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From J R Boyson Acting Honorable Company's Secretary
To The Chief Secretary to Government.

January 16th 1857.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the papers noted in the margin and to state that

I have given them full consideration.

Extract from m/c Political Department
31 Decr 1855 No 545 with enclosures -
Copy letter from Comd of Tanjore to
Chief Secy to Govt 3 Jan 1857 No 95 -
Copy letter from Comd of Tanjore to
the Chief Secy to Govt 6 Jan 1857 No 97
with enclosures -
Extract from m/c Political Department
9th January 1857 No 53 -
Extract from m/c Political
Department 11 Jan 1857 No 59 -

I am of opinion that all Jewels now in the custody of the Honorable Company which can not be shown to have belonged to the Rajah Serfojee at the date of the Treaty of 1799 should be included in Schedule D1; that where there

is any reasonable doubt as to whether any specific Jewel was in the possession of the Rajah Serfojee in 1799 such Jewel should be included in Schedule D1; that all the cloths in the

Sandika Khannah which were not the property of the Rajah Serfojee and at this distance of time I can hardly imagine that any cloths which belonged to Serfojee are now in existence should be included in Schedule D1; that the orders of the Government of India transmitted to the Commissioner to be applied to the

before 1799 -
added by desire
of Mr Boyson

essential

identical property now in existence and that the course suggested by the Commissioner in para 4 of his letter No 95, viz retaining the Jewels and cloths now present as representing similar property present in 1799 ought not to be adopted. It seems to me that the principles of the very liberal policy which the Government of India has resolved to pursue and the instructions contained in Mr Secretary Edmonstone's letter of the 23^d ultimo No 5197 preclude all doubt on these points and that the course proposed by the Commissioner in para 4 of his letter No 95 or the retention by the Honorable Company of any Jewels which were not the property of the Rajas in 1799 would be inconsistent with these principles and the instructions of the Government of India.

I am also of opinion that the Guns and Pistols mentioned in para 2 of the Commissioner's letter No 97 should be included in Schedule D1 and that the Commissioner's suggestions in para 7 of his letter No 97 should not be acted upon, for the same reasons as I have above stated in para 2.

Para 5 of the draft Answer can be easily modified to meet the circumstances explained by the Commissioner in his replies to the Advocate General's queries and if possession has been taken by the Commissioners of any Villages given in Endowment of Pagodas or Chattrams either before
or

or since 1799 I am of opinion that such possession should be relinquished.

I think that the State Howdahs Carriages and Trappings should be included in Schedule D2 and that the property left by the Rajas of which the Commissioner has not taken possession and which the Honorable Company do not claim to retain as state property should be included in Schedule D3 and may be described in such "general" terms as the Commissioner proposes.

If there is any property which upon the principles laid down by the Government of India is to be claimed as state property and of which the Commissioner has not already taken possession such property must be included in a separate Schedule D4 and the Answer modified in this respect. I imagine that the large Palace in the Great and Little Forts at Tanjore to which the Commissioner refers as not being in his possession and possibly other property should be included in this Schedule.

I think that the Vernacular Books may properly be included in Schedule D4 and the English Books in Schedule D3, also that Schedule C should comprise the Elephants Camels Horses and other Cattle and Conveyances which were sent up to Madras some months since and sold by Messrs Taylor and Co. These Articles should all be bracketed together and have a
note

note attached shewing how, when and under what circumstances they were sold and the amount realised by such sale. These proceeds should in my opinion be relinquished by the Honorable Company as representing property which if not sold would have been comprised in Schedule C.

Schedule B should comprise a list of all such papers & particulars as in para 46 of the answer as the Honorable Company are willing to produce.

Schedule C should in my opinion include the specie that was in the late Rajah's Treasury at the time of his death.

I have the honor to be

Yr

most obedient servant

A. R. Boyton

actg. Hon. Secy. to Govt.

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From J R Boyson Acting Honorable Company's Secretary
To The Chief Secretary to Government

January 17th 1857

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the papers noted in the margin and to advise that the Commissioner do at once withdraw from, relinquish possession of and refrain from all further interference with the lands of the Communes and otherwise conform to the principles laid down by the Government of India and under their instructions must in his opinion be included in Schedule D and leave the Ryots cultivating such Lands to deal with the Crops at their discretion. They will be liable to account hereafter to the proper party or parties for any kind or share of produce to which such party or parties may be entitled as against them.

I also advise that in the case of Lands which in the Commissioner's opinion will properly be included in Schedule A and B the Commissioner do intimate to the Ryots cultivating such Lands that it is not his intention at present to intermeddle or

Letter from Comr of Tanjore to Govt 3rd Jan 1857 No 98 and order of Govt thereon dated 8th January 1857 No 122 -
Letter from Comr of Tanjore to Govt 6th Jan 1857 No 98 and order of Govt thereon dated 11th January 1857 No 152 -
Letter from Comr of Tanjore to Govt 6th Jan 1857 No 98 and order of Govt thereon dated 11th January 1857 No 152 -
Extract from M.C. Political Reports 12 January 1857 No 44 -

For Comr 20th Jan 1857
J. R. Boyson
1857 Jan 1857

John H. A. C. C. C. C.
1857 Jan 1857
1857 Jan 1857

No 60

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by the Honorable the
Secretary to the
Government -

with reference to the
and then state property
referred to by the Comr
of the Ryots & in connection
with the preparation of the
Answer to the Bill filed
in the Legislative Council

The matter to which the Commissioner refers in para 4 of his letter of 10/98 is evidently a clerical error: the word proved should have been used instead of unproved.

I have the honor to be

Yours

Your most obedient servant.

J. M. Royce

Acty. Recorder

Pol. Dept.

Ex: from the Chief of Cons. dated 20th Jan'y 1857
From H.C. Acting Minister 16 & 17 Jan'y 1857
Nos 43 & 45

Ex: from the Chief of Cons. dated 20th Jan'y 1857

Resolved that copies
of the above letters be
furnished to the
Commissioner of

Lanjore for his infor-
mation and guidance
in reference to his
communications

of the dates & nos.
noted in the margin

2 The J. P. Com.
missioner will
complete the various
lists referred to by
the H.C. Solicitor

- 3 Jan'y - 57 - no 93.
- 3 do do no 95
- 6 do do no 97
- 6 do do no 98

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according to the instruc-
tions now furnished
as expeditiously as possible
and will forward each
list as it is finished
direct to Mr. Rogers.

2. With regard to
the lands claimed
to be part of the
Solicitor's letter of the 1st

and more fully re-
ferred to in her second
letter of the 17th inst.,
the fact is that
no part of them has
been given up or released.
But that they remain
precisely in their pre-
sent state pending

Com of Tanjong
with copies of letters Nos 43 & 45 } Decr 20th
At Solicitor - Decr 20th

instructions which
will be sent herewith
on the Fortin and
- but at hand -

I have discussed the matter
with Mr. Rogers and we have
known the policy and course
to be pursued in certain
that provisions as to the
provision of these lands
to the public and the
protection of the land
regard to the public would
be best to make no
provision at all until
the Fortin is at least
as much as it could be
to make the public clear
and to be able to

Sept 20th 1834
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for Comrs. Lewis
Sept 1834

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Dr: from the Amos
of Com.

Dated 20th Aug 1834

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by Comrs. Lewis
Sept 1834

Further No 98.
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other state, purporting to
the Comrs. See in Comrs.
you with the said with
dated in the response to