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No. 32. MINUTE by the Honorable the PRESIDENT, dated Utakamand, 20th February 1860.

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As the opposing faction of widowed Ranees have been alluded to as the "natural guardians" of the Princess, it is right to explain the relation in which the several parties stand.

The Princess' deceased mother was the late Raja's first and favorite wife.

Kámákshí Bhái was her disappointed rival. The Raja was estranged from her, and she lived in obscurity until she was brought to the front when the case was taken up, after the Raja's death, by a member of the legal profession.

The other widows are young women, most of whom were sent for from the Deccan, and were married by the Raja, all on the same day, shortly before his death, in the hope of obtaining male offspring.

Avú Sáhiba is the late Raja's mother. She is an aged woman, who was treated with kindness and respect by the late Raja; but, although now put forward to give respectability to the party, she has not for many years been capable of exercising any influence.

It will be apparent from these facts, the full force of which can only be appreciated by those who know by experience what the interior of the Mehall of a Hindu Raja is, that the widowed Ranees were not the Princess' natural guardians. How ill they would have performed such a trust, has been proved by their violent opposition to her marriage with the only person who can, in any true sense, be called her natural guardian, and their intention of forcibly marrying her to some creature of their own.

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

TANJORE, 12*th February* 1860.

MY DEAR CARMICHAEL,

The final procession to close the marriage ceremonial, comes off to night. There will be some 10 or 12 Europeans in it, but being Sunday, we have been unable to secure the services of the Band of the 13th Regiment Native Infantry. Saccaram Sahib's dinner party to the society of the place last night went off very well.

This morning by invitation, Cadell and his sister and Miss Cammerer and myself visited Succaram Sahib and his bride at the marriage pandaul. We were admitted within the "kanaut" and placed on the footing, that belongs to "Uncles" of Raj Mai, who having known me before she became "Gosha," and having also seen Cadell prior to making my acquaintance, dropped her cloth, and entered into friendly chat unveiled. There followed certain final domestic ceremonies, in which the children present, and the sons of the late Raja by the Mungalaras, took a lively romping part, and all seemed happy. There was the plastering the bridegroom's face with turmeric in a pasty form, which he in vain resisted, or pretended to resist; and the shouts of laughter which followed the change effected by the turmeric, showed clearly that the presence of the two "kaka" (uncles) caused no gêne. He in retaliation was permitted to use only the left hand and arm. A ring being dropped into a basin full of red liquid, a struggle ensued for its possession between the young lady and her husband, and her having secured it led to other ceremonies. There was also the process of forcing her for once in her life to call her husband by his own proper name, and other ceremonies which few English Gentlemen have opportunities of being present at. In fact, they all, young and old, seemed highly delighted, and I can safely ask you to assure the Governor, that in taking in this marriage matter, the course followed, he has most undoubtedly met the unmistakeable wishes of the Raja's daughter.

She is a most pleasing girl in manners; and without being beautiful, has great personal attractions, united to a most intelligent countenance. Indeed her forehead, in my opinion, is one of the most intellectual foreheads it is possible to meet with.

Personally, I feel much gratified by our reception as members of the family, for it seems to me to indicate a feeling of gratitude for any trifling help I may have given her and her husband in respect to the alliance. Cadell appreciates it in the same sense.

The nine opposing Bhai Sahibs did not carry out the intention partly formed of visiting the Raj Mai, but their relatives were visitors throughout.

Believe me, very sincerely yours,
(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS.

No. 33. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE W. A. MOREHEAD, dated 25th February 1860.

I confess that I have been unable to discover from the President's Minute of the 20th instant, any sufficient reason for assuming that the Avoo Sahiba, and Kamakshi Bhai, the late Rajah's senior widow, were not entitled to be considered, and treated, as the natural guardians of the young Princess.

Their relationship to the Princess, placed them in that position, and their conduct had in no way unfitted them for such a trust. The Princess had resided with them during the life-time of her father, and her removal from their charge shortly after the Rajah's death, was an act of State policy.

The opposition manifested by the Avoo Sahiba and Kamakshi Bhai to the marriage of the Princess with Sakaram is, I consider, fairly attributable to their knowledge, that the marriage had been forbidden by the late Rajah. Their opposition, therefore, to the marriage, it appears to me, is not justly open to the construction put upon it by the President. I would also remark that it has never been established, that the above ladies intended to constrain the Princess to espouse a person distasteful to her, or one who, from his age or rank in life, it would have been undesirable for her to have married.

The letter dated the 12th instant, written by Mr. Phillips to the President's Private Secretary, is certainly a curious document. Its value however, as a public record, is doubtful. As I view it, it seems to me to display on the part of the Commissioner a marked want of discretion. I should therefore regret its further circulation.

There is an important and significant circumstance connected with the late proceedings at Tanjore, which Mr. Phillips in relating the sayings and doings that passed within the marriage pandal, and in his official report to Government, announcing the completion of the marriage, has strangely omitted to mention, and that is, that the Magistrate, Mr. Cadell, had deemed it necessary not only, to call upon the Officer Commanding Her Majesty's 13th Regiment N. I., to hasten the arrival of the Regiment at Tanjore, but to detain the Regiment there during the celebration of the marriage. The Commissioner's neglect to inform the Government on this point is, in my opinion, without excuse.

That the Magistrate did act as I have stated, has been reported to the Commander-in-Chief by the Officer Commanding the 13th Regiment. Why Mr. Cadell has neglected to report to Government, as he ought to have done, the steps he had been compelled to adopt, he should now be called upon to explain.

(Signed) W. A. MOREHEAD.

No. 34. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE E. MALTBY, dated 25th February 1860.

The arrangements for the care of the young Princess, after the death of the late Rajah, and for the selection of a husband for her, were made before I entered Council, and it is unnecessary for me, therefore, to enter into any discussion regarding them.

But as it is proposed to place on the Government Records the demi-official letter from the Commissioner, Mr. Phillips, to the Private Secretary, dated 12th February, in which the conclusion of the marriage ceremonial is described, I feel constrained to express my surprise at the imperfect information which has been laid before the Government.

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Within the marriage pandal Succarám Saheb's party would of course be predominant, and the ordinary marriage ceremonies which took place there are of little importance, the Princess' inclination for the marriage having been ascertained. What it was important for the Government to know, was the spirit and temper in which the marriage was viewed by the people of Tanjore and by the leading families who are connected with the late Rajah either by consanguinity or by employment in his own or his predecessor's households. On this point, however, no information has been given, and both Mr. Phillips and the Magistrate, Mr. Cadell, have omitted to report the important fact that a Regiment of Native Infantry, which was about to pass through Tanjore on its march to Trichinopoly, was sent for in haste by the Magistrate to Tanjore and detained there a week until the marriage was over. This arrangement may have been a wise precaution, but Government ought to have been made aware that it was deemed necessary, and Mr. Cadell should be called on to explain why he disobeyed a standing order in omitting to report to Government that he had applied for Military aid.

I speak of the detention of this Regiment at Tanjore as "a fact," because in consequence of a rumour being prevalent on the subject, the Commander-in-Chief was asked yesterday in Council if he had any knowledge of its truth or falsehood. His Excellency then obtained from the Adjutant General's or the Quarter Master General's Office the report which had been made of the circumstance by the Officer in Command of the Regiment.

(Signed) E. MALTBY.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1860, No. 108.

Resolved that the foregoing Minutes be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, in continuation of the previous Despatch on the subject, dated the 25th instant, No. 11.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Minute by the Hon.ble
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Order thereon 28th Febr 1860 No 108.

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