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Political DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 7th December 1858.

Read again the following letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Commissioner of Tanjore, dated 18th October 1858.

No 38. Read also the following letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Commissioner at Tanjore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vellum, 29th November 1858.

SIR,

On the 27th Instant, I laid before Government an account of the serious disasters which have resulted from an unprecedented and almost simultaneous rise in the waters of the Coleroon and Cauvery Rivers.

2. The loss of much of the early and only recently harvested grain, and the extensive damage done to the growth of the coming paddy crop, which gave promise of an out turn above the average, will doubtless be taken by the grain dealers of the District as a reason for raising their rates even above the famine prices that have lately prevailed. Difficulty will also be experienced in moving supplies to where they may be wanted, as the ordinary lines of communication throughout the Talooks South of the Cauvery and Coleroon breaches, are so generally injured that for some time they must remain impassable for wheel conveyances.

3. The feeling of insecurity which has been created by the success of the grain Ryots at Combaconum and Manargoody, will necessarily deter Merchants from bringing their Stores to the usual market, even if the roads had not been injured, and the absence under these circumstances of what may be needed for the ordinary food requirements of the mass of the people, cannot fail I submit, to cause certain disorganization, for the possible effects of which it is my duty to be prepared.

4. Had Tanjore itself been the scene of the Ryots which recently occurred at Combaconum, I am rather doubtful whether the loyalty of the Tanjorines towards the family of the late Prince would have stood proof against the temptation offered by the present position of the jewels and regalia and other costly Articles still under Her Majesty's Court's injunction. That position, as I have already represented, is extremely insecure and would offer no impediment of any moment to the assaults of a mob such as Combaconum appear to have seen assembled.

5. I deem it therefore to be incumbent on me respectfully to press upon the Government the necessity of early determining whether those valuables are to be removed to a post where they will certainly be secure and where concentrated Military aid can be used for their protection.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, No. 807; dated 7th December 1858.

* Dated 3rd November 1858, No. 717. With reference to the Order* referred to in the margin, the Government on further consideration resolve not to apply to Her Majesty's Supreme Court for permission to remove the Tanjore property, but to instruct Mr. Phillips to retain it in the place where it was when the injunction of Her Majesty's Court was received.

2. Should Mr. Phillips consider that the strengthening of the present Guard is necessary in order to the security of the property where it is, he will make application to Government.

3. In the event of any actual disturbance likely to endanger the safety of the property, which however Government do not anticipate, Mr. Phillips must act according to the emergency of the case, but it is the desire of Government that no steps be taken for removal except under the pressure of absolute necessity.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Political Department.

N^o. 807

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 7th Dec^r 1858.

Again
Read the following letter from
H. D. Phillips Esq. Comm^r of
Tanjore dated 18th October 1858.

Read also the following
letter from the same Officer.

/ Here enter 29th Nov^r 1858 No. 808.

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Commissioner of Sanjore
Government Solicitor. } Dispt 9th

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*John L. Long, 26th March,
1859, Dec 24.*

*In Cons. of Dec 24
Refined 1858. Department.*

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Dated 7th December 1858.

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