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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 5 . 5 . ~~19~~ 1860

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department, for the month of May 1860.

No. 19. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated London, 29th March 1860, No. 11.

1. I have considered in Council the proceedings of your Government, relative to the family and Estate of the late Rajah of Tanjore as reported in your letter, No. 38 of the past year.

2. The only matters which require notice in the enclosures to that communication are those consequent on the reversal, by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, of the decision of the Madras Supreme Court inhibiting you from interference with the private and personal Estate of the late Rajah.

3. The measures which you have now adopted to carry out the Orders of the Court of Directors and of the Government of India, (the execution of which was temporarily suspended by the erroneous judgment of the Madras Court) appear generally proper: and the selection of Mr. Phillips to fill the post of Commissioner, in order to arrange, on the spot, the necessary details, seems, notwithstanding the objections urged by Mr. Morehead, a judicious one.

4. With reference to the claim of Avoo Sahiba, the mother of the late Rajah, to certain villages, as having been granted to her by her late husband, your Advocate General appears to have shewn conclusively that she possesses no legal title, and I entirely concur with your Excellency, and with Mr. W. Elliot, that she possesses no moral claim to the revival of a tenure which, if it ever existed at all, certainly ceased upwards of thirty years ago.

See his opinion of the 30th January 1858, *Coll. p.* 48.

5. The proceedings of Mr. Phillips, as they receive the sanction of your Government should, of course, be reported for my information.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1860, No. 289.

Ordered that the above Despatch be communicated to the Commissioner and to the Government Agent at Tanjore, in reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 5th December 1859, No. 705.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Political Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following
Despatch from the R. H.
the Secretary of State for
India.

Dated 29th March No. 11 (1860)

Rd. 8th June. 6th May 1860. No. 239.

Ordered that the
above Despatch be com-
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missioner and to the
Govt. Agent at Tanjore,
in reference to the pro-
ceedings of Government
dated 5th December 1859.
No. 700.

To the Commissioner at Tanjore
& Govt. Agent at do 3 Dispatches

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No. 29.

Proceedings of Court

of 31st May 1860.

Communication &c
of Commissioner Mills
to Govt. against at Tanjore
the Dispatch from the
Secretary of State, 29th
March 60 respecting
general approval of
the proceedings of
Govt. relative to the
Sentence of Death passed
of the late Raja of
Tanjore