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6th June 1860.*

No. 20. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd May 1860, No. 2,165.

Read again letter from the Collector of Tanjore, dated 23rd July 1858, No. 149.

(In Con., 6th August 1858, No. 3,300.)

Read also letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallum, 2nd April 1860, No. 92.

As directed in the Board's Proceedings of the 15th October last, No. 4,167, I have the honor

to submit the following report on Appusahib's petition* to Government:—
* Government No. 2,921.
Board No. 141 of 1859.

2. As regards the position and accumulated revenues of the village alluded to in paragraph 1, I have the honor to state that, subsequent to the date of Mr. Phillips' report therein referred to, and on the 1st September 1858, the village was made over by that gentleman to the possession of the two ladies Sakhavabai and Radhabai together with the usufructs which were then in deposit amounting to Rupees 361-5-8.

3. With respect to the merits of the case on which, in paragraph 2 of the Proceedings under acknowledgment, I have been called upon to state my opinion, as the Board are already aware from my predecessor's report above alluded to, petitioner's alleged adoption in 1845 by the deceased Tukkoji Sahib does not appear to have been recognised by the authorities. So far, however, as the village in question is concerned, possession would seem to have all long been with him. Its management was conducted by the individual, Managi Bhousale, mentioned in Mr. Phillips' letter as Appusahib's Agent and in Appusahib's name. The village which is a Mokassa Narvamaniam is further entered in the Annubogum register of Fasli 1258 in his name, as also the receipts for the payment of Kavil fees.

4. This state of things continued up to September 1855, when, in consequence of some correspondence which passed between the then Resident, Mr. Forbes, and the Serkele of the late Tanjore Durbar, relative to the affairs of this family and upon an application made on behalf of the two ladies mentioned above as the rightful heiresses and representatives of the last incumbent, Tukkoji Sahib, the Agent above mentioned was ousted by Mr. Forbes' orders and the village made over to another party as Agent to those ladies. The application which formed the ground for this proceeding, it must be observed, was so shaped, that the redress sought was simply to oust one Agent in favor of another on the ground of alleged misconduct.

5. When the case stood thus, the village was, in 1856, attached under the requisition of Mr. Forbes, as Commissioner and in common with the other landed estates connected with the late Raj, and was finally made over by Mr. Phillips to Sakhavabai and Radhabai on the date above mentioned.

6. The Board will at once observe that the matter of adoption in this case is altogether beside the question and that the only point at issue is, who is the party with whom possession ought to rest? Previous to 1855, there can be no manner of doubt that in so far as what is ordinarily considered to constitute possession, petitioner was the party so recognised; this possession has, however, now and for some years past been entirely changed and without pronouncing an opinion as to how the possession came to be so changed, I am decidedly of opinion that the revenue authorities cannot now interfere.

ENC. 1.—Petition.

Resolved, that the above letter be submitted to Government with reference to their Endorsement on Petition No. 2,921 of 1859, from Appoo Sahib claiming to be an adopted son of a Member of the Tanjore Royal family, and seeking to recover possession of a certain Mokassa village.

2. It appears from the above letters that although Petitioner's alleged adoption was disallowed by the Resident in communication with the Serkele, he is a blood relation of the family through his grandmother, the sister of his asserted adoptive father Tukkoji.

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3. The village in question appears to have been assigned by the then Rajah, more than half a century ago for the support of Tukkoji and his descendants, and though attached after the death of the late Rajah, it was subsequently restored to the possession of two of the ladies of the family, a few weeks after the date of the earlier of the two letters above recorded.

4. Petitioner asserts a claim to the management of the property, in preference to these ladies, on the ground of his asserted adoption. The Board of Revenue are not in a position to give any opinion on this point, and the matter does not appear to be connected with the Revenue Department so much as with the Political.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Sub-Secretary.

To J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

No. 21.

ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1860, No. 357.

The Proceedings above recorded, together with the letters to which they give cover, are referred to the Commissioner at Tanjore for his disposal.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Pol. Dept.

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To the Commissioner at Tanjore -
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in 1858, the village has been made
over to the two Ladies named in
the last para of his letter -

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