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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 354. Press Mis.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 11. From H. M. DURAND, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department; to the Acting Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 9th July 1862, No. 1,416.

Foreign Department, General.

I am directed to forward the accompanying three Petitions* from the Adee Rajas of Cannanore, with a request that the Madras Government will favor the Governor General in Council with an expression of their views on the subject.

* Petition dated 24th May.
Do. do. 7th June.
Do. do. 8th June.

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No. 12. From SULTAN ALLI, Rajah of Cannanore; to the Right Honorable Lord ELGIN, &c., &c., &c., Governor General in Council and Viceroy of India, Fort William, Calcutta, dated Cannanore, 21st June 1862.

My Lord,

In the representation of grievance forwarded by me to your Lordship in Council on the 8th instant, I have inadvertently omitted certain circumstance which I now most respectfully beg leave to subjoin for your Lordship's information.

The local Government having contrary to all rule and precedence passed an Order investing the Cheria Bebee with the sovereignty of our house on the strength of the incorrect report made by Mr. P. Grant the late Collector of Malabar, in reference to the line of succession in our family, the principal Seyds of Malabar, who are looked up, and venerated by all the Mussulmans, came over, and in conjunction with the chief inhabitants of this country, set up the necessary inquiries regarding every circumstance connected with the above question, examined the ancient records and, after acquainting themselves with every particular of the case, recorded their opinion on stamped paper and delivered over the same to me, a copy whereof, together with an English translation, is herewith submitted, and I most respectfully beg that your Lordship who exercises and maintains justice and equity, will be pleased to incorporate the same with the documents submitted with my representation of the 8th instant, award just consideration thereto, and on arriving at the truth, deign to cause my house to be represented agreeably to ancient prescription.

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No. 1,489.

Forwarded to the Acting Secretary, Government of Fort Saint George, in continuation of this Office Docket, No. 1,470, dated 18th instant. (To be returned.)

By order.

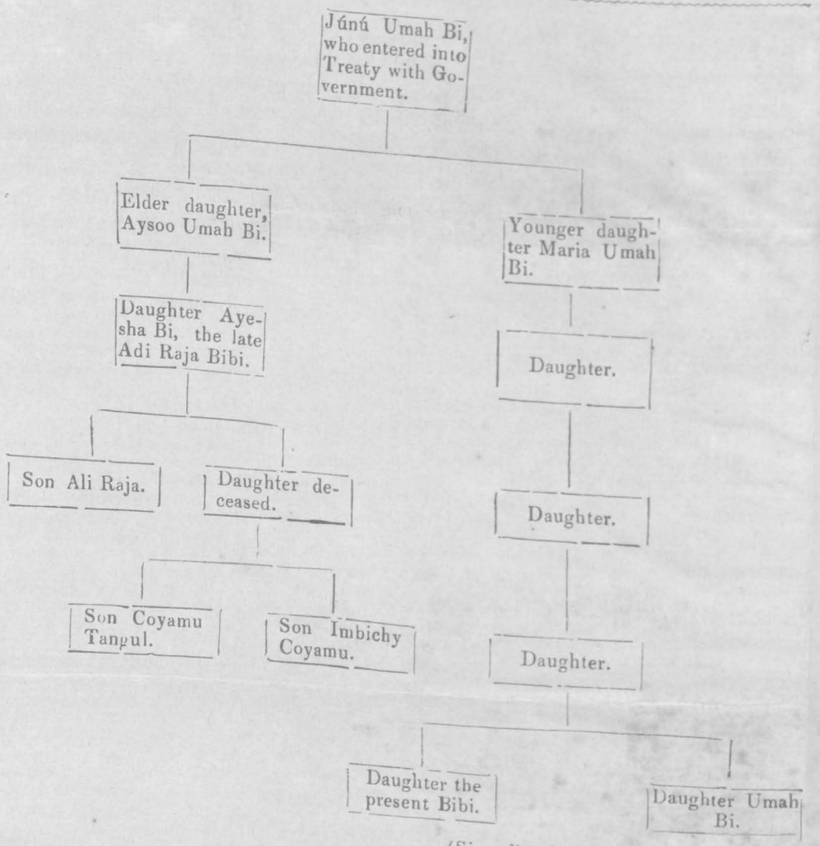
(Signed) J. T. WHEELER,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

Foreign Department General,
The 22nd July 1862.

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No. 13. Abstract of Petition from ADEE RAJAH OOMAH BE of Cannanore, dated 24th May 1862.

Forwards for the favorable consideration of Government the enclosed petition, soliciting her Uncle's nomination as the head of the family, which, she says, the Collector refused to submit to Government through his channel on a plea that the subject thereof was already disposed of.



(Signed) G. A. BALLARD,
Collector.

No. 17. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, dated Fort Saint George, 4th September 1862, No. 354.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 9th July last, No. 1,416, requesting the opinion of this Government on a claim preferred by Alee Rajah to be recognized as the successor of his mother, the late Beebee of Cannanore, with reference to the petitions which have been addressed to the Government of India on the subject, and which are returned herewith.

2. In reply I am instructed to state, that from the commencement of British connection with the House of Cannanore, or from 1784, the sovereignty has always been enjoyed by a female as Beebee, while the actual business of the State has generally been transacted by a male member of the family under the designation of Rajah. The Beebee exercises a sovereignty over the Southern group of the Laccadive Islands, the produce of which she receives in barter for rice. She has also landed property on the main land at and near Cannanore.

3. The claim of Alee Rajah was preferred in a petition addressed to this Government, under date the 13th January last, shortly after the death of the last Beebee, and after reference to the late Collector of Malabar, from whose report it appeared that the succession to the Musnud had invariably gone in the female line, was rejected in the Proceedings of Government, dated the 14th March last, of which a copy is annexed.

Proceedings, 14th March 1862, No. 108.

4. A further report on the subject, of which a copy is also sent, has since been received from the present Collector in which it is clearly shown that from the earliest connection of the Cannanore family with the British Government, the succession to the Musnud has gone in the female line, the management of the affairs of the family being conducted by the Consort or by a male relative selected by the reigning Beebee.

Dated 18th July 1862, No. 58.

5. This Government concur in the opinion of Mr. Ballard, which it will be seen is borne out by the views of two of his predecessors, Messrs. Conolly and Grant, that the claims of Alee Rajah are inadmissible.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Conner.

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West Coast Despatch

Political Department.

No. 354

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

Foreign Department.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 9 ~~instant~~ July last No 4416, requesting the opinion of this Govt on a claim preferred by Alee Rajah to be recognized as the successor of his mother the late Beebee of Cannanore, with reference to the Petitions which have been addressed to the Govt. of India on the subject and which are returned herewith.

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5. This Govt concurs in the opinion of Mr Ballard - which it will be seen is borne out by the views of two of his predecessors - Messrs Conolly

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Fort Saint George,
4th September 1862

J J R

15 Sept 1862
Rec'd & Rep 5-8 - the Collector's letter further to be followed

Copy to the Collector of Malabar - Desp^d 4th

Political 1862 Dept

No. 3514.

To, The Secy. to the Govt. of India. Foreign Dept

Dated Sept. 1862

Informing the Supreme Government that the claim of Allee Rajah to the House of Cannanore is for reasons stated, inadmissible