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6th October 1863.*

No. 17. Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Government Agent, Tanjore; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tanjore, 22nd September 1863, No. 267.

I have the honor herewith to submit a petition addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, by M. Gaurambe Bai Sahib, one of the junior widows of His Highness the late Rajah of Tanjore, complaining of the mode in which the jewels, the joint property of the fifteen junior Bai Sahibs, were distributed by the late Acting Government Agent.

2. These jewels formed the subject of the correspondence marginally noted, and the present petitioner is one of the six ladies who in 1860 received the value (as then estimated) of their shares of the said jewels out of the accumulated arrears of the allowances of the remaining nine ladies, and which had been stopped in consequence of the latter who had taken possession of them having refused to give their due shares of the jewels to the former.

3. On receipt of the Order of Government, dated the 23rd January last, No. 22, Mr. Morris called upon the six ladies, giving them ample time for it, to re-pay the sums which they had received out of the allowances of the nine ladies, in order to the jewels in question being equally divided among all; but three of them, including the present petitioner, declined to do so making various frivolous excuses; and on receipt of the second Order of Government, dated the 19th March last, No. 89, Mr. Morris again addressed them allowing them further time for refunding the money, and warning them at the same time that if they failed to do so within the date specified, they would forfeit all claim to the jewels. They however persistently refused to make the refund even within the time thus given them a second time, Mr. Morris therefore proceeded ultimately with the distribution of the jewels in the manner prescribed in paragraph 5 of the second Order of Government, and it is from the distribution thus made that this petitioner appeals to Government.

4. Out of the six ladies three ladies re-paid their shares of the money and have received their respective shares in jewels. The nine ladies who constituted the other side of the dispute as it originally stood, have also acquiesced in the arrangement made by Mr. Morris.

5. I would take this opportunity of stating for the information of Government that the actual value of the jewels and valuables in dispute was on examination found by Mr. Morris to be Rupees 1,54,858 against Rupees 78,568, which in 1860 and when the supposed equivalents of their respective shares were paid by the Commissioner in money to the six ladies, was considered to be the estimated value of the whole of the jewels.

6. It will be thus seen that the present petitioner, as also the two other ladies who declined to re-pay the sums they had received, and thereby failed to obtain their shares of the jewels, have doubtless been losers; but as this has been entirely their own fault, and as this long pending and troublesome case has already been finally adjusted, I conceive that no further notice should be taken of the petition herewith submitted.

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1863, No. 303.

The Governor in Council concurs with the Government Agent in considering it inexpedient to re-open the question raised in the petition submitted with the foregoing letter; the matter having been fully considered and disposed of by Government.

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

Exd. T. McMoatry.

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The Govt Agent at Bangalore, dated 9