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No. 39. The Right Honorable ROBERT FRANCIS GEORGE LORD HARRIS, Governor in Council of Fort Saint George, dated 12th December 1857.

The humble Petition of Doorysawmy Rajah, Son of the late Kondysawmy Rajah, first Class Pensioner and first Brother-in-Law of Stree Rajadee Raja Simma Maha Rajah, the late King of Kandy.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That with profound respect and humble submission, I beg leave to state, that my mother Letchumedavy Ammal addressed a Petition to the present Acting Resident H. D. Phillips, Esq., on the 14th July 1857, stating therein that she is in the state of despair and her death shall be in an unexpected day, and when it happens, it requires expence for conducting her obsequies and other rites, and representing certain reasons for the same, and solicited him to inform it to the Government and do her the favor of conducting her obsequies by the pecuniary aid of the Government. To which he made an endorsement on my Petition as follows. "That the Resident cannot comply with the request of the Petitioner." I beg to enclose herein the above said Petition for your Lordship's information.

2. The Government conferred on the Stree Vickrasimma Maha Rajah who was as an enemy to the British Authority a monthly pay and also on his people; and after his death, his people having possessed all his estates, &c., and procured lands, Houses, Carriages, Horses, Palankeens, and lend money, and enjoy many conveniences and live with great esteem. While the case being so, they inform the Resident, the circumstances of Birth and Marriage, &c., that took place in their Houses and obtained Enams through his means upon recommendation according to the rule established a few months ago. Have we not such right as they had? It is granted 10 Rupees to the family who have the expenses of 100 Rupees and hundred to him who have the expense of ten upon recommendation. If the rich have any joyful and mournful occasions in their Houses they will conduct them by their Estates how shall we who have no means conduct the above said affairs? To defend and protect all individuals, both rich and poor who are under them, it is the duty of the Honorable Company who have all riches and power. We are the descendants of them who were well beloved by the Honorable Company. We have no other means for our sustenance besides the allowance now we receives from the Cirkar. We the Royal family who are now in a destitute of condition, have enjoyed much wealthy by God's Grace and the favor of the British Authority. We have no now such favor from the Cirkar. We suffer very much together with my father's family in our good and bad days, because the Cirkar disinclined to do me favor of granting me my father's full Pension. If we did not obtain even such favor from the Cirkar which it pleases to do the family of the late Rajah who was an enemy to the British authority in their good and bad days at this time of your Lordship. What Government and Gentleman will shew us such kindness.

I therefore most humbly beseech your honor will be kindly pleased on me to take the partiality which the Gentleman of Authority requests to increase only the allowance of the foresaid family of the late Rajah who are here, into your Lordship's Honorable Council's consideration, and issue an order that as I have no means besides the Pension which I receive from the Cirkar, when the death of my mother happens, the Resident may appoint a person in the Cirkar for conducting the expence of her obsequies and Monuments.

For which act of Charity your Lordship's Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever Pray.

(Signed) [illegible]

Tanjore, 12th December 1857.

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From the Chief Secretary

The Honble the Colonial Secty

Colombo

Sir.

With reference to the enclosed petitions; one from Kandian Per-
-sonages "Letchmy Davy Ammall" +
to the address of the Collector of
Jaffna, & the other from "Doraisawmy
Pasipak" Ler Lord, to the address of
his Govt, I am directed by the
Right Hon. the Gov in C. to submit for the
consideration of His Excellency
whether it would
be expedient that some rule should
could not be
laid down for the disposal of all
such
& application of x petitioners

2. From a perusal of the records con-
-nected with the Kandyan Petitioners
it appears, that the officers of the
Province in which claims
have arisen, have never been furnished
with any directions or regulations for their
guidance, in the matters of this kind
and the money to the hand of a Kandian

+ "Praying that permission may be made for the performance of certain Obsequies, at Ler death"

+ R a Chief formerly of Uva but at the time of the Rebellion at the extreme of the Province of Batticaloa

pensioner, for the performance of the funeral ceremonies on accot of the deceased. They have acted in each case of demise, on their own responsibility, excepting perhaps some instances where, as with the late Rajah himself, the Pensioner was reported by his medical attendant to be in a moribund state, and time has permitted of an intermediate reference to the seat of Govt.

Note. The King died at Vellore, 30th Jany 32

3. The Ceylon Govt has invariably acquiesced in the propriety of any outlay for this purpose directed or sanctioned by the Govt of Fort St George. But it recurs to the G-in-C that much confusion which now passes with the Board would be avoided by the adoption of the course indicated in Para 1 of his letter, while the Pensioner himself would be spared all anxiety as to doubt on a decision to which, in common with all Natives, they are found much attached.

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