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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers :—

No. 33. To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir W. T. DENISON, K.C.B.,
Governor in Council of Fort Saint George, Madras.

May it please Your Excellency,

With reference to my communication of date the 10th November last, announcing my succession to the Musnad of Cannanore, I most humbly and submissively beg leave to inform your Excellency in Council, that a similar announcement made to the Collector of Malabar on the above date, copy whereof marked A is herewith submitted, was replied to by the letter B, containing several queries which were satisfactorily answered by the documents C, D and E, whereby your Excellency in Council will perceive, that from the date of our adherence to the Mahomedan faith up to this day, comprehending a period of upwards of 1,200 years, our House was represented by both male and female senior members of our family; and that in default of male heirs, five females have only ascended the Musnad.

Agreeably to the usage observed in my family, I wrote to Brigadier McLeod, Commanding Malabar and Canara, proposing a complimentary visit, and requesting on that occasion the honor of the usual salute, guaranteed by the British Government to the representatives of our House, and was favoured with the letter F, stating that it was intimated to that Officer that such salute must not be continued to me.

I could not, therefore, help addressing the letter G, to which I received the answer H, informing me that my right of succession to the Musnad, vacated by my mother the late Adee Rajah, Bebee of Cannanore, is ignored by the Collector of Malabar.

I moreover beg leave to lay before your Excellency in Council the enclosed documents I and J, being translations of two Malayalim letters from, and to the late H. V. Conolly, Esq., regarding the line of succession observed in my family, and which will further serve to enlighten your Excellency in Council on the subject.

Under the above circumstance I most respectfully beg that your Excellency in Council will be pleased to award kind and indulgent consideration to this brief representation of my claim, and, at the same time, deign to continue to me, who is the present head of my family, the honor of the usual salute, &c., since we have been, from the date of our coming under British protectorate, treated with the distinction due to our rank and position in life.

(Signed) SULTAN ALLEE,
Rajah of Cannanore.

Cannanore, 13*th January* 1862.

No. 34. To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir W. T. DENISON, &c. &c.,
Governor in Council, Madras.

The representation with Salams of Her Highness
ADI RAJAH, Queen Beebee of Cannanore.

Sheweth,

That, Her Highness the Queen Beebee of Cannanore, who reigned previously being lately dead, and the title rank of the deceased succeed by Her Highness the present one, the due notice is hereby forwarded for the information of your Excellency.

But, the delay occurred to forward an early notice on the matter was on account of Her Highness the present one's father "Chowakaren Aloopy Elya" was dead in the interval of the other death. However, Her Highness the present Queen Beebee begs that your Excellency's mercy will be always remained both on Her Highness and relations; and in conclusion begs to affix the sign of the State and private Seal, herein, this day the 26th January 1862.

(Signed) QUEEN BEEBEE.

No. 35. Telegram from SULTAN ALLEE, Rajah of Cannanore; to His Excellency the Honorable Sir W. T. DENISON, K.C.B., Madras, dated 4th February 1862.

Greeting.—I am very much distressed in mind in consequence of my not having heard in reply to my communication of the 13th ultimo. I therefore most humbly and submis-

aively beg that your Excellency will be kindly pleased to remove the doubt entertain ding its safety, by a Telegram, for which money has been deposited in this Office. February

No. 201 of 1862.

Forwarded to the Collector of Malabar for his remarks.

By order,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
5th February 1862.

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Acting Deputy Secy. to Govt.

No. 36. From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 21st February 1862, No. 20.

Enclosures returned together with petition and accompaniments from Alli Rajah of Cannanore, dated 13th January 1862.

I have received Proceedings of Government, Petition Department, and their Order thereon, dated 6th February 1862.

2. The late Adi Rajah Beebee of Cannanore, deceased on the 19th October 1861, and was succeeded by her great grand Niece, the present Beebee.

3. Government remark on the fact of my not having reported on the death of the late Beebee.

My omission to do so I regret; but I did not at the time consider the matter of such importance, as to demand a special report. The succession of the present Beebee, I looked on as a matter of course. A reference to the records of my Office, does not shew that reports of the deaths of previous Beebees, had been submitted to Government.

4. With reference to petition (a Telegram), No. 369 of 1862, from the Sultan Alli Rajah of Cannanore, and in which complaint is made that no reply had been sent by Government to his communication of the 30th ultimo, it will be necessary to write somewhat in detail, as he, Sultan Alli Rajah, is in fact setting up a claim to succeed his mother, the lately deceased Adi Rajah Beebee of Cannanore.

5. The right of succession to the Sovereignty of Cannanore, always runs in the female line. The treaty of 1790, entered into with the East India Company, was made with the then reigning Beebee, and since that period, there has been no interruption to the female succession.

6. The Joint Commissioners, in their report, dated 11th October 1793, paragraph 86, write as follows:

"The Town and District of Cannanore were then held by the persons denominated the "Walleea Beebee, or Great Lady, who is the lineal heir to that little State, her late husband "(Alli Rajah who died whilst General Abercromby was reducing the place) being only her "consort, but not otherwise or in propriety (whatever influence he may and does appear to "have assumed) the Chief Governor. At this early state of their proceedings, the Commis-"sioners from Bombay remarked that this Lady's chief source of wealth was derived from the "commerce that she and her family had long carried on with Arabia and different parts of India; "besides which she exercises a Sovereignty over the Laccadive Islands, the produce of which "she receives in barter for rice; and they had then under consideration the expediency of "farming out this commercial intercourse, either to the Beebee herself, or to some other "person, and meanwhile, she was called on to deliver in a state* of the "produce and value of her country."

*So in original.

Dated 16th July 1849, No. 64.

7. I would also call attention to the enclosed copy of a letter addressed by the late Mr. Conolly to the Secretary of the Board of Revenue, as tending to throw light on the value of the Rajah's claims.

From H. V. CONOLLY, Esq., Collector of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 16th July 1849, No. 64.

In reply to your letter of the 25th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you, that whatever may have been the case in remote times, the Headship of the Cannanore Sovereignty has, from

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
14th March 1862.

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(True Copy.)

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Collector.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1862, No. 108.

Resolved that the Collector of Malabar be instructed to inform Sultan Allee of Cannanore that the Government decline to recognize his claim to the style and dignity of his late mother, as it appears from the Records that from the connection of the British Government with the House of Cannanore, the succession has always descended in the Female line.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No. 336.

From P. Grant Esquire Collector of Tellicherry

To H.H. Sultan Ally Rajah of Cannanore

Greeting.

I have perused your letter of date the 11th November. By contrary to ancient usage, the male members of your family have ever represented your House, let me know in reply on what years such points had occurred and what proofs you have of the same.

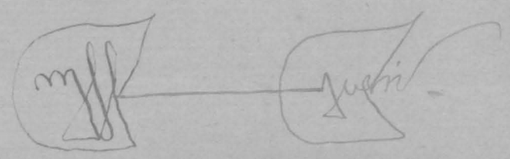
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Signed
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P. Grant
Collector of Tellicherry

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Sultan Ally Rajah of Cannore

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To Grant Esquire Collector of Malabar

Sir,

In reply to the query conveyed in your Malyalim Letter of the 13th Instant, I most respectfully beg leave to inform you that the Sovereignty of the House of Cannanore was held, ever since our adherence to the Mahomedan faith, embracing a period of about thirteen Centuries, by both male and female Senior members of our family as will be borne out by the enclosed document being translation of a written statement which was signed and delivered, on the 13th October 1792 by Her Highness the Rance who had on account of the minority of the male members of the family succeeded to the Musnad and entered into Engagements with the British Government to Messrs. H. C. Palmer and H. Page, Agents of the Honorable the East India Company, copy whereof was, on the 29th April 1795 of the Malabar year 970, made over to Commissioner Mr. Handley Esquire who was sent to this Country to enquire into and redress the grievances of our family.

On a reference to the annexed Chronicle of the Princes who had represented our House, commencing with the reign of Kahomed Ali Adee Rajah of happy memory, it will be found that twenty male and nine female members had, in right of seniority filled the Musnad but this is not all, the Princes in reliance on the Engagements given by our friends which were about 300 years ago, the legend on the ancient Grant-

Seal of our Dynasty and the names to be seen on title deeds of olden times, unquestionably prove that the succession of females was owing to the nonage of the members of the opposite sex

Begging the continuance of your favour when necessary and my Hours

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Cannanore 19th November 1861

Yours obediently

Signed J. Sultan Aliee Rajah of Cannanore

True Copy

Sultan Aliee Rajah of Cannanore

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Translation of a written Statement given by Her Highness Adee Rajah Bebee of Cannanore to William Cuthbert Palmer and William Page Esquires Agents of the Honorable the East India Company, copy whereof bearing her signature and dated 1st Medam 970 was handed over to W. Handly Esquire at his request.

The sovereignty of this country was held by both male and female Rulers for a period of 800 years. Cannanore is a small Kingdom comprehending four or five Islands in the Laccadeever group. As the revenue there of is quite inadequate for the maintenence and support of the state, we carry on by the means of our shipping a little trade with Arabia and other countries and have thereby succeeded in amassing some wealth.

In the reign of my Uncle the late Aliee Rajah vast sums of money were spent in the wars he had waged against Cearé and other potentates. On the arrival of Hyder Nawab in Malabar we were put to a great deal of expense in presenting Nuzzer / gifts &c. After the demise of my uncle, the government having devolved upon females we cultivated the friendship of every Succeeding British Chief at Tellicherry in order to conciliate the favour and secure the protection of the English nation, and always maintained good faith with them.

While we were thus conducting irreproachably and endeavouring to ingratiate

ourselves

owners and I dont think that we will be able to pay such debts during the term of our natural lives

Independant of which Tippoo Sultan seized and took possession of four of the best of our Islands in the Laccadiver group in lieu whereof he ceded to us two districts in Kolathanaad, and are we not now in the possession of the Cherikal Rajah? Now the Honorable the East India Company promises us some compensation.

We are not possessed of any other district save Cannanore, and four small Islands in the Laccadiver group for which we have agreed to pay tribute to your Government. We have now to liquidate a considerable amount of debt and to provide for our maintenance and support.

I am possessed to submit to the decision of Government in this case. All the Honorable the East India Company and of the entire confidence we have placed on them, and this circumstance will be proved on a reference to Messrs Drapen, Arundy and Dadan.

His Britannic Majesty who represents the generosity of the nation and renders him happy can be compared to the Ocean in magnificence

The Supreme Being accepted our humble vows to succour and protect his servant Tippoo a female encumbered with two Children & therefore trust you will be graciously pleased to help us

I remain &c

Cannanore 13th October 1792

Translation

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4th Nov 1792

Enclosure 2nd Letter

Names of the Sovereigns who had filled the Throne of Kanmore.

No.	Names.	Date of Accession to the Throne	Date of Demise	Period of Reign	Remark
1	Muhamed Alee Adee Rajah Kisera	64			The Chronicle of the Kings of Kanmore merely records the date of the accession to the Throne in Kisera 64 of the 5th Regnal cycle of our family but it does not show the period of his death
2	Hoosain Alee Adee Rajah				
3	Alee Hoosa Adee Rajah				
4	Osuna Hoosa Adee Rajah				
5	Alee Hoosa Adee Rajah	359	380	21	to the number of the Sovereigns to whom our Throne was represented from Kisera 64 up to the Christian year 350. The names of these Kings are merely mentioned without the dates of their accession and demise; hence the omission of the same in this Chronicle
6	Alee Bubben Adee Rajah	380	459	79	
7	Isa Boobucker Adee Rajah	459	540	81	
8	Muhamed Alee Adee Rajah	540	627	87	
9	Boobucker Alee Adee Rajah	627	720	93	
10	Alee Adee Rajah	720	766	46	Remarks
11	Boobucker Adee Rajah	766	782	16	Commence 15th November 1861.
12	Boobucker Adee Rajah	782	785	3	
13	Muhamud Alee Adee Rajah	785	822	37	
14	Muhamud Alee Adee Rajah	822	830	8	
15	Isuma Adee Rajah	830	831	1	
16	Muhamud Adee Rajah	831	866	35	
17	Alee Adee Rajah	866	879	13	
18	Osuna Hoosa Adee Rajah	879	895	16	
19	Muhamud Alee Adee Rajah	895	903	8	
20	Hurrabieng Kadoora Adee Rajah Dibie 1716	903	907	4	
21	Soon Noorma Adee Rajah Dibie 1732	907	920	13	
22	Osuna Hoosa Adee Rajah 1745	920	952	33	
23	Soon Noorma 1st Adee Rajah Dibie 1777	952	994	42	
24	Kariumbie Adee Rajah Dibie 1819	994	1013	19	
25	Hyashabie Adee Rajah Dibie 1838	1013	1037	24	

True Copy

Commence 15th November 1861

Emperor of Kanmore

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Cannanore 7th January 1862

From The Officer Commanding
Malabar and Canara

To The Sultan Sibbe Rajah
of Cannanore

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, and regret to inform you that I am unable to comply with your request, as it has been intimated to me, that the ceremony observed on the entering into and departure from the Cantonment of the late Adiga Rajah Bibee of Cannanore, your much lamented Mother, is not to be continued to you.

I remain
Yours obediently
Signed / H. McLeod
Brigadier Commanding
Malabar & Canara

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Sultan Sibe Rajah of
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To

Brigadier McLeod

Commanding Malabar & Canara

Sir

With reference to your communication of the 7th Instant I deem it proper to inform you, that the honor of a salute, on special occasions, enjoyed by my family from time immemorial, was not an exclusive knowledge conceded to my much lamented mother the late Noor Begum Bibee of Cannanore, but extended to every representative of my House; and as I am at a loss to know on what grounds, and by whose order the same is just now discontinued, I beg you will be pleased to favour me with a copy of the instruction you have received on the subject

Cannanore 8th January 1862

yours obediently

Signed Sultan Ally Rajah of Cannanore

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Sultan Ally Rajah of Cannanore

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From The Officer Commanding Malabar & Canara

To Sultan Ally Rajah of Cannanore

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date

I have to observe, that the compliment alluded to was paid to the late Adee Rajah Babee of Cannanore by special order of Government; since her decease, no instructions have been issued as to its recognition of any person as her successor, to whom the compliments are to be continued.

Nothing I can assure you, will afford me more satisfaction than to receive authority for complying with your desire as the head of your family. In the meantime, if you have any doubt as to the propriety of my proceedings, I would recommend, that you address Mr Grant the Collector of Malabar, by, or through whom only, such points as that under discussion, can be disposed of

I beg, however, to state that I have already communicated with him on the subject.

I remain

Cannanore 9th January 1862 3

Yours obediently

signed W. McLeod Brigadier

Commanding Malabar & Canara

True Copy

Sultan Ally Rajah of Cannanore

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From H. V. Conolly Esquire Collector &c Calicut

To H. H. Zain Ul Abdin Deroe of Cannanore

Greeting. — It is meet to know how many Deroes have represented the House of Cannanore from the date of its existence as a dynasty to the present day, the number of individuals who had filled the Musnad since British ascendency, the name of the late prince who had not long ago creditably managed the Serakal affairs, the relationship he bore to the Deroe of his time, together with your name as well as that of the present Rajah. I beg you will forthwith furnish me with explanations on the above points to enable my reporting the same in my letter to the Revenue Board. — Written on the 24th Methenoom 1024 or 6th July 1849

Signed / H. V. Conolly

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Sultan Ali Raja of Cannanore

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From H. H. the Rajah Board of Commanor

To K. C. Conolly Esquire Collector of Malabar

Sir

I have received your letter of the 6th
Instant stating upon me to state how many Persons have
represented the House of Cannanor from the date
of its existence as a Dynasty to the present time, the
number of individuals who have filled the Musnad
since British ascendancy. What relationship did
that able King who appears not long ago to have
creditably manned the arduous affairs bear to the
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that of the present Rajah to enable your reporting on
these points in your letter to the Board of Revenue
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1st From the date of accession of
Kahemed Alee Adee Rajah which took place
twelve hundred years ago up to the year 653 Malabar ending
777 with the reign of Coonhy Amsa Adee Rajah, our
House was represented by about thirty Kings, and
through default of male successors one or two Bebees
have succeeded to the Musnad. but this circumstance
cannot be ascertained without examining the
ancient records of our House

2nd Coonhy Amsa Adee Rajah who died
in the year 953 had only a niece of the name of
Soon Umah Bebee. She gave birth to two
daughters the eldest of whom is my mother and
the latter died during the life time of her mother
Soon Umah Bebee

4th Is my brother Abdool Kahder Adee

Rajah was young on our entering into treaty with the British Government, the same was executed in the name of the aforesaid Soon Umah Bebee, and she dying in the year 994 + was succeeded by her younger daughter my aunt Kareia Umah Bebee from the date of whose demise which occurred in 1013 up to the present day the House of Cannanore is represented by me and my name is Hayasha Bebee. It was my brother Abdool Kahder Adee Rajah who had the management of affairs during the time of the aforesaid Soon Umah Bebee. The former died in 991 and was succeeded by Mahomed Allee Kannavor Rajah the son of my Aunt the late Kuriumah Bebee, and this prince also dying in 1000 was succeeded by his nephew Coothy Ansa Adee Rajah at whose demise which took place in month of Toolam of the year 1021, was succeeded by Abdool Kader Adee Rajah the grandson of my eldest sister. The latter died in Chunghom of that year and the Arrakal affairs is ever since managed by my son the present Rajah Abdool Rahmon Adee Rajah.

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From the reign of Soon umah Adee Rajah Bebee, the same who had entered into treaty with the Circar up to this date the Senior Bebees have filled the Musnad and signed all documents and the Junior male members have kept the Grand seal bore the family title, and all the Jenmom title deeds are granted in their names since it is not customary to execute such documents in the names of the Bebees.

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Begging the continuance of your favour upon us.

Written on the 27th Mekhenum 1024

Signed / Adee Rajah Bebee of Cannanore

Translation

Sultan Allee Rajah of Cannanore

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Calicut 16th July 1849

To

T. Pycroft Esq
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George.

Sir

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I have &c

Sig^d / H. V. Conolly

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Collector

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Calicut 21st. February 186

From

P. Grant Esquire

Collector of Malabar

To

T. Pycroft Esquire

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George.

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Copy of the Letter written by H. D. Conolly Esqr. Collr. of Canara dated 16 July 1845.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant,

Collector.-

Political Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read Petition of Addl Assistant
Surgeon of Cannanore, and Sultan
Collector of Cannanore.
Here enter Nos 335. 2 - 20 & 369 3 / 62
Read Report of the Collector
of Malabar
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Order thereon
14th March 1862 No 108

Resolved that the Collector of Malabar be instructed to inform Sultan Collector of

Petition 62 Enclosed
From
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To
The Chief Secretary to Govt
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To the Collector of Malabar
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Instruct the Collector of Malabar to inform Sultan alias of Cannanore that the Government decline to recognize his claim to the style & dignity of his late Mother

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