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Read the following papers:—

- No. 1. From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Commissioner of Tanjore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tanjore, 26th January 1860, No. 702.

Adverting to the instructions communicated to me by the Right Honorable the Governor, when passing through Tanjūr, to endeavor, in communication with the Government Agent, Mr. Cadell, that no further delay should occur in the celebration of the marriage of the young Princess with Sakārām Sāhib; I have the honor to report, that on a careful examination of the subject and a deliberate enquiry into the cost of the presents to be made to the members of the family, and other measures to be taken for the performance of what is usual on an occasion of this important character, an outlay of nearly thirty-five thousand Rupees seems unavoidable.

2. The Sirkele and the native gentleman who has immediate charge of the Princess and her household affairs, have prepared an estimate which brings the charges up to thirty-three thousand Rupees and odd. I have looked over this, and as His Excellency the Governor was desirous that nothing should be wanting to give importance to the event and cause its celebration in a manner becoming the position of the only surviving legitimate child of the late Prince, I do not think the cost should be reduced below that sum. More than two lakhs of Rupees were expended when the elder daughter of Raja Seevajee was married to Sakārām Sāhib.

3. I have therefore the honor to request that authority be granted to the Collector of Tanjūr, to place at the disposal of the Government Agent the sum above mentioned for expenditure in the manner proposed.

4. I beg to add that as the 10th proximo has been declared by the Poorohit of the Tanjūr family to be an auspicious day for the union, and it was necessary to secure funds for making arrangements for the marriage on that date, I have requested the Collector of Tanjūr to advance a sum of ten thousand Rupees to the Sirkele, who received the money last night.

- No. 2. MINUTE BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

I don't know what opinion Mr. Morehead and Mr. Maltby have recorded with respect to the marriage being proceeded with, but if the Government has decided that it is to go on, the advance applied for should be given as requested.

(Signed) P. GRANT.

- No 3. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE E. MALTBY.

I have expressed my opinion that under the difficult circumstances of the case, the memorial of the heads of the family should be so far attended to, that the Princess should be instructed to communicate personally to them her choice of Succaram Saheb, and that the marriage should not take place until the Government of India have expressed approval of the Proceedings of this Government towards the family, including an outlay for this marriage.

(Signed) E. MALTBY.

- No. 4. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE E. MALTBY, dated 1st February 1860.

An application is here made for Rupees 35,000, to celebrate the Princess' marriage with Succaram Saheb.

The guardianship of the Princess and the mode of arranging for her marriage had been decided upon before I entered Council. I have, therefore, thought it right to abstain from discussing a settled policy, and passed without observation

\* Dated 28th December 1859, No. 756.

a late\* order repeating the decision of Government that the Princess was left to select her husband and that no impediment to her wishes would be allowed.

Subsequently a memorial was presented through Mr. J. B. Norton, by some of the ladies of the family, requesting that they might be allowed to hear the Princess' wishes from her own lips, and that a marriage between her and Succaram Saheb might not be immediately celebrated. Having to express an opinion on the reply to be given to these requests, it became necessary for

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me in doing so, to allude to the position in which the Government and the Princess had become placed, but I purposely limited myself to a brief remark and entered into no argumentative detail.

The sum of my opinion\* was that, as matters now stood, it appeared out of the question to prevent the Princess accomplishing a marriage for which she had expressed a fixed resolution, but that Government ought to insist before aiding her views on her making known her wishes in person to the heads of her family, and that the marriage should not take place immediately, so that the sanction of the Supreme Government might be obtained for the outlay proposed to be incurred in its celebration among the other arrangements to be recommended by this Government for settling the affairs of the Tanjore family.

When recording this opinion, I understood that the time of the marriage was unfixed and formed a subject for deliberation (see President's Minute written during his tour on 17th January.) I was not aware as now appears from Mr. Phillip's letter that an early day, the 10th February, has been fixed upon for it and that preparations for its celebration have been actually commenced by him, with the President's sanction given at Tanjore. The application for a disbursement of Rupees 35,000 has therefore to be considered under these new circumstances.

On the one hand, I regret a hasty celebration of the marriage on account of the position in which the Government has become placed towards the young lady's family, and I question the power of this Government to sanction a disbursement of Rupees 35,000 for the purpose in view.

On the other hand to postpone the marriage now, after a day has been publicly announced for it, would increase the confusion and dissensions of the family and place the Government in a still more embarrassing position than before, without the prospect of eventual advantage, as the young lady's determination to marry Succaram Saheb seems quite fixed. It is to be borne in mind that a refusal to give the Rupees 35,000 would not stop the marriage as Succaram Saheb would have no difficulty in providing funds; it could only be postponed by Government issuing an order and such a further interference would neither be dignified nor desirable.

I am therefore of opinion, under present circumstances, that the marriage must be allowed to proceed. I feel unauthorised to order a disbursement of Rupees 35,000 for it, but that sum might be given as an advance, and if the Supreme Government object to sanction it the amount can be recovered from the proceeds of the late Raja's estate, or by instalments from the annual allowances assigned to the Princess and Succaram Saheb.

(Signed) E. MALTBY.

No. 5. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE W. A. MOREHEAD, dated 1st February 1860.

In the President's Minute on Tanjore affairs lately submitted by him for disposal by the Government, mention is made of his views in regard to the marriage of the young Princess with Sakaram. The Minute in question is still under consideration. It is therefore with surprise that I have read Mr. Phillip's letter dated 26th ultimo, asking for an advance of money to defray the cost of the celebration of the said marriage, and at the same time announcing that he had, in accordance with orders issued to him by the President, fixed on the 10th instant for the performance of the ceremony; he also states that he has obtained from the Collector a sum of 10,000 Rupees which had been paid over by him to the Sirkele that the necessary preparations might be commenced.

On a former occasion I recorded my opinion that the Government were wrong in interfering in any way, with the marriage arrangements of the Princess, and I must now express my regret that the President should, on his own responsibility, have so acted in respect to this marriage, as to render it difficult for the Government to know how to deal with Mr. Phillip's urgent application for money, or to recognise the propriety of his proceedings in regard to a measure unsanctioned by them. And although I am inclined to think that Mr. Phillips is probably not justified by his instructions in proceeding with the unseemly speed he is doing, I nevertheless feel that for the Government to stop the marriage, which has been already proclaimed, under the authority of the President, would be acting in a manner that must add to the confusion which already exists, and might not tend to much ultimate good. At the same time I have no hesitation

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in stating that this Government, without the permission of the Supreme Government, have no power to grant the money asked for. The money can only therefore be given, if given at all, as an advance to Sakaram, subject to the approval of that Government.

The Government have certainly expressed a determination to allow the Princess to act as she might see fit in the selection of a husband. This resolution did not, however, preclude the Government from attending to the remonstrances of the relatives of the Princess or prevent the Government allowing them a suitable opportunity of exercising their influence with the young lady in respect to her choice of a husband.

To gain access to their young relative, hitherto not permitted to them, or which they had failed to obtain, is the prayer of a petition lately addressed to Government by the natural guardians of the Princess, to this prayer the Government, ignorant of what was going on at Tanjore, were prepared to assent. But as matters now stand it is useless in the Government passing such an order, and to this effect the parties should be informed.

That her female relatives have not been enabled to see the Princess, is, in my opinion, a most unfortunate circumstance. Until they had seen and conversed with her, the marriage to which they are so much opposed should not have been celebrated. Had the petitioners seen and conversed with the Princess, they might have satisfied themselves, that it was the desire of the Princess to marry Sakaram. Mistrusting every one about the Princess and looking upon Mr. Phillips as pledged to Sakaram, can it be expected that they would or should be satisfied with any statement made to them by him on the subject of the marriage, yet this is all that has been conceded to them, and the Government are now, under existing circumstances, unable to obtain for them any further concession.

I will only add, that surrounded as the Princess has been for the last few years with persons anxious to further Sakaram's views, I can place no reliance whatever in the statements made by her, that he is really the person she would prefer for a husband. The choice is an unnatural one and in my opinion, must be the result of influences, which had she been left with her legitimate guardians she never would have been subjected to, and of which her relatives most justly complain, and to remedy which the Government were, I consider, bound in common decency to have afforded them every reasonable opportunity.

(Signed) W. A. MOREHEAD.

No. 6.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd February 1860, No. 58.

The Government authorize the Collector of Tanjore to place at the disposal of the Commissioner, the sum of (Rupees 35,000) thirty-five thousand Rupees, as an advance for defraying the expenses attendant on the marriage of the Princess, daughter of the late Rajah, with Saccaram Sahib.

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Tayre: 26 January 1866

My dear Carmichael

To let things come and not  
be arranged so that the young  
lady's marriage be deferred for  
forty five days, I have been able  
to get the collector to place Rs  
10000 in the hand of the trustee  
for expenses.

This will be on account of the  
estimated sum, viz Rs 35000, the  
Governor was despatched to allow  
for the ceremony and I have to  
report to the Government, as  
little now being spent for  
despatch today.

The estimate laid before me  
shows Rs 33000 and odd as the  
estimated sum required. The  
marriage will not cost more  
than 35000 Rs. I am for Rs 10000

request to the Governor that  
some commission from himself  
to the hearten, may be taken  
be necessary, or my indication  
on the - Collection may be made  
as cool, if not worse.

Had a day yesterday in  
the - Yarnout, which where  
the clothes were deposited.  
The white suits have been  
mostly on Ruicob - In a room  
Tardis, and other precious  
wonderful of sorts. There may  
be to the fit for future use,  
and a penny, a day each by  
be done, that the clothes were  
worth one lac of rupees. Then  
Tardis, put them away, this  
much the same has caused  
a further loss to the family of  
some 90000 Rs. - It is not possible

to compare what remains with  
the lists of the made. I shall  
have three heaps formed - one  
of rubbish, useless articles - one of  
what may be sold as damaged  
simple - for wear by the Rances,  
and a third of those still in the  
condition to be worn in the  
future.

I am much disappointed in  
looking over the Rajas English  
fencing pieces & pistol. They  
are mostly flint, and are worth  
very little with reference to the  
advanced Ruicob of the  
things which were in the Rajas.

Now, as to the more in the future  
part of my note. Four years ago  
when Norton's influence had not  
been felt and the widows, the com-  
missioners, and the young Rances,  
with their late - sister were on

terms of apparent unity; the  
personal ornaments of the young  
lady was to become Saccaram's  
wife, were, as a conventional domestic  
arrangement, deposited in a place  
where also were secured the  
valuables of the late Rajas' concubines,  
(the Mungalavas). Shortly after  
the issue of the Christoph's inscription,  
the latter chose to deal up the  
place of security and thus laid  
an embargo on the girl's things.  
The selfishness & inconvenience of  
this act were strongly urged on me  
at the time by her domestic servant  
/Karnas/ and I was much  
prepared to permit the forcible  
removal of the paraphernalia  
her things might be withdrawn &  
made over to her. But, all  
points considered, I deemed it  
best not to proceed to that extent  
and thus the girl's ornaments  
were left. I am now called on

to return these to her by  
opening the house door and  
I fear that I cannot vindicate  
my hesitancy by pleading the  
very fact of the embargo. I shall  
first try to talk with  
her about the matter, I hope to  
succeed. And, of course, the  
laid up Rajas' concubines have  
taken & the Rajas' concubines for  
their things and they are sure  
today had had to the house  
laid women about an hour  
the Concubines' concubines  
a due period for a rich lady  
been allowed, I suppose for  
the door in the house of the Rajas.  
The Rajas' concubines & a few women,  
as I have already been obliged to do  
in the case of the Rajas' concubines  
necessity of putting down if a lady  
before I come to the end of my  
work. There is the hope that  
that these acts of useless &

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Madras 28/1/60.  
My dear P. G. S. B.

See Charles  
approves all  
these proceedings  
of Phillips.

He does not think  
35000 for the  
marriage is too  
large, considering  
former precedents  
in the family.

Very truly  
yours  
L. S. Hamilton

It is necessary to go on - the marriage is a matter of  
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Re: 800A

I don't know what opinion  
Mr. Morchison and Mr. Mealy  
have formed with respect to the  
marriage being precedent with  
- but if the case has decided that  
it is to go on the advice of Mr. Mealy  
for Charles to give a request to

Re: 800A  
I have expressed my opinion that under  
the different circumstances of the case the  
demonstration of the friends of the family should  
be so far as to go to the marriage should  
be right - it is to be a marriage in India to the  
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Re: 800A

Minute by His Excellency  
The Commissioner in Chief

Re: 800A

Minute by the Honorable  
C. C. Malabar

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Feb. 1901 No. 1000 of 1900

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Minutes

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of her family, & that the marriage should not  
take place immediately, so that the sanction of  
the Supreme Govt might be obtained for the money  
proposed to be incurred in its celebration, & may  
be then arrangements ~~made~~ <sup>to be recommended by this Govt</sup> for settling  
the affairs of the Sanyori family

When recording this opinion I understood that the time of the marriage was fixed & formed a subject for deliberation (see President's Minute <sup>during his tour</sup> ~~brother's~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~on~~ 17<sup>th</sup> Jan'y) - I was not aware <sup>from his Mississippi letter</sup> ~~that~~ as now appears, that on early day, the 10<sup>th</sup> Feb'y, had been fixed upon <sup>for</sup> it, & that preparations for its celebration have been actually commenced by him ~~in the~~ ~~the~~ President & action given at San Jose.

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Circumstances.

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 of the all that was said and done

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Sahib. -

J. Mackay

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Wm. L. Maltby

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 1860





have <sup>ed</sup> more ready <sup>to</sup> afford <sup>than</sup> any other  
call of his <sup>ability</sup> ~~power~~ — <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>world</sup> — <sup>1844</sup> —

~~He~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~influence~~  
whatever ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~State~~;  
a ~~man~~ ~~made~~ ~~by~~ ~~her~~, ~~that~~  
he is really ~~the~~ ~~person~~  
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~~based~~ ~~on~~ ~~her~~ ~~own~~ ~~feelings~~ ~~only~~,  
in my opinion as the  
result of ~~her~~ ~~influences~~, which  
had she been left with  
her legitimate passions  
she never would have  
been subjected to ~~it~~ ~~of~~  
which they most fully  
were plain, and to remedy  
which, ~~in my opinion~~,  
~~we~~ ~~could~~ ~~do~~

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Recd letter from H. Commission. of Tanjore  
dated 26 Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1860.

Read the following hints, -

By H. K. C. C.

By K. Knick E. Schultz-

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By H2 W A her husband  
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Taccaram Sahib Jp

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Write by the

Wm. J. Woodward.

*L. B. Wood*

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