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No. 97. Read the following letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Commissioner of Tanjore, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 20th June 1860, No. 1,212.

I have the honor to submit the information required by the Order of Government, dated the 13th April last, No. 217, relative to the person to whom I would make over the proposed landed endowment.

2. In offering the suggestion adverted to, I had in view the Avu Sāhibā whose devout life and pious practices seem peculiarly to fit her for the superintendence and management of a small endowment such as is in contemplation. She, however, and Kāmākshi Bhai, continue so firm in their opposition to all that has been decided on for their future support and comfort, and seem so determined to ignore communications from me in respect of points to which their assent may be needed, that at the present time, it would be mere waste of time to address the Avu Sāhibā with a view to securing her Agency in the matter of the endowment. It would be equally idle to communicate with Kāmākshi Bhai, who, in all probability, would say she would consult her Agent, and as that gentleman is in England, I must wait for an answer. To go further down the list of widows would be out of the question, as, Kāmākshi Bhai excepted, the other 15 ladies are quasi children, ignorant of business, and speaking through the mouths of an equally ignorant Mahratta relative or some Brāmin Kāriast or household steward.

3. In order, then, that the subject of the endowment may no longer be delayed, I would advise its nominal transfer for the purposes declared, to the Princess, the only daughter of the late Rājā, with an intimation that it is hoped it will be efficiently managed by her husband Sakkārām Sahib.

4. The latter has a very keen perception of the best mode of getting good returns out of what he possesses and being the owner of very considerable property of his own, there would be no probability of any mis-appropriation of the proceeds of the endowment. He it is, too, I think, whom it will eventually be necessary to select as the principal, if not the sole Darmakarta of the religious institutions which the late Rājā himself superintended, and regarding which, as I understand, no definite arrangements have as yet been made.

5. Another reason which now impels me to hesitate about placing the endowment in the hands of the Avu Sahiba, is, that from the style of her conversation and extreme garrulity, this elderly person would seem to be yielding to the weight of years and may not last very long. If I am correct in my belief, a change of superintendence would then become necessary which may be avoided by adopting the measure I now beg to propose. It will be observed, also, that beyond a doubt, the Princess is the chief, if not the senior member of the late Rājā's family.

No. 98. ORDER THEREON, 30th June 1860, No. 404.

The Government consider it desirable that Her Highness Avoo Sahibah, and Kamatchee Boye Sahibah should be formally applied to, to ascertain whether they are willing to take charge of the Institution in question, before it be made over to other hands.

2. They direct therefore that the Commissioner communicate on the subject, first with Her Highness Avoo Sahibah, and next, should the application to her prove ineffectual, with Kamatchae Boye Sahibah. In addressing these ladies, Mr. Phillips should request them to return an answer within some specified time, and should intimate to them, that if it be not received within the prescribed period, or be not satisfactory, it will be necessary to make other arrangements.

3. The Commissioner will report to Government the result of his communications to the ladies before taking any further steps.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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