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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 390

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
26th September 1862.*

No. 71. Read the following letter from G. LEE MORRIS, Esq., Officiating Government Agent, Tanjore; to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 18th September 1862, No. 300:

With reference to the Proceedings of Government marginally*
* 21st August 1862, No. 336. noted, I have the honor to state that the personal property of His
3rd Sept. " " 353. late Highness the Rájá, is in course of being made over to the Agents
appointed by the senior widow Her Highness M. Kamakshi Bayi Sahib, to receive charge of the
same, and that considerable progress has already been made in delivering over the Jewels of the
Dástán Mahal.

2. Before completing this Department, however, I beg to be favored with the instructions
of Government regarding the Jewels classed by the late Commissioner Mr. Phillips, under the
head of "Saidambá Bayi Sahib's Jewels" and which are comprized in enclosure No. 5, to that
Officer's letter of the 7th April 1860, No. 975. In paragraphs 7 to 11 of that letter, Mr. Phillips
refers at some length to this head of Jewels, and makes certain suggestions regarding their disposal.

3. I beg therefore to know whether it is the wish of Government that these suggestions
should be carried out, or whether all the Jewels should, in accordance with the general instructions
conveyed in the Order of Government, dated the 21st August, No. 336, be
Paragraph 6. made over to the senior widow of the late Rájá.

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, 26th September 1862, No. 390.

With the exception of the Jewels which by the Order of Government of the 3rd instant,
No. 353, are to be retained as Regalia, the Agent will make over to Her Highness Kamatchee
Boye the whole of the Jewels left by the late Rájá, and it will be for the Princess, Her Highness
Avoo Sahebah, or any other persons claiming any of these ornaments to prefer their claims to
Her Highness Kamatchee Boye Sahebah to whom all the Rájá's property is to be made over as
his heir. The late Commissioner, Mr. Phillips, doubtless took much pains to ascertain the
ownership of the Jewels; but his proceedings were altogether extra-judicial, and the Government
would not be justified in acting upon them, or in constituting themselves Judges in a matter,
which, unless it can be amicably settled by the parties, can only be authoritatively decided by a
Court of Law.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Memorandum on a letter from the Agt. Govt.
Agent at Sanjore dated 18 September 1862 N^o 300

The chief papers connect-
ed with this question seem
to be:-

I Letter from the Commis-
sioner 7 April 1860 paras 7 to 11.

II Letter from this Govt. to that
of India forwarding the above
letter 5 May 1860 N^o 294.

III Letter from Govt. of India
19 February 1862, passing orders
on disposal of Sanjore
property.

IV Reference by this Govt. to
Cundits of the Sudder Court
& their replies.

V Orders of Govt. 21 August
1862 N^o 336.

VI Govt. Order 3 September
1862 N^o 353.

VII Letter from the young
Prince 26 June 1862 & order
thereon 30 August 1862 N^o 346.

2 It will be seen from
Mr Phillip's letter that
the total value of these
jewels is estimated at
Pagodas 29,738 $\frac{5}{16}$, including
that of the 55 Jewels Paga-
das 12,731 which pre-claim-
ed by H. H. Doo Sahibah.

The whole at one time

belonged

Pro: of Govt. 25 April 1862 N^o 72.
Reply 21 July --

To the 55 Jewels the

can be seen from

satisfied that the Aboo Sahib had once
 a right - But he could find nothing
 to guide him to a
 determination when
 - that right did
 not come on the
 transfer of those jewels
 to his son's wife, who
 was his own friend.
 - daughter - Aboo
 Sahib's house / for
 Mr Phillips with
 para 11 / claimed
 more than those 55
 jewels - but he was of
 opinion that he
 demanded for any
 more should be
 rejected

belonged to her, the type, at
 least she had the use of
 them during her husband's
 life - (father of the late
 Raja's deejay) life. On his
 death, they passed on to
 Sydamla Bai, the
 wife of the late Raja and
 mother of the young
 Princess - Mr Phillips
 seems to admit the title
 of H. H. Aboo Sahib to 55
 of the jewels & has marked
 & made a list of them 5.
 If those claimed by the
 young Princess should
 be given to her, so I presume
 should those claimed
 by Aboo Sahib be given
 to her. A few were also claim-
 ed by one Ramabhadra
 Bohoule, but Mr Phillips
 regards his claim as quite
 untenable.

3 A few villages considered
 to belong to the young
 Princess in right of her
 mother have been made
 over to her - by O.S. Decr: 1859/9

4 In her letter of 26th June
 last, the young Princess,
 besides repeating her
 claims to the Raj & to the
 jewels

real & personal estate of
 the late Raja, applied
 in particular for that
 part, which belonged to
 her, or rather - she received
 in answer a general re-
 ply - 30 August 1862 - inform-
 ing her of the decision which
 had been arrived at on the
 question of the disposal of
 the Raja's estate - but this
 reply had, I think, reference
 rather to the entire question
 than to the special and
 particular claim then
 advanced by her.

JP

I think that the safest & wisest course
 for the Govt. to follow in this matter is
 to leave the adjustment of the jewels
 in question to the family. It is true
 that we have a list of jewels pre-
 pared by Mr. Phillips & Ratel by
 which to see the jewels belonging to
 the late Sydamla Bai & her Sahib -
 these jewels were given by Mr. P.
 - & which the other jewels of

the Rajah - and we can have no
uncertainty at least such a certainty,
that this list is correct - as in my
opinion would be the right
to hand them over to the Princess -
There is another circumstance on
2 pages like this for 2 years of
2 years to me ~~under~~ it underest
our dealing with them - & that is
that the Princess's sister, the Karam
bist wife who has died, if I
mistake not her daughter - ought
to have had her Mother's jewels
given to her - But this does not
appear to have been done - There
can be no doubt ^{however} of the fact that the
Princess is her Mother's heir - This
I think is a hard matter not to settle
but leave the matter to be settled
as it must have been hard the
Court in no way has made up with

it - Does Mr. Forbes in
his list - mention the jewels
seized in Mr. P. list - as
being the property of the late
Hyderabad & Bai Bahadur - I
think not - If I were right
in this thinking - it appears
to me to be even therefore
more dangerous our addi-
ting & adding on the list
prepared by Mr. P. as it
must have been, without
any communication with the
Rajah's heirs -

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Political Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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(P.E. 10 Sept. 1862 No 300)

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