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No. 11. Read the following letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Commissioner, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tanjore, 29th March 1860, No. 941.

Adverting to paragraph 28 of the Order by Government, No. 705, dated 5th December last, requiring me to report from time to time what progress I am making in the duties of my Com-

*To Government 25th January 1860, No. 707,
paragraphs 19 and 20.*

25th January 1860, No. 707, paragraph 21.

mission, I have the honor to state that subsequent to the examination of the Raj Máhál, I employed myself in ascertaining what were the contents of the Alláyádá Máhál, as intimated on the marginal date, and I now beg to transmit a list of the articles found in it and their

value. I also examined the Avéshána Máhál, of the contents of which a list accompanies.

2. In the latter, workmen would seem to have been regularly engaged in making or repairing gold and silver ornaments and articles of the precious metals for domestic purposes, somewhat in the manner of the Raj Máhál; but the latter was by far the more important department and was considered a public one. The Avéshána Máhál contained numerous, large, strong chests, and boxes of kinds, locked in various ways for which no keys were forthcoming. It was necessary therefore to break them open in succession. Their contents consisted mainly of Goldsmiths' and Silversmiths' tools and of sundry articles of trifling value, but amongst a good deal of what may fairly be termed rubbish, I discovered some valuable things as shown in the accompanying list No. 2.

3. A duty of this kind necessarily occupied a good deal of time without any very important results. Still, I was enabled to identify a quantity of gold which had been sent into the department about a year before the death of the late Raja, by his daughter, the present wife of Sakkaram Sahib, to be made into a plaited wire waist-band. The production of accounts compared with the memoranda placed with the rough material, satisfied me that the steward of the Princess was justified in preferring a claim for the restoration of the gold wire and the unfinished waist-band. I therefore delivered them over to the Princess, through him. Their value was Rupees 452, but it was alleged that this sum was less than that to which the owner was entitled. In doing this, I consider that I did not contravene the instructions of Government in paragraph 6 of the Order under notice. The gold and wire were a deposit of which the retention had been unavoidable under the effect of the Supreme Court's injunction. The Order has reference to the late Raja's own property.

4. My examination of this department also afforded me an opportunity of withdrawing from deposit, in the same manner, a small quantity of gold bullion, some gold rings and a few diamonds and pearls of slight value, belonging to the 15 Bhai Sahibs which had remained in the Avéshána against their will, during the last four years. The identity of the articles was placed

*To Government, 18th October 1858, No. 326
paragraph 5.*

beyond a doubt; but referring to the fact that nine of these ladies have secured possession of the whole of the jewels forming the joint property of the 15, I divided what I found in the

Avéshána Máhál into six equal portions, to be made over to the six ladies who became the victims of the dishonesty of their nine sisters.

5. This measure placed at the disposal of these six Bhai Sahibs, articles of the aggregate value of Rupees 4,680, of which sum $\frac{2}{5}$ ths will, of course, be a credit to the value of the six shares of the joint jewel property that the nine ladies have made away with, or now retain.

6. The examination of the Alláyádá Máhál was a duty of no difficulty so far as regards the State howdís, tonjons, and large valuable articles of that class. There were, however, some strong boxes in the Alláyádá that required in many instances to be broken open and have yielded valuable contents, which, as well as the large articles, appear in the enclosure No. 1. with their value attached.

7. After the duties above mentioned had been completed, I give my attention to the classification of the cloths and shawls as recently directed, the result of which labor was notified to you in my letter of date the 10th instant, No. 870.

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Contents of the Alláyádá Máhál.

No.	Names of Jewels.	No. of Articles.	Weight.		Value.		Remarks
			Seers.	Tolas.	R.	A.	
GOLD ARTICLES.							
1	Go Ratham or State bullock-carriage dome...	1	64	14½	23,256	0	
2	Ambaris gold, or State howdáh with top	2	181	13½	65,360	0	
3	Zalayda howdáh gold, or net howdáh	1	83	10½	30,040	0	
4	State headstalls for horses, gold	5	4	7½	1,548	0	
5	State cruppers of gold	3	2	7½	725	0	
6	State neck bits for horse, gold	2	3	0	1,080	0	
7	Tayet or horse neck badge, gold	1	0	2½	37	0	
8	Horse bangles, gold	2	1	12	540	0	
9	State saddle, gold	1	3	0	1,080	0	
10	Set of tassels for horse, in gold sockets	1	1	0	360	0	
11	Horse aigrette in gold socket	1	0	6	90	0	
12	Mane tassels set of in gold sockets...	15	0	7½	113	0	
13	Rein with gold badges	1	0	5	77	0	
14	Cásári or horse ear ornament, gold...	1	0	½	8	0	
15	Tassels for palankeen in gold sockets	32	8	0	2,880	0	
16	Gold pieces, weighing 17½ hoonbhurs	1	0	0	70	0	
SILVER ARTICLES.							
1	Ratham or State bullock-coach, complete...	1	90	0	2,160	0	
2	Ambári or State howdáh with top	1	94	0	2,256	0	
3	Howdáh of kinds, one converted into a ton- jon with top	8	461	14½	11,078	0	
4	Elephant leg chains, complete	2	22	17½	545	0	
5	Elephant bells, small, on a rope	21	}	53	6	1,278	0
6	Do. do. on silver chains	25					
7	Do. necklace consisting of 50 drops	3	39	18	954	0	
8	Ankoos elephant poker	1	4	0	96	0	
9	Gillava or elephant collar with thick chains...	1	10	12	372	0	
10	Elephant's large bells...	8	65	19	1,589	0	
11	Do. ear ornaments	2	1	12	36	0	
12	Do. ear fly wisps	2	1	0	24	0	
13	Do. saddles	4	20	6	486	0	
14	Camel collars...	2	1	6	30	0	
15	Palankeen ornaments of kinds	66	90	20½	2,180	0	
16	Horse head stalls	13	9	12	238	0	
17	Cruppers	14	9	9	225	0	
18	Reins, riding	2	0	21	21	0	
19	Horse mane tassels	269	4	18½	114	0	2 missing
20	Stirrups	2	4	2	98	0	
21	Padduks for hind quarters of horse...	3	2	0	48	0	
22	Aigrettes	15	8	14½	206	0	
23	Horse necklace with tiger claws	8	0	20½	21	0	
24	Do. another pattern...	1	0	18	18	0	
25	Sets of bird cage cleaners	4	0	8½	8	0	
26	Tiger claws in pairs, prepared for necklaces...	52	}	6	12	156	0
27	Beads for do	104					
28	Fly drivers	2	3	0	72	0	
29	Horse anklets	5½	2	12	60	0	
30	Do. necklaces	2	2	12	60	0	
31	Poles, drops, &c., for flat tents	13	86	12	2,076	0	
32	Táyát.....	2	1	6	30	0	
33	Necklace of Silaman stones	1	0	12	12	0	
34	Horse ear wisps	1	0	2	2	0	
35	Whips	2	0	2½	2	8	
36	Horse necklace chain...	1	2	1	49	0	
37	Chains	4	0	5	5	0	
38	Head stall plates	1	0	12	12	0	
39	Beads	10	0	2½	2	8	

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			Seers.	Tolas.	R.	A.	
40	Buckles	11	0	4½	4	4	
41	Seal ring	1	0	1½	1	4	
42	Collars	11	0	5½	5	4	
43	Broken sundries of ratham, &c.	6	0	0	0	0	
44	Stones and beads mounted in silver	90	0	6	6	0	
45	Silver pieces, weighing 50 hoonbhurs	322	0	15	15	0	
46	Small nails	8	8	6	198	0	
47	Silver plates intended for ambari	8					
GILT ARTICLES.							
48	Horse head stall	1	3	0	72	0	
49	Plates for do	2	0	12	12	0	
50	Horse aigrette.	1	0	6	6	0	
51	Ankoos, or elephant poker	3	0	21	21	0	
52	Knobs for ambari and ratham	19	0	21	21	0	
53	Silver lace, weighing 1 seer 6½ hoonbhurs		0	0	18	0	

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,

Commissioner.

TANJUR,
29th March 1860.

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List of valuable Articles in the Avishāna Māhāl.

No.	Names of the Jewels.	No. of Articles.	Weight.		Value.		Remarks.
			Seers.	Tolas.	R.	A.	
GOLD JEWELS.							
1	Bracelets of 5 gold beads and on gold wire and alternate green glass beads	10	0	14	56	0	
2	Female earrings, with rubies 4, imperfect	6	0	5½	42	0	
3	Kuradus, earrings, with 28 rubies and 10 pearls	2	0	0	10	8	
4	Nose rings with 6 rubies and one carbuncle...	3	0	0	14	0	
5	Karnapatra, ear ornament, set with corals	4	0	0	7	0	
6	Neck band	1	0	4½	17	8	
7	Latcha, necklace with 50 pearls and 40 rubies.	1	0	0	28	0	
8	Pearl chain and 4 drops of 40 pearls	5	0	0	5	0	
9	Coral beads with two rubies	2	0	0	10	8	
10	English cut brilliants, set in gold	2	0	0	420	0	
11	Chandrama, female head ornament of diamonds	1	0	0	700	0	
12	Small pearls	163	0	0	5	4	
13	Packet of minute rubies	1	0	0	10	8	
14	Gold bullion	1	8	65	2,820	0	
15	A bundle containing corals of sizes	1	0	0	21	0	
16	Rakkadies hair plates, one having in the centre rubies and diamonds	2	0	0	28	0	
17	Earring drop, set with rubies and having pearl hangings	1	0	0	14	0	
18	Silver gilt waist-band	1	0	28	8	12	
19	Bugada earrings with false emeralds	2	0	0	7	0	
20	Nose rings of kinds	2	0	0	10	8	
21	Sets of Musalman female forehead drops with gold chains and 8 plates set with rubies	2	0	0	49	0	
22	Pimpalavana complete, forehead ornament consisting of 14 pieces set with rubies	1	0	0	35	0	
23	Bate earring drop	1	0	0	1	12	
24	Tikale with 3 rubies, one diamond and a pearl.	1	0	0	3	8	
25	Rubies...	2	0	0	3	8	
26	Pearls of sizes	8	0	0	3	8	
27	Coral pieces	24	0	0	0	12	
28	Pure gold "Punja"...	7	1	73½	614	0	
29	Umbrellas	2	0	36½	146	0	
30	Padack, or necklace and breast plate	1	0	0	140	0	
SILVER.							
1	A pair of silver goblets	2	3	0	75	0	
2	Teerta pātrā a kind of cup	1	0	55	17	3	
3	Gulabdani, small play things	4	0	78	24	6	
4	Eye spoon, a pair of tooth picks with chain and a snuff box	3	0	24	7	8	
5	Milk bowl with cover	1	4	1	100	5	
6	Hair necklace, &c., leaves	113	0	35	10	8	
7	Silver bullion, weighing seers		95	0	2,375	0	
S. H.							
12	Table spoons	4	40				
12	do. forks	4	35				
12	Dessert spoons	2	40				
12	do. forks	2	40				
10	Tea spoons	1	20				
7	Salt spoons	0	50				
2	Gravy spoons	1	25				
1	Sugar spoon	0	12				
2	Sauce spoons	0	60				
1	Fish knife	0	45				
1	Butter knife	0	19				
1	Soup ladle	0	2				
2	Muffineers	0	35				
8		75	19	46	489	6	

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No.	Names of the Jewels.	No. of articles.	Weight.		Value.		Remarks.
			Seers.	Tolas.	R.	A.	
9	A milk bowl	1	3	20	81	4	
10	A sugar do.	1	1	60	43	12	
11	A tea pot	1	2	15	54	11	
12	A butter pot	1	3	60	93	12	
13	A Native ink-holder	1	1	70	46	14	
14	Silver Punjas	1	4	0	100	0	
15	Gonday for Punja festival with gold top		0	0	50	0	
16	Umbrellas and two sticks	17	1	60	35	0	
17	Fingers of the Punja	9	12	40	312	8	
18	Hand for the Punja	1	0	0	750	0	
19	Silver neck for a brass kodam	1	2	70	72	0	
20	Incense burner	1	2	30	59	0	
21	Horse wisp handles	2	1	40	37	8	
22	A flat plate	1	7	0	175	0	
23	Silver covered kavadi	3	5	0	125	0	

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,
Commissioner.

TANJUR,
29th March 1860.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1860, No. 285.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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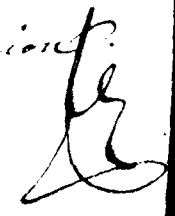
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To The Chief Secretary
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