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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
30th July 1863.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 33. From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Government Agent at Tanjore; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vallum, 2nd July 1863, No. 202.

1. I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government, copy of a letter received by me yesterday from Her Highness Kamakshi Bayi Sahiba, together with my reply thereto.

2. The alleged adoption referred to therein is stated to have taken place last evening, and to have been attended by 6 of the Junior Bayi Sahibs. Strong protests against the measure were, however, made by the other Queens, as also by the Princess and her husband, and I was especially urged by the Princess to interfere to prevent the ceremony. This I simply declined to do on the ground of my having no authority to act, and I presume it will be the wish of Government that no further notice should be taken of the matter.

From Her Highness M. KAMAKSHIAMBA BAYI SAHIBA, Rance of Tanjore; to W. M. CADELL, Esq., Government Agent of Tanjore, dated Tanjore Palace, 30th June 1863, No. 30.

You know that in compliance with the express command of our late husband His Highness Seerajee Maharajah of Tanjore, I, his senior widow, with the joint and mutual concurrence of other junior ones, and M. Avu Sahiba, have long resolved to take in adoption Chiranjivi Ry. Rajaram Sahib who performed the funeral ceremonies of the late Rajah and of the late Arunamba Bayi Sahiba, and whom the Rajah had always intended to adopt; but death cut him off before he could fulfil his intentions.

Now the consummation of the solemnity of the act as prescribed in Hindu Saster, is to take place on Wednesday the 1st July 1863, I request that you will be so good as to honor the occa-

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR WILLIAM THOMAS DENISON, K.C.B.,
Governor in Council, Fort Saint George.

The humble Memorial of Her Highness M.
KAMAKSHIAMBIA BAYI SAHIBA,
Senior widow of His Highness the late
SEEVAJEE MAHARAJAH of Tanjore.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP,

With due respects, I most humbly beg to state that the Government is well aware that the funeral rites of the dead body of my late husband, His Highness Seevajee Maharajah of Tanjore, were by the mutual consent of all the members of my family and under the auspices of Mr. Forbes the then Resident in 1855, duly performed by a boy named Rajaram Sahib, the younger son of V. Ry. Prataupandra Mana Row Ingla, as one whom the late Rajah had clearly designated and intended to take in adoption for his son; and in 1860, the said Rajaram Sahib had, with the unanimous consent of all the members of my family, duly performed the funeral rites of M. Aroonnaba Boyee Sahiba.

The above said natural father of the boy is a grand-son, by female line, of the late Sirfojee Maharajah. As all what was necessary to qualify a boy to be adopted was found in Rajaram Sahib who had been selected by the late Rajah for his son; and although the very act of having performed the funeral ceremonies of the departing soul with the mutual consent of both the natural and adoptive parents, and in the presence of the whole community of Tanjore, has already constituted in the boy, the right of an adopted son; and although there being no more formalities such as (Datta homa) are required to be performed for common classes under the prescribed Hindu Law yet, as from the days of the late Sirfojee Maharajah, we do observe the same

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I have now to inform your Excellency, that Her Highness Kamakshi Bayi Sahiba, on the 1st of the present month did in opposition to the wishes of Government, and contrary to the Hindu Law, as pointed out by me, to the Government Agent, adopts a son by name of Rajah-rama Ingla.

Your Excellency must be convinced that such a proceeding on the part of the senior Queen has been solely done, with a view of superseding my claims.

I being the only legitimate and surviving daughter of my late father the Rajah of Tanjore, by his first Queen; my mother who was likewise crowned as Rante, and recognized by the State as such, would by virtue of this alone fully entitle me, not only to the Raj, but also to inherit all the honors, dignities, and property belonging thereto, had your Government in my case acted their usual generosity as they did to my ancestors.

I have further to observe that none of the surviving Queens had ever been recognized as my mother had been, and consequently their claims to the property of my late father are not equal to mine.

I have, therefore, most earnestly to solicit that your Excellency will graciously be pleased at once to instruct the Government Agent to communicate to Her Highness the senior Queen, that the Government protest against her proceedings, and that the adoption made by her is illegal.

The Government Agent refers me to the Civil Courts for redress, but as I consider the matter is one of an entirely political measure, and which in no way calls for the interference of the civil power to adjust, but entirely rests with Government to dispose of, and as neither myself or my ancestors have from generation to generation ever at any time acted in any matter without receiving direct instructions from the Government, I submit the same for your Excellency's kind consideration, and hope that the usual protection shown by the Government to my family on all occasions may now be extended to me, the Government having been my guardians, and

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In conclusion I would observe that the senior Queen finds herself incompetent to administer to the affairs of the Palace, and on this plea she wishes to adopt a son. I consider that the claims of my husband to resume his charge over the affairs of the Palace, as enjoyed by him in the days of my late father the Rajah of Tanjore, ought to have the preference.

Hoping that this letter may meet with your kind sympathy and support, and that the senior Queen be duly warned against making such adoption, and acquainting her at the same time of my formal protest against it.

This letter will be handed to you by Mr. Truter who has been appointed by me as my Agent and legal adviser.

TANJORE, Signed by the Princess of Tanjore.
16th June 1863.

From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Government Agent, Tanjore; to Her Highness S. C. VIJAIA-MOHANA MUKTABAYI AMMANI RAJE SAHIB, Princess of Tanjore, dated 29th June 1863.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, delivered to me through your Agent Mr. Truter, regarding an adoption stated to be under contemplation by the senior Queen, and in reply to state that if such an act is really intended the validity thereof on the contrary can only be determined by the Courts of Civil Judicature.

To W. M. CADELL, Esq., Government Agent, Tanjore.

I have been informed that your Seridhana property has likewise been made over to

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To W. M. CADELL, Esq., Government Agent, Tanjore.

With reference to your letter, dated the 29th instant. I feel myself compelled again to address you upon the subjects therein alluded to; and to submit for your consideration, the law regards widows, the disposal of property inherited from their husbands. The law provides first, that the widow shall only have the use of the property; secondly, that her husband's kindred shall be her guardians; and thirdly, that the next of kin to the husband shall take his property after her death. The enjoyment of the property is given her upon two conditions: First, that she remain chaste; second, that she does not make waste.—Eberling, Page 78, Section 164.

While Mr. Norton had been employed by Her Highness Kamakshi Bayi Sahiba to conduct proceedings in her behalf, I was under the impression that Government, according to whose desires and request I had invariably acted from the commencement, would have seen the propriety of securing my own rights to me, more especially so when the property was made over to the Ranee, under this impression I refrain from engaging Counsel; but in this expectation I was entirely disappointed. In the default of the widow, the legitimate daughter succeeds.—Eberling's Section 168. So that after this Queen I take the precedence of all others, as by the virtue of the Hindu Law my late father could only have married one woman at a time, whereas he married seven in the morning, nine in the evening of the same day; such marriages are null and void, and cannot therefore be regarded as lawful.

I consider that the present attempt to create an adoption is purposely contrived to deprive me and my husband of our just rights, &c. It would if allowed not only militate against our interests but likewise of several others who must like ourselves be sufferers and kept under submission to a person who it was never the intention of my late father he should be. I therefore feel it my duty again to urge the matter for your kind and serious attention.

I moreover believe that your nomination as Government Agent authorizes you at least to stop the adoption until such time as you could (should you deem it desirable) lay my claims with your favorable recommendation before Government, and obtain their orders on the subject, which request I firmly rely you will comply with.

My Agent Mr. Truter waits upon you with this letter.

TANJORE, Signed by the Princess of Tanjore.
1st July 1863.

From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Government Agent, Tanjore; to Her Highness S. C. VEJAIA MOHANA MUKTABAYI AMMANI RAJE SAHIBA, Princess of Tanjore, dated Vallum, 1st July 1863.

I am in the receipt of your communication of this day's date, requesting that I will take immediate measures for preventing an adoption stated to be under contemplation by Her Highness Kamakshi Bayi Sahiba, and in reply beg to inform you that, as Magistrate, I have no right or authority to interfere in a matter of this nature, the validity of which (even if carried out) can only be determined by the Courts of Civil Judicature.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 30th July 1863, No. 216.

The Governor in Council is of opinion that the Government Agent has acted rightly in declining to be present at the ceremony of the alleged adoption of an heir by Her Highness Kamakshi Bhayi Sahiba and some other widows of the late Rajah of Tanjore. The adoption is not a matter in which it is requisite for the Government to pass any orders.

2. The Agent will communicate this decision to Her Highness Kamakshi Bhayi Sahiba, and also to the Princess, in reference to their respective addresses of the 2nd and 6th instant.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

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by the Prince to interfere to prevent
the ceremony. The Prince, wishing
to do so on the ground of my having no
authority to do so, and I advised it
was in the view of Government that
no further notice should be taken of
the matter.

Yours truly

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Your most obedient servant

W. W. G. G. G.

Government Office

No 30

From

H. H. M. Humatschewles Bajisailab

Chief of Tanjore

To

W. M. Gaskell Esquire

Government Agent of
Tanjore

Sir,

You know that in compliance with the
express command of our late husband His Highness
Sivaji Maharaja of Tanjore, His senior widow
with the joint and mutual concurrence of other
junior ones, and ch. Am Sahib, have long resolved
to take in adoption Krishnanji Raja's son Sahib
who performed the funeral ceremonies of the late
Raja and of the late Anandachari Bajisailab,
and whom the Raja had always intended to
adopt, but death cut him off before he could
fulfil his intentions.

Now the consummation of the solemnity
of the act as prescribed in Hindu Law, is to take
place on Wednesday the 12th July 1863, I request

Letter to G. M. 12-6-63

20th July 1863

The Government Agent

Tanjore

Humatschewles Bajisailab

Chief of Tanjore

Letter to G. M. 12-6-63

20th July 1863

The Government Agent

Tanjore

Humatschewles Bajisailab

From the United States
Government Agent San Francisco
To the Honorable Wm. H. Hunt
Chief Secretary to Government
San Francisco

I have the honor to forward,
as requested by Your Excellency's
Honble. Council, the enclosed packet
and which is sent by the Secretary,
to contain the resolution of Council and
of some of the Junior Members regard-
ing the illegal reception of one Francis
and Elizabeth Ray's name.

I have already, in my letter of the 2^d, informed the Government that the alleged adoption is said to have taken place on the evening of the 1st.

I have the honor to be Sir
Yours most obedient servant

Wm. La. H. C.

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No. 33.

To the Council being the Right Honourable
Sir, William Thomas Denison
K. C. B.

Governor in Council
Fort Saint George.

The humble Memorial of H. H.
Mr. Kanakuchi Amba Rajee
Sahib, Senior widow of His
Highness the late Serojee
Maharajah of Tanjore.

May it please Your Lordship

With due respects, I most humbly beg to state that the Government is well aware that the principal titles of the late body of my late husband, His Highness Serojee Maharajah of Tanjore, were by the mutual consent of all the members of my family and under the auspices of Mr. Forbes the then Resident in 1855, duly performed by a boy named Rajaram Sahib, the younger son of V. Raj. Pratap Moha Maharaja Ingloo, as one whom the late Rajah had clearly designated

Official Order to Council 12th July 1857

12th July 1857

(Signature)

Mr. George

of England

Mr. George

of England

12th July 1857

From the papers of the late Maharajah of Tanjore

and intended to take in adoption for his
son; and on 1861, the said Rajaram Sahib
had with the unanimous consent of all
the members of my family, duly performed
the funeral rites of Mr. Koomassa Naoye
Sahib.

The above said natural father
of the boy is a grandson, by female line,
of the late Sirajee Mahanagah. As all
what was necessary to qualify a boy to be
adopted was found in Rajaram Sahib
who had been selected by the late Rajah
for his son; and although the act
of living performed the funeral ceremonies
of the departing soul with the mutual
consent of both the natural and adoptive
parents, and in the presence of the whole
community of Tanjore, has already
constituted in the boy, the right of an
adopted son; and although there being
no more formalities such as (Datta homa)
are required to be performed for common
classes under the prescribed rules of
Hindu law, yet as from the days of
the late Sirajee Mahanagah, we do
observe the same rules are prescribed

for higher classes; we were desirous ac-
cordingly to perform all such ceremonies
in a due course of law; and as the 1st day
of July 1863 (Wednesday) being fixed for
the solemnization of the act, it was duly
performed with the consent of the members
of my family, relations, close friends, and
others; and at the same time we have
given him a name as Sirajee Rajah.

I therefore most respectfully
submit the Government will be highly
pleased to concur with us in recognizing
from that date the adopted son as his
representative to his late Highness's
Jee Mahanagah & to all his estates and
effects which the Government has lately
made over to my care and possession
and treat him with the same favour, kind-
ness & esteem as the British Government
have done to his ancestors.

Tanjore
Palace
2^d July 1863.

And your Memorials
shall ever be
मोकामाहिअंजावाईसा

The Hon. the Governor General
 Ottawa 11 July 1863
 From W. M. Evans Esquire
 Government Agent Prince
 George
 To His Excellency the Governor General
 Ottawa

I have the honor herewith to
 submit a communication forwarded to
 me by the Prince. R. F. Williams
 having a half-breed woman named Joseph
 Smith, daughter of his father the
 late Chief of Prince, for submission to
 the Right Honorable the Governor in
 Council relative to the adoption made
 by the said Smith woman.

Having already, in my letter
 marginally noted above the cir-
 cumstances of the alleged adoption to
 the notice of Government, it does not
 appear necessary now that I should
 offer any remarks on the subject of
 this

Delivered to the Hon. the Governor
 11 July 1863

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His Excellency

Shame the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt. Servt

W. H. Prince
Government Agent

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Mr. H. H. Prince

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Shame the honor to be
S. H. Prince
Government Agent

From

H. H. Prince S. C. Vijaya Rao
Muktabay Ammani Rajah Sahib.
Prince of Tanjore

To

His Excellency
Sir William Duncan K. C. B.
Governor in Council
Fort St. George
Madras.

Sir,

In obedience to your Excellency's
request, as contained in your letter of
the 20th of June last, I beg to request
your Excellency that I put myself in
communication with Mr. Cadell the
Government Agent, as will be seen from
the enclosed correspondence.

I have now to inform your
Excellency, that H. H. Camatchay Bai
Sahib, on the 1st of the present month
died in opposition to the wishes of
Government, and contrary to the
wishes.

Hindu Law, as pointed out by me, to the Government Agent, adopted a Son by name of Rajaharua Ingla.

Your Excellency must be convinced that a such a proceeding on the part of the Senior Queen has been solely done with a view of superseding my claims.

I being the only legitimate and surviving daughter of my late Father the Rajah of Sany, by his first Queen, my Mother who was likewise crowned as Rani, and recognized by the State as such, would by virtue of this alone fully entitle me, not only to the Raj but also to inherit all the honors, dignities, and property belonging thereto and your Government in any case act on their usual generosity as they did to my Ancestors.

I have further to observe that none of the surviving Queens had ever been recognized as my brother had been, and consequently their claims to the property of my late Father are not equal to mine.

I have therefore most earnestly to solicit that your Excellency

will graciously be pleased at once to instruct the Government Agent to communicate to H. H. the Senior Queen that the Government protest against her proceedings, and that the adoption made by her is illegal.

The Government Agent refers me to the Civil Courts for relief, but as I consider the matter is one of an entirely political measure and which in no way calls for the interference of the Civil power to adjust, but entirely rests with Government to dispose of, and as neither myself or my Ancestors have from generation to generation ever at any time acted in any matter without receiving direct instructions from the Government I submit the same for your Excellency's kind consideration, and hope that the usual protection shown by the Government to my family on all occasions may now be extended to me, the Government having been my Guardians and who settled me in life by marriage. I must therefore only look to the same indulgent Government to prevent my being defrauded of my just rights.

Awaiting

Awaiting an early and favorable
reply. Remain with every sentiment
of respect
Yours by attorney
Faujore
5th July 1883. Most faithful Respect
सौ चिकीजेम मोहम तांवाजिउअहणीर

W. H. (1883)
Government Agent
Punjab
Sir,
It having come to my notice
that the Sirmur Duran contemplates adopting a
son which will be highly detrimental to my
rights and interests as well as that of my husband
By Sirmur Duran, besides acting in direct
opposition to the orders of the Madras Government
and proceedings of that Government under their
order inquest 1862 No 336. I take the liberty
of laying the matter before you
and to beg of you to use your influence and
authority to prevent such adoption, Sir James
Stanger in his work on Hindu Law page 19
chap. 4 says "a wife may adopt but not with-
out the consent of her husband; whereas it is
laid down that a widow can never adopt, as she
never can have the necessary consent" From the
foregoing quotation you will perceive that
independent of the Government's recognition of
my claims, our own laws support my position.
I would further perceive that
from the usual correspondence that has since
been before you, you are aware of the high position

my husband had been advanced to by the late Rajah
my father as the Director of the police, all the govern-
ment officers were obliged to submit to his authority and he was
looked upon as the sole basis, on the ruin of the
ruined Government, but unfortunately
the British Government did not think proper to
allow the Rajah and I was in this position.

Mr. Fisher found him and from information
derived from him as well as his correspondence with
that gentleman the latter was able to trace out
all the various parties and to gain a full insight
of the affairs of the police, and he was obliged by
Mr. Fisher to retain his authority as usual but
by my late father's death and after his demise
his claims are sound and founded on solid grounds
grounded upon the British Government
found in the British Government's
of my mother but it has not been my good fortune
to have met with the same liberal treatment
under such circumstances every other indulgence
ought to be extended to me.

In conclusion I would observe that
the British Government is not inclined to
admission to the affairs of the police and in
this I am not able to admit to you. I remember
that the claim of my husband to receive his share
in the affairs of the police is justified by him
in the days of my late father the Rajah for anyone
ought to have the preference.

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Hoping that this letter may meet
with your kind sympathy and support, and that
the British Government is duly warned against making
such a decision and requesting him at the same time
of my former friends & acquaintances.

This letter will be handed to you
by Mr. Fisher who has been appointed by me as
my Agent and legal adviser.

Tanjore
16th June 1863

Signed
By the Princess of Tanjore.

Vincent Government Agents Office
29th June 1863.

From W. Bradford Esquire
Government Agent Vincent
To H. H. T. Esq. - Moham. - Muballagh
Amman - Hajj - Subh
Princel St.
Palace.

Madam

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst. which I have delivered to me through your agent Mr. Jones regarding an adoption which is to be under consideration by the Council. I have used in reply to state that if such an act is really intended the validity thereof on the part of the Council only be determined by the Courts of civil jurisdiction.

I have the honor to be
Madam

Your most obedient servant
(Signed) W. Bradford
Government Agent

W. M. Cadell Esquire

Government Agent, Bangalore

Sir,

As I have been informed that my
Shradhana Property has likewise been
made over to the Senior Queen, and which
I conclude has been an oversight on the
part of Government, whose sense of justice
would not willingly deprive any of the
Members of our family of their just rights
and Claims, which they are entitled to
by Law, I have to beg of you, to enquire
into the same, and endeavour to secure
the property of my late Mother's share
Legitimate. I have every reason to
believe that the affairs at the Palace
are not so satisfactory as they should
be, money is uselessly spent, and if
continued longer scarce anything will
be left to the surviving heirs. Under
such circumstances if my Shradhana
is in custody of the Senior Queen it can
by no means be safe, according to the
Hindu Law it is properly laid down
that my late father could not have
made use of the Shradhana, and on his
death, it must have devolved on me
I am

To

H. M. Cadell Esquire 15
Gouverneur's Grand
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Sir,

With reference to your letter dated
the 27th inst. and I feel myself compelled again
to address you upon the subject therein alluded to,
and to submit for your consideration, the law as
regards widows the disposal of property inherited
from their husbands. The law provides first
that the widow shall only have the use of the
property, secondly that her husband's kindred
shall be her guardian, and thirdly that the use
of the property shall be to her husband's kindred
if he be dead. The enjoyment of the property is
given her upon two conditions. First that she remain
chaste, second that she does not remarry.
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While Mr. Cadell had been employed
by his Highness Kamatchee Byasahiba to conduct
proceedings in his behalf, I was under the impression
that Government according to law decreed and
would I had more fully understood from the communication
would have seen the propriety of securing my own
rights to me, more especially so when the property
was made over to the Crown, and so the impression
I received from my former counsel, but in the
supplication I was much disappointed. In the
default of the widow, the husband's daughter

successor. Effendi's India 168. So that after
this man I take the precedence of all others, as
by the order of the Queen I am my to be further would
only have married my woman of a same where
he married I am in the morning mine in the
evening of the same day. such marriages are small
and void and cannot therefore be regarded as lawful.

I received that the present address
I made an address I as purposely contained me
and my face and of our just rights. It would
it allowed and only militate against our interests
but because of several others who must like
ourselves be satisfied and kept under or submitted
to a person who it was never the intention of
my wife & I that he should be. I therefore feel
it my duty again to urge the matter for your
kind and anxious attention.

I moreover believe that your
nomination as Government Agent authorizes
you & I best to stop the address until such
time as you could (should you deem it desirable)
lay my claim with your honorable commendation
before Government and obtain the orders in
the subject, which again I firmly rely you will
comply with.

My agent Mr. Fisher waits
upon you with that letter.

Yours very faithfully
Signed the Princess Rangoon

Langjine
1st July 1855

Langjine Government Agents office
Tenthman 1st July 1855.
From W. Wm. Cadell Esquire
Government Agent
S. & S. C. Virginia, Mohana, Sankarabai
Suman Bai, Sabita
Princess

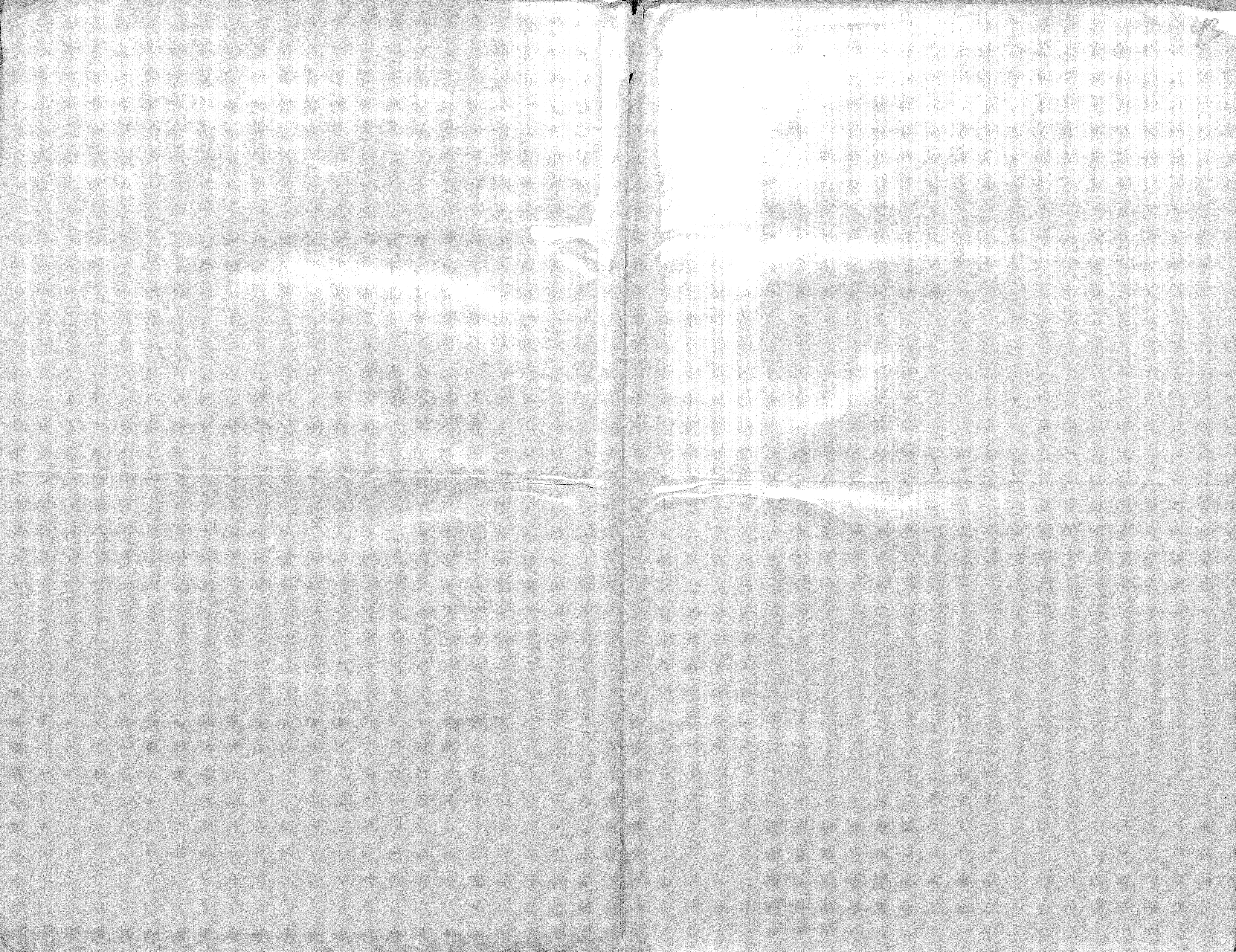
Madam,

I am in the receipt of your
communication of this date & in reply
stating that I will take immediate measures
for procuring an adoption. I intend to be
under contemplation by S. & S. C. Sankarabai
Sankarabai, and in reply beg to inform
you that, as Magistrate, I have no right
or authority to interfere in a matter of this
nature, the validity of which (even if estab-
lished) can only be determined by the
Courts of Civil Jurisdiction.

I have the honor to be

Madam,

Your most obedient servant
(Signed) W. Wm. Cadell
Government Agent



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the Senia & other widows
of the late Rajah of Tan-
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