 12th October 1848.... Pomatum Cups, &c.....       | 49      |
| 8th November 1848. Medicine Glasses.....          | 113     |
| 2nd February 1849. English Cows.....              | 10      |
| 16th August 1849.... Glasses of Macassar Oil..... | 44      |
| 20th Do. 1849..... Horses.....                    | 1       |
| 2nd March 1849.... English Books.....             | 12      |
| 8th Do. 1849.... Do. Do.....                      | 8       |
| 19th February 1850.. Revalenta Arabica Food.....  | 10      |
| 21st February 1850.. English Books.....           | 33      |

6. You do not appear to have yet sent in the Statement which the Acting Sirkele desired to receive. It is therefore at present impossible to specify the exact sum appearing to be due by you to the estate of the late Rajah.

7. In order to enable me to carry out the instructions of Government, I have now to request you will furnish me with any vouchers you may possess in support of the Supplies admitted by the Acting Sirkele not to have been credited to you, or with such explanation of the character of the transactions between yourself and the Durbar of His late Highness, and His Highness himself, as may tend to show the balance claimed from you by the representatives of the Tanjore Durbar is less than the amount at which they now Estimate it.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,  
*Commissioner.*

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ORDER THEREON, No 627; dated 12th August 1857.

In this letter Mr. Phillips first reports the difficulty which he has experienced in examining the claim made by the Durbar Sirkele against Dr. Brooking for sums of money advanced to him by the late Rajah, in consequence of Dr. Brooking's absence from Tanjore. Copies of the correspondence which has passed upon the subject are forwarded, and Government wait to have before them the reply which Dr. Brooking may make to the Resident's letter dated the 27th Ultimo.

2. Mr. Phillips then adverts to the Rajah's Hospital, for the duties of which, including the supply of Medicines, Dr. Brooking has had a contract, and he recommends that, in consequence of the changes in the Raj and Dr. Brooking's absence from Tanjore, the contract may be cancelled, and the Hospital be put under the Covenanted Medical Officer in charge of the Detachment at Tanjore, Government supplying the Medicines required for its use.

3. The history of this Hospital was alluded to by the Commissioner in his letter of 11th May last, No. 176, when reporting upon the claims of Dr. Brooking for a provision as a Servant of the deceased Rajah. Dr. Brooking received Rupees 500 per mensem for the expenses of the Hospital including his own professional services, and the Rajah latterly added Rupees 200 to this sum in apparent remuneration for "private attendance on the Circar and on account of "Medicines to be given to such European animals as might be favorites of His Highness."

4. On the representation then made Government resolved (see order dated 16th June, No. 452,) to give Dr. Brooking a Gratuity equal to six months salary at the full rate which he drew at the time of the Rajah's decease, or Rupees 700 per mensem, and, in consequence of his official connection with the Raj being thus brought to a close, application was made to the Commander-in-Chief for the services of an Assistant Surgeon or experienced Apothecary to take charge of the Hospital until permanent arrangements could be made for its management.

5. Two circumstances have however occurred to prevent Dr. Brooking's connection with the Hospital being brought to a termination.—1st. He applied\* in April last for leave to proceed to the Neilgherry Hills, and it now appears† that he quitted Tanjore, seemingly with the consent of the Durbar Sircele, leaving a Subordinate Medical Officer to discharge his duties at the Hospital—2nd. Claims were brought by the Sircele against Dr. Brooking on account of advances of money made to him by the late Rajah for the purchase of different articles, and, on this circumstance being reported by the Commissioner, Government directed an enquiry to be made into the account, and ordered that meanwhile the sanctioned gratuity was not to be paid, and Dr. Brooking was to continue to receive his salary as Durbar

\* *From Actg. Resident, 9th April 1857.*  
 † *From do. 22nd July "*

*Letter from Commr. 10th June, No. 184.*  
*Ext. Mins. Cons. 16th " " 462.*

Lowball, but he was not

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Surgeon, it not then being known that he had quitted Tanjore, and made over the case of the Hospital to a Subordinate.

6. This Subordinate proved however unequal to the duties of the Hospital, and the Acting Resident therefore applied for the aid of Assistant Surgeon Arnold—Government acceded to this application, the services of that Officer having been ascertained to be available, but, before definitively assigning a portion of the salary to the officiating incumbent, they wished to know Dr. Brooking's views, as the charge of the Hospital, and the supply of its Medicines still rested with him.

7. Before Mr. Phillips received this last order, he wrote the letter now under consideration again suggesting that Dr. Brooking's contract should be brought to a termination and, that until Tanjore affairs are settled, the Commissioner should be authorised to supply the wants of the Hospital, including Medicines, and to remunerate the Medical Officer in charge of the Detachment at Tanjore for the duty of treating the patients it being understood that the total monthly expense was not to exceed the sum of Rupees 500 allowed by the late Rajah.

8. On considering the whole circumstances, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sees fit to allow this arrangement, which has already received the approval of Government, to be carried into effect from the 1st Proximo. But as Dr. Brooking's salary will then cease, the Commissioner is instructed to pay him the gratuity which has been already sanctioned, instead of deferring the payment until his accounts with the Durbar are brought to a settlement. The scrutiny of these accounts will nevertheless be proceeded with under, the instructions issued on the subject.

9. Government will fix the remuneration to be given to Assistant Surgeon Arnold, for his services at the Hospital in the past and present month, on the Commissioner supplying the information called for in p. 2 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 29th Ultimo, No. 584. After the present month, remuneration to the Officer in temporary charge of the Hospital may be given at the rate proposed by the Acting Resident, or Rupees 175, and when permanent arrangements are hereafter decided upon for the Hospital, Government will wish to know whether Dr. Brooking desires to be placed in charge of it as their Servant, following the ordinary system of practice instead of the homæopathic, and what the Acting Resident's views are upon this point.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

*Recd letter from Commissioner  
of Tanjore 28<sup>th</sup> July/57*

*In this letter Mr Phillips <sup>first</sup> reports  
the difficulty which he has experienced  
in examining the claim made by  
Dr. Brooking against the Durbar  
for sums of money advanced to  
him by the late Rajah, in con-  
sequence of Dr. Brooking's absence  
from Tanjore - Copies of the com-  
munication which has passed between  
the ~~Commissioner~~ <sup>subject</sup> Dr. Brooking are  
forwarded, & great credit has been  
done to the reply which Dr. Brooking  
has made to the Resident's letter  
dated the 27<sup>th</sup> ulto.*

*Mr Phillips then advert to the  
Rajah's Hospital, for the duties of  
which, including the supply of medi-  
cines, Dr. Brooking has had the  
contract, and he recommends that*



6 - This subordinate proved however unequal to the duties of the Hospital & the Acting Resident therefore applied for the services of <sup>him</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Surgeon Marshall. Govt acceded to this application, the necessity of that Officer having been ascertained. He was

Letter from subordinate  
d 22 & 23 July 1857

Lt of C. No 500 & 504

Before definitely fixing a date of the leaving of the Acting Resident, the latter wished to know M<sup>r</sup> Brookings' views, as the charge of the Hospital & the supply of its medicines still rested with him.

7 - Before M<sup>r</sup> Phillips received this last order, he wrote the letter now under consideration again suggesting that M<sup>r</sup> Brookings' contract should be brought to a termination & that until Tarpore affairs are settled <sup>Commissioner</sup> that should be authorized to supply the wants of the Hospital including medicines, & to remunerate the Medical Officer in charge of the Detachment at Tarpore for the duty of treating the patients. It being understood that the total monthly expense was not to exceed the sum of Rs 500 allowed by the Late Regt.

8 - On considering the whole circumstances the R<sup>t</sup> & the G<sup>ovt</sup> seem to allow this arrangement which has already received

After the present contract is annulled to the Officer in temporary charge of the Hospital may be given at the rate proposed by the Acting Resident on the 17<sup>th</sup> and when permanent arrangements are made for the Hospital, Govt will wish to know whether M<sup>r</sup> Brookings desires to be placed in charge of it or to leave it, allowing the necessary system of practice instead of the present one & what he desires to do.

Govt will fix the remuneration to be given to M<sup>r</sup> Surgeon Marshall for his services at the Hospital in the past & present months on the Commission supplying the information contained in Lt of C. No 504.

To the Com<sup>dr</sup> of Tarpore  
Disputant  
and know nothing about it

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the approval of Govt to be carried into effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of Decr. - But as M<sup>r</sup> Brookings' salary will then cease, the Commissioner is instructed to pay him the gratuity which has been sanctioned, instead of deferring the payment until his accounts with the Barabar are brought to a settlement. The settling of these accounts will nevertheless be proceeded with under the instructions issued on the subject.

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