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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 646.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 19th August 1857.

Read the following letters from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Commissioner of Tanjore ; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 17th August 1857, Nos. 206 and 207.

SIR,

1. Adverting to the Minutes of Consultation, marginally noted, forwarding for my information copy of the opinion* of the Advocate General, Mr. W. Ritchie, in the Suit of Kamatchee Boyee Sahib ; I have the honor to transmit a Statement † showing which of the Original papers adverted to by Mr. Ritchie, will be forthcoming from the Resident's and Commissioner's Offices at Tanjore. I beg also to send copies of such as have not already been laid before the Government, but which, from the tenor of Mr. Ritchie's remarks, would seem to be necessary for production at the hearing of the Suit.

15th June 1857, No. 458.
* 30th May 1857.

† No. A.

Nos. 1 to 9.

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2. It has not, I regret to state, been possible to discover the Original Communication from the Governor General, Lord Mornington, to Rajah Surfojee, to which Mr. Ritchie refers in para: 16 of his opinion.

3. Neither have I been able to obtain possession of the Treaty of 25th October 1799, to which Mr. Ritchie adverts in para: 18 of his opinion. This paper is believed, under circumstances susceptible of proof, to have been placed in the hands of R. Sakharam Sahib, son-in-law of the late Rajah, prior to the demise of that prince, and at one time I was rather sanguine about his willingness to admit that he had it, and his readiness to deliver it up. Since then I have been disappointed at hearing that he denies that it has ever been or is now in his possession, although there seems to be no reason for doubting that having once been put in his hands, it still remains with him, and has never been restored to the depository whence it came.

4. I shall endeavour to prepare in the course of to-day a statement of the nature of the testimony which will be given by the witnesses whom I purpose sending to Madras when the Suit comes to a hearing.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,
Commissioner.

SIR,

31st July 1857, No. 593.

10th August 1857, No. 620.

No. A.

1. In reply to the instructions conveyed to me in the Minutes of Consultation of the marginal dates, I have the honor to report, that the search made among the Duffers of the late Rajah's Records, has brought to light the Documents specified in the accompanying list.

2. Excepting the nine Purvanagees from Nos. 8 to 16, the other Documents which are essential to the cause of the Plaintiff, as appears from the order made by the Supreme Court on the 24th Ultimo, had been found prior to the receipt of the later of the Minutes of Consultation under reply ; and I beg here to mention that the single Clerk whom the Plaintiff's Solicitors refer to by name, had had no concern or share whatever in the efforts made to ascertain whether the papers in question were deposited.

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No. 646

Extract from the Minutes of Consultations
of August 17th, 1857.

Read the following letters from
the Commissioner of Tanjore

Received 17th August 1857
Nos 206 & 207.

Ordered that the foregoing
letters and the documents en-
closed therewith be forwarded
at once to the Honorable Company's
Solicitor with reference to his
communications of the 29th ultimo
and 8th instant, Nos 433 & 448 & 458
and his letter of the 15th June
last, No 458.

2. The statement referred
to in para 4 of the first of the let-
ters above recorded will be sent to
the Company's Solicitor as soon
as it is received. The Commissioner
of Tanjore will be requested to
lose no time in furnishing it.

The H. Co. Solicitor }
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The Commr. of Tanjore - 19th

3. I took advantage of the aid of the persons pointed to by the Plaintiff's Solicitors, and through their means withdrew from the Records, the nine Purvanagees above adverted to.

4. Copies of these Documents are herewith forwarded, the Originals being Nos. 1 to 16: retained for production at Madras by the witnesses, who will at the proper time leave this place to give evidence at the hearing of the Suit.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,
Commissioner.

Ordered that the foregoing letters and the Documents received therewith be forwarded at once to the Honorable Company's Solicitor with reference to his Communications of the 29th Ultimo and 8th Instant, Nos. 433 and 448, and to Extract Minutes Consultation, of the 15th June last, No. 458.

2. The Statement referred to in para : 4 of the first of the letters above recorded will be sent to the Company's Solicitor as soon as it is received. The Commissioner of Tanjore will be requested to lose no time in furnishing it.

(True Extracts and Copies.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Honorable Company's Solicitor.
" Commissioner of Tanjore.

Exd. H. Morgan.

Pl. to Eng. 22^o April.
No 5 of 1858. Paris 1842.

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(dated 19 Aug. 1857)