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1	Commissioner of Tanjúr.....	26th Jany.	Requests authority for the Collector of Tanjúr to place at the disposal of the Government Agent Rupees 35,000 to meet the expenses of the marriage of the Princess with Sakárám Sáhib, and reports that, as the 10th February has been declared to be an auspicious day for the union, an advance of Rupees 10,000 has been made to the Sirkele.
2	Minute by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.	.....	Thinks that, if Government has decided that the marriage is to go on, the advance should be given.
3	Minute by the Honorable E. Maltby.	.....	Is of opinion that the Princess should be instructed to communicate to the heads of the family, her choice of Sakárám Sáhib, and that the marriage should not take place until the Supreme Government have approved of the Proceedings of this Government.
4	Do. Do.	1st Feby.. ...	Under the circumstances of the case, is of opinion that the marriage must be allowed to proceed, Rupees 35,000 being given as an advance; and, if the Supreme Government object to sanction it, the amount? recovered from the proceeds of the late Rájá's Estate, &c.
5	Minute by the Honorable W. A. Morehead.	1st do. ...	After recording his views, states that he can place no reliance whatever in the Princess' statement that Sakárám is really the person she would prefer for a husband, &c.
6	Order thereon.....	2nd do. ...	Authorize the Collector to advance Rs. 35,000, as applied for by the Commissioner.
7	Commissioner of Tanjúr.....	25th Jany.	Reports the remittance of Rupees 7,025-5-6 in Silver and Copper Coins to the Collector; also of 72 Seers of Gold and 87 Seers of Silver Bullion, for transmission to Madras, and states that he has made over 157 Seers of uncurrent Copper Coins to the Tahsildar to be sold as metal.
8	Order thereon.....	2nd Feby. ...	Desire certain explanation relative to the Gold and Silver Coins, and a report of the amount yielded by the sale of the Copper Coins, &c.
9	Assistant Government Agent at Chepauk.	18th Jany.	In transmitting letter from the Dewan, with Lists of certain items discontinued owing to the resumption of the Hyderabad Jaghire and the delivery of Sircar properties to the Receiver, is of opinion that 5 items, amounting to Rupees 43, should not be continued; that Gholam Mahmood, Khúteeb of Mamoor Mosque, and 3 others are not entitled to pension, as recommended; but that the other parties may be admitted to life pensions.
10	Order thereon.....	3rd Feby....	Agree with the Assistant Agent, &c., but desire explanation as to some items, and the submission of a separate List of the sums the Agent would propose to continue.
11	Commissioner of Tanjúr. ..	25th Jany.	Reports the progress made since he assumed charge of his Office, and the result of his interviews with the several Ranís; suggests that 2 Gumastas and 2 Gollahs who have been in charge of the Jewels in the Dástán Mahál be pensioned on their full pay, as per Statement; submits a list of the Jewels and Gold and Silver Articles in Store, and states that he purposes to distribute some of the cloths as presents on the occasion of the Princess' marriage.

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12	Order thereon.....	3rd Feb. ...	Approve of the Commissioner's proceedings, except as to the appropriation of the Cloths. Authorize the rates of pension to the Gumastas and Gollahs being raised, as proposed, and direct the list of them to be furnished to the Civil Auditor.
13	Commissioner of Tanjúr.....	27th Jany. ...	Reports that the Shawls and Cloths, the property of the late Rajah, have been greatly damaged by White Ants, and that the Sirkele has been allowed to take a portion, in order to render them available for the marriage of the late Rajá's daughter, &c.
14	Order thereon.....	3rd Feb. ...	Recorded.
15	Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	26th Jany. ...	Requests information relative to 2 African Horses received from Jedda.
16	To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay,	3rd Feb. ...	Refer him to letter in the Military Department, 24th November 1859, No. 4175.
17	Receiver of the Carnatic Property.	4th do. ...	Requests an advance of Rupees 47,000 to enable him to comply with Supreme Court's Order to pay the sum due to a certain claimant from the late Nabob's Estate.
18	Order thereon.....	6th do. ..	Sanctioned.
19	Resident of Travancore and Cochin.	20th Jany. ...	Transmits letter to the Governor from the Rajah of Travancore, requesting the honor of a visit in the course of His Excellency's official tour.
20	From His Excellency Sir C. E. Trevelyan, K. C. B., to His Highness the Rajah of Travancore.	29th do. ..	Regrets his inability to avail himself of the invitation, but hopes to be able to visit His Highness on a future occasion.
21	To the Resident of Travancore.	7th Feb. ...	Request to be furnished with copy of his letter to the Dewan regarding the construction of a Light House, &c., at Alleppy.
22	Acting Collector of North Arcot.	1st do. ...	Reports that, as the 1st Ex-Queen of Kandy resides at Tanjúr, he has forwarded copy of Proceedings, 22nd January, No. 38, to the Collector of that District.
23	Order thereon.....	7th do. ...	Recorded.
24	J. B. Norton, Esq., Agent to the Ranis of Tanjúr.	24th Jany. ..	Forwards Memorial on behalf of Her Highness Avoo Sahiba and Her Highness Kamachie Bhoyee Sahiba, expressive of their wishes respecting the infant Princess.
25	Minute by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.	26th do. ...	Thinks that the Ranis should be informed that Government has not interfered, nor does it intend to interfere authoritatively in the matter of the Princess' marriage; also that, Government will not have recourse to coercion to induce the Princess to submit to an interview with them.
26	Minute by the Honorable W. A. Morehead.	26th do. ...	Is still of opinion that Government had no right to interfere in the matter; that Mr. Phillips' proceedings were most objectionable; and that Memorialists shouldbe told that they may see the Princess, Government deeming her refusal very unbecoming.
27	Minute by the Honorable E. Maltby.	30th do. ...	Regrets the embarrassing position in which Government has become placed. Agrees with Mr. Morehead that the Ranis' request for an interview with the Princess is reasonable and ought to be complied with. Conceives that the marriage ought not to be celebrated until the Supreme Government have approved of the general arrangements for settling the affairs of the Tanjore family.

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28	Minute by the President, Dindigul.	5th Feby.	Records his views on the question at issue. Cannot agree with Mr. Morehead. Does not consider that he has incurred any responsibility by his proceedings while at Tanjore, nor that the position of Government is in the least 'embarrassing' &c.
29	Minute by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.	8th do	Maintains his opinions, but considers the President has exceeded his legitimate authority.
30	Minute by the Honorable W. A. Morehead.	8th do	Can discover no arguments in the President's Minute to lead him to alter the opinion already expressed. Views the instructions issued by the President to Mr. Phillips as irregular.
31	Order thereon.....	8th do	The Ranis referred to Order, 28th December 1859, on their previous Memorial, with the intimation that Government have not interfered authoritatively, but have been desirous that the Princess should consult the chief ladies of her family on the question of her marriage.
32	Receiver of the Carnatic Property.	7th do	Requests an advance of Rupees 67,000 to enable him to comply with Supreme Court's Orders to pay the sum due to certain claimants from the late Nabob's Estate,
33	Order thereon.....	9th do	Sanctioned.
34	J. B. Norton, Esq., Agent to the Ranis of Tanjúr.	7th do	Forwards Memorial on behalf of his Clients appealing against the determination of Government touching the young Princess' marriage, for transmission to the Secretary of State for India.
35	Order thereon.....	9th do	Two more copies of the Memorial required. Observed that Mr. Norton must produce formal Powers from the Ranis.
36	Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Despatch, No. 1 of 1860.)	6th Jany.	Requests that Gholam Mustapha may be informed that he declines to interfere in the matter represented in his Memorial.
37	Order thereon.....	10th Feby.	Communicated to the Memorialist through the Assistant Government Agent at Chepauk.
38	Acting Sub-Collector of North Arcot, in charge of Stipend Pay Office at Vellore.	27th Jany.	Recommends that an application of Savetree Davee, daughter-in-law of the late Ex-King of Kandy, for permission for herself and her father to proceed to Tanjore on 6 months' leave, may be complied, and that she be allowed an advance of Rupees 380, to be recovered by instalments of Rupees 63-5-4 monthly; and requests authority to call upon certain Collectors for the aid of 2 Peons.
39	Order thereon.....	10th Feby.	Grant permission, and authorize an advance accordingly, &c.