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for the month of May 1860.

No. 33. Read the following letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Commissioner at Tanjore, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st April 1860, No. 1078.

Adverting to the Order of Government, dated 5th December last, No. 705, at the close of paragraph 5, that any property not already taken into account be duly examined and lists made of it; I have the honor to state that the contents of a Department called the Jiratkhana, or metal store rooms, have been subjected to a careful inspection, not under my own daily personal superintendence, but by the Sirkele and certain Goomashtas whose operations in classifying, selecting, rejecting, and weighing, I nevertheless kept under control, by frequent visits.

2. The result goes to show that the brazen and other metal vessels in serviceable condition belonging to the late Raj, amount in number to 27,789; their aggregate weight is maunds 1,868, and seers $5\frac{1}{2}$ estimated at Rupees 29,996-10-6.

3. It is difficult to fix the data on which the value of property of this class should be calculated. Therefore it is probable that any second valuation of the contents of the Jiratkhana by parties other than those now employed, would raise or lower the worth of the metal stock, as I have now given it.

4. Much of this is unfit for any further use and it seems to have been the practice of the Palace to provide new vessels by giving old unserviceable articles in part payment of the new ones, as is done in all Native families in this country.

5. I have not deemed it worth while to attempt to make a list of such unserviceable articles, many of which are in pieces, but their weight has been ascertained to be 1,095 maunds and $4\frac{1}{4}$ seers, valued at Rupees 12,951-4-6.

6. The total value of the miscellaneous metal contents of this store is, thus, Rupees 42,947-15-0.

7. Below, for convenient reference, I have tabulated the particulars from which this total is drawn.

Description.	No. of articles.	Weight.		Value.		
		Maunds.	Seers.	RS.	A.	P.
Brass vessels of kinds	8,079	1,099	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	17,104	8	9
Copper do.	2,968	335	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	6,103	15	1
Bell metal do.	16,742	432	22 $\frac{1}{6}$	6,788	2	8
Total...	27,789	1,868	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	29,996	10	6
Brass unserviceable and pieces	0	679	$\frac{1}{2}$	6,790	2	0
Copper do. do.	0	400	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	6,000	10	6
Bell metal do.	0	16	2	160	8	0
Total...	0	1,095	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	12,951	4	6
Grand total...	27,789	2,963	10 $\frac{1}{6}$	42,947	15	0

8. A small addition might be made to the above on account of certain articles for domestic use which it has been necessary to furnish to the four Bhai Sahibs who are not in opposition to Government. These ladies, when they separated from the other nine, were unable to secure possession of a share of the metal vessels belonging to the joint establishment and have been entirely dependent for such, on what could be borrowed from the kitchen and godowns of the Princess, the Rájá's daughter, whose steward was also their steward.

9. The value of what they have received will be a set off against their shares should any eventually be assigned. If this course be not taken, the supply made to them has been no other than what they would have received, as a matter of course, under the orders of the Rájá had he been alive.

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No. 34.

ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1860, No. 295.

The Government will defer passing orders in regard to the Jirātkhana or metal store rooms until the questions relative to the disposal of the Tanjore property generally be decided; meanwhile such of the articles as may be required by any members of the family for their use may be issued to them.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

D. D. Sullivan

Commissioner

They should be divided ~~among the~~
among the Members of the Family as far as
they could be acceptable, and the rest
should be sold for their benefit

Wm. M. Mundy
20 April 1800

I would leave them to be disposed of hereafter
on the same principle as may be desired for
the jewels

to be left in safe custody until
he leaves the final decision
of the Board of Directors
will

These articles should be returned to the
Rajah until a decision is reached on
the Tanjore question. Meanwhile any articles
acquired by the Rajah who has separated
himself from the Ruck should be
given to them keeping a list of their
weight.

Commission of Inquiry on July 8th

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