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Read the following Petition:—

No. 52. To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir WILLIAM THOMAS DENISON, K.C.B., Governor in Council of Fort Saint George.

The humble representation of KISTNA BOYE, Peria Ammal or Senior Widow of His late Highness SEVAJEE, Maha Rajah of Tanjore, attached to Mungalavasem Department.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That with profound respect and humble submission, I beg leave to state that I have addressed a petition to your Excellency on the 10th July 1861, reiterating that the stipend of Rupees 400, assigned by my husband His Highness the Rajah should be continued to pay me, as the Government had sanctioned to continue to my aforesaid husband's female servants, &c., in full their stipends, as were done in the time of my husband the Rajah, and soliciting that the Government in the event of their continuing indisposed to comply with my request, will be pleased to transmit the enclosed petition to Her Majesty Queen, to which the Government had been pleased to send an Order, No. 2,115 of 1861, dated 23rd July 1861, "that the Government declined to "re-consider their former Orders, respecting the Petitioner's claims. On her forwarding a Peti- "tion in triplicate in the usual manner, it will be transmitted for the consideration of Home "Government." In obedience to that Order, I beg to enclose herein my petition to Her Majesty Queen in triplicate.

I therefore most humbly beg your Excellency will be pleased to have pity upon me a dowager of His Highness the Rajah, and forward the same to Home Government with your Excellency's recommendation that my Mogany of Rupees 400, &c., assigned to me by my husband His Highness the Rajah, may be continued to me in full with the arrears thereof, according to the sanction issued by the Government to the female servants for continuing their stipends in full, and protect me and inform me of its being forwarded.

For which act of justice I shall as in duty bound, ever pray.

TANJORE,
17*th August* 1861.

To the Most Gracious Majesty Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, London.

The humble Appeal Petition of KISTNA BOYE, Peria Ammal or Senior Widow of His late Highness SEVAJEE, Maha Rajah of Tanjore, attached to Mangalavasem Department.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

That with every sentiments of respect and humble submission, I beg to pardon my boldness of intruding your Majesty's precious moments by this Petition, and take it into your Majesty's righteous consideration, and render me redress.

1. My deceased husband His Highness the Rajah granted much gifts to my parents, and took me to his Palace in my 5th year of age, and delivered me to the care of his mother Mathoostry Hawoo Sahib, and brought me up, and married me by sword when I came to a proper age, according to the custom of Rajahs, and then gathered certain women, and called them by the name of Mungalavasem, and made me a head to them, and conferred on me a Mogany of Rupees 400 per month. Peravarrikay or orders had been issued by His Highness in the years 1842 and 1852 for the Moganies allotted to each of them. In that assignment, also my Mogany was 400 Rupees. Such proportions had been carried into effect according to the order of His Highness until the year 1859.

2. Accordingly my husband's father His Highness Sirfojee Maha Rajah, gathered certain women as concubines in his life-time, and gave them a name Kaliana Mawl, and elevated two of them, and conferred on them, a higher stipends than the other. One of them is dead: the

other one Ladoo Boye Ammal is still alive. She received her stipend assigned to her by her husband my father-in-law. Mr. Phillips who came as Commissioner, after the death of my husband His Highness the Rajah, raised her stipend Rupees 500 to Rupees 890 and odd. Indeed I could not understand by what cause he did so to her, and decreased my Mogany Rupees 400 to Rupees 150, such piece of injustice must be considered by your Majesty.

The dancing women, maid servants, and women of Royal family who served my husband His Highness the Rajah, receive monthly their full pensions from the Government Agent's Office, according to the sanction of the Government. While it is so, I hope that my Mogany, assigned by my husband being decreased by Mr. Phillips shall be considered as a gross injustice in your Majesty's well decerning wisdom.

4. In consequence of my Mogany being decreased, I did not take it. Since which, I together with my dependants, servants, &c., am suffering very much. Regarding which, I have represented my questions to the Government of Fort Saint George by the Government Agent of Tanjur, and per Tappal; but they persevere in their unjust order, as it is stated in the enclosure without examining the documents and witnesses as I have requested in my petitions to them, nor ascertaining the truth of my assertions, nor rendering me redress according to their sanction.

5. The Government say in their Endorsement that there are no means of ascertaining the proportions in which the whole sum assigned to Mangalavasem was divided among the members, during the Rajah's life-time. If they examine the Records of the Palace by the Government Agent, and the accounts of Mangalavasem, and enquire with the Ladies of the Palace as I have requested, such an examination and enquiry will make them to ascertain my honor, and my higher Mogany than that of other women. If the Government appointed for our defence by your Majesty, refuse to pursue the way of justice, and persevere in their unjust order, how can I obtain redress from them.

I therefore, most humbly beseech your Gracious Majesty, mother of Universe, with bended knees will be pleased to have pity upon me, widow of His Highness the Rajah of Tanjur, and issue an order to the Government of Fort Saint George that they may examine the Diaries that are in the Records of the Palace and the account of Mangalavasem by the Government Agent of Tanjur, and enquire with the Ladies of the Palace about my honor, and my higher Mogany, and ascertain the Mogany, the jewels, lands, &c., assigned to me by my husband His Highness the Rajah in the years 1842 & 1852, and issue an order to pay me my Mogany Rupees 400 together with its arrears, and give my jewels, and my portion of lands, and protect me who is in a great sorrow bereaving our husband His Highness the Rajah.

For which act of charity and justice, your Majesty's Appellant as in duty bound, ever pray.

TANJORE,
10*th July* 1861.

Copy of the Endorsement of the Government of Fort Saint George, No. 3,588 of 1860.

The Government cannot re-open this question, which they observe was settled more than a year ago. There are no means of ascertaining the proportions, in which the whole sum assigned to the Seraglio was divided among the members during the Rajah's life-time, and it has therefore been decided that the whole stipend now assigned to the establishment shall be equally divided.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
19*th January* 1861.

By order,
(Signed) L. FORBES,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 27th August 1861, No. 378.

Resolved that the Memorial in triplicate received with the foregoing Petition be transmitted for the consideration of the Home authorities, and that information of its despatch be given to the Petitioner.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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Pol. Ltr. to Govt. 27th Sept.
No. 22 of 1861.

List of 6 Sept.

Replied to 29th Nov.
No 19 of 1861

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Proceedings of Govt.

D/27 Augh. 1861.

Transmitting for the consideration of the Home authorities Memorial in triplicate from Mistress Boyce Peria Annunciata, Senior Widow of his late Highness the Maha Rajah of Tanjore, requesting the continuance to her in full of the stipend of Rupees 400 assigned to her late Husband the Rajah as well as the payment to

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