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No. 40. From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Acting Resident at Tanjore; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th October 1857, No. 525.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit an original address from Paria Kunnoo Naik, a Candian Prisoner, residing at Tanjore, which from its tenor should, I believe, be laid before the Government of Ceylon.

The applicant is desirous to have continued to him the allowance of 4 Rupees per mensem which his late Sister Mootoo Lutchmy used to enjoy. This female appears to have lived as a Member of the Petitioner's family and naturally enough, he now feels the loss of the Sister's monthly contribution to the common expenses of his establishment.

When his request first reached me, I did not see any sufficient reason, why the Petitioner only should benefit by any continuance of the Pension drawn by the deceased Sister, that the Ceylon Government might be disposed to sanction, and therefore I rejected his application in the terms quoted in his present address. He now repeats his request. It will be observed that he asserts his Sister intended to adopt one of his Children and on that ground partly, bases his application.

The principal reason by which I am guided in supporting his Prayer is, that the Petitioner's family is large and apparently an increasing family; that the demise of his Sister being unexpected, has caused certain pecuniary embarrassments, and that the position held here by this class of Pensioner is one which calls for consideration and indulgence of a more than ordinary character.

I am therefore impelled to recommend that the allowance of the deceased Mootoo Lutchmy be continued to the Petitioner, her Brother, under the peculiar circumstances of his social position, and should the Government see no objection, I would, with respect, solicit their support for my recommendation.

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

To

H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., RESIDENT.
&c. &c. &c.,
TANJORE.

The humble Petition of Paria Kunnoo Naick,
a Prisoner of Kandy, residing at Tanjore.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That your Petitioner was under necessity of submitting to your Honor, on the 4th February last, for fixing the allowance of his Sister Mootoo Lutchmy deceased, or to succeed with a small allowance for one of his Son, on account of his being unable to maintain his large family, consisting with 7 Souls, with the insufficient allowance of 4 Rupees which was conferred to him, while he was bachelor, but, your Honor was kind enough to favor your Petitioner, with an Endorsement as follows, on No. 2076.

" Petitioner must shew whether grounds exist for continuing to him alone, rather than to " him, and his two Brothers Choca and Vencata, the allowance of the deceased Mootoo Lutchmy, " their Sister."

Therefore Petitioner beg your Honor, to take the following circumstances, which states about his inheritance, of this allowance of his Sister deceased into your most wiseful considera tion.

That your Petitioner's Sister Mootoo Lutchmy, who possessed an allowance of 4 Rupees 3 Annas and 2 Pie from the British Government, was under protection of your Petitioner and lived unanimously, but, his two Brothers divided their allowance and lived separately. Mootoo Lutchmy was in opinion to accept the Eldest Son of your Petitioner as her adopted Son, on account of she having no issue, but, she attacked with illness suddenly, in the meanwhile, a WILL has been furnished by her, that every obsequies to be carry on through your Petitioner, and to be responsible both for her Property and debt afterwards, she been departed this Life, and your Petitioner performed her Funeral rites accordingly to the Hindoo Law, at your Petitioner's own expense. Before her death, she caused, your Petitioner to solicit both your Honor, and the British Government to fix her allowance in favor of your Petitioner's Eldest Son and to liquidate the debts left behind her, because she was fully sensible, that through the unlimited generosity of the British Government, many of the Kandy peoples enjoys the allowance of their deceased relatives, by which, both your Petitioner and his Son are entitled to possess the allowance of his Sister, but your Petitioner's two Brothers have no right at all to entitle to her allowance. It is described in Hindoo Law, by whom the Funeral rites of the deceased performed, they are entitled to be responsible, both to the Estates and debts, and in consequence, there is ground to continue her allowance, to your Petitioner's Son, it is well known to the Ranees and Son-in-law of the Rajah, of your Petitioner, they will prove of it. As your Petitioner being poor and large family, suffering much, for management of his large family and by the debtors.

Therefore your Petitioner most humbly beseech your Honor, to extend your Honor's feelings of commisseration towards him, and to protect both him and his large family, by fixing the allowance of his Sister, in favor of his Son, or to issue an order, that your Petitioner to appear before the Government of Ceylon, for soliciting personally, and to succeed himself.

By which act of Justice,

TANJORE,
October 1857.

Your Petitioner shall, as in duty bound,

Ever Pray,

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No. 41. TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, COLOMBO, dated Fort Saint George, 28th October 1857, No. 922.

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 at Tanjore, reporting upon a Petition to his address from Paria Kunnoo Naik, a Candian Pensioner, praying for the continuance to him of the allowance of four Rupees per mensem enjoyed by his deceased Sister Mootoo Lutchmy; and, for reasons stated, recommending a compliance with the Petitioner's application.

* *Dated 15th October 1857, No. 525.*

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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To

The Colonial Secretary

Colombo

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