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No. 45. Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Government Agent of Tanjore, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 30th October 1860, No. 444.

1. At the request of M. Girizamba Báyi Sahib, one of the Junior Ranees of His late Highness the Raja of Tanjore, I have the honor herewith to submit an application from that lady to the address of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. The object of this application is to secure for the Bayi Sahib's mother, a larger stipend than is at present allowed; but as the matter has only recently been disposed of by Government in their Proceedings* of the 5th April last, No. 209; I do not consider it necessary, in submitting this address, to offer any observations thereon beyond referring the Government to those Proceedings.

* *Vide also Commissioner's letter to Government, dated 20th March* 1860, *No.* 912, *paras.* 2 *&* 3.

3. I would, however, beg to add that, as the allowance of Rupees 25 per mensem, now assigned both to the mother and aunt of the Bayi Sahib, is a continuation, in part of a life-grant of Rupees 50, enjoyed by a deceased Stipendiary (son of the former) and which, under ordinary circumstances, would have ceased on his death, I conceive that the special circumstances of the case, have been fully met by the allotment now made.

From M. GEERAZAMBA BOYEE SAHIB, Ranee of His late Highness the Rajah of Tanjore, to the Honorable WILLIAM AMBROSE MOREHEAD, Governor in Council of Madras, dated Tanjore, 8th October 1860.

I have the honor to address you with due respects the following lines in a matter which the late Commissioner and the Government Agent have not deemed themselves at liberty to bring to your honor's notice on my account.

2. When the late Rajah brought down the family of my father from Konkan in Deccan for the purpose of marrying me and my sister, the late Tokamba Boyee Sahib, my maternal aunt, who was in a helpless state accompanied us to Tanjore at the request of my mother, who hoped that the Rajah, to whom she was to give two of her daughters in marriage, would never refuse to treat her sister in a manner becoming her as the aunt of his Ranees.

3. Soon after our arrival at Tanjore, the Rajah married me and my sister, who died before him, as well as the other ladies that he had sent for, from the same quarter of Marattah countries, and provided equally for all the families of his fathers-in-law by conferring on each of their heads a stipend of no less than 50 Rupees per month, according to the extent of the family; he also made a secondary provision for the other more distantly related families that had followed them. Under this general assignment of stipends, my brother Abniaba Soorway had a monthly allowance of Rupees 50, conferred on him; but my aunt only having been lost sight of, the Rajah was reminded of her claim to a pension both by my mother and the Officers who had been to Deccan, but owing to her misfortune the Rajah would not immediately do her any favor, and only said he would certainly recognize her claim on a future occasion; but he having died in the mean time without fulfilling his engagement, my aunt was deprived of every hope of being bettered in her condition, and is since depending on my mother's family for her liveliwood.

4. After the death of the Rajah, my brother also died, but Mr. Phillips then the Commissioner of Tanjore was pleased to continue only a moiety of the stipend enjoyed by my brother (Rs. 50) in the name of my mother as a temporary measure for the protection of her family. This allowance being quite insufficient to enable her to maintain herself and the family, she contracted debts under the hope that the full sum of Rupees 50 will be confirmed in her name when the final arrangements may be made by Government. I had also entertained the same hope and even expected more as I thought that a recommendation from me for my poor aunt would not

but be taken notice of by Government, to whom I am always proud to show my submission, on whom I depend solely for the maintenance and protection of my rank and esteem in life, and under whose protection I have already declared myself to be in the face of my rivals, and particularly whose impartiality in every instance is as remarkable as their generosity; and I actually requested the late Commissioner when he appeared to settle the claims of the relatives of the deceased Rajah, to grant a separate allowance to my aunt, as the stipend continued to my mother was quite insufficient to the expenses of her family and its dependents such as the aunt and othor distant relations.

5. In complying with this request, Mr. Phillips has caused to me much grief and disappointment as he has stated in his letter of 13th June last, that he has equally divided the allowance of Rupees 25, which my mother was enjoying as a temporary measure between herself and her sister, instead of increasing the allowance of my mother to 50 Rupees a month and placing her on a footing equal with the mothers of the other Boyee Sahibs, and assigning a small stipend, on my *poor* aged aunt as she deserved.

6. I hope your honor will admit that this arrangement of the late Commissioner, reduces not only my mother to much distress and troubles but also subjects me and her to much disgrace among the public, from which it is quite impossible to be relieved by my sparing to her any part of my allowance. I therefore very earnestly requested Mr. Phillips, and on his departure, the Government Agent, to desire the Government to grant to my mother the full pension of her son, and thus retain me the esteem I possess on account of my placing myself under the immediate protection of Government; but both the representatives of the Government, having replied to my requisitions to the effect that they are not at liberty to meet my wishes; I have been obliged to do myself the honor of directly addressing this to your honor, for which I beg your pardon, and most respectfully solicit that your honor will kindly take into your generous consideration the position of my mother in life, the extent of the family she has to maintain consisting of no less than 20 persons including its dependants, the two-fold right she possesses for the kind treatment of Government by being the mother-in-law of the late Rajah by two of his Boyee Sahibs, and especially the disgrace of which both I and herself have been rendered the objects by the said arrangement of Mr. Phillips, and be good enough to authorize the Government Agent to increase her stipend from 12½ to 50 Rupees, the full amount received by her son, so that my mother may be put in a state equal with the mothers of the other Boyee Sahibs, and I may be able to enjoy without any interruption the ease and comfort which the protection of Government has allowed me. This act of bounty will be a lasting obligation on us, which shall never be erased from our memory, and for which we shall always pray for your long life and prosperity.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1860, No. 673.

Resolved that the Agent be desired to inform the Petitioner that her request is altogether inadmissible.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Political Depart.
No. 444.

Tanjore Government Agency Office
30th October 1860.

From
W. M. Cadell Esqre
Government Agent of Tanjore

To
J. Pycroft Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

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Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

[signature]

Government Agent

To

The Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort St. George

No 10 Dt April 1860 N. 1748

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No. 3

From The Government Agent
Tanjore

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government of
Fort St George

Dated 30th October

Received November 1860
No. 4444.

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No 771.

Submits with his opinion an address from M. Girirjamba Baye Saheb one of the Junior widows of His late Highness the Rajah of Tanjore applying for the stipend of her Mother being increased.

With an Order

Order thereon 14 November 1860. No. 673

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To the Govt Agent at Tanjore dispt 19th

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