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Read the following papers:—

No. 22. From Her Highness Princess S. C. VIJAYA MOHANA MOOKTAMBA BAYEE UMMANEE RAJAH SAHIBA, Princess of Tanjore; to His Excellency Sir W. T. DENISON, K.C.B., Governor of Madras, dated Palace, Tanjore, 26th October 1863.

On my addressing to your Excellency upon the grievances under which I was laboring, and upon my intention to appoint an Agent to represent the same, your Excellency has been kindly pleased to relieve me of that necessity by directing me to address upon the subject through the Government Agent, promising your indulgent consideration. In having hitherto done so, I have been, contrary to the just decision of the Privy Council, often referred to the Courts of Judicature for redress, as this is an altogether impracticable course, I have submitted this day, through the Government Agent, an address to your Excellency, detailing in full the inexpediency of such a step and of the great difficulties to which I am consequently subjected, and I sincerely hope that your Excellency will be pleased to bestow towards the same your Excellency's sympathy and protection in relieving me from my present painful position in consideration not only of the justice of my claims, but also in token of that cordiality which ever distinguished the British Government in maintenance of the friendship and esteem so eminently displayed towards my ancestors and now sincerely hoped for by me.

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government.

By Order,
(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,
Private Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
MADRAS,
29th October 1863.

No. 23. From Her Highness Princess C. S. VIJAYA MOHANA MOOKTAMBA BAYEE UMMANEE RAJAH SAHIBA, Princess of Tanjore; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tanjore, 2nd November 1863.

I have the honor to transmit the accompanying appeal address, to be laid before His Excellency the Governor in Council, and to state for your information that the Agent having refused to forward it, I have been compelled to resort to the alternative of transmitting it through you.

From Her Highness Princess S. C. VIJAYA MOHANA MOOKTAMBA BAYEE UMMANEE RAJAH SAHIBA, Princess of Tanjore, to His Excellency Sir W. T. DENISON, K. C. B., Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated Tanjore, 26th October 1863.

1. That in addressing your Excellency upon the circumstances herein-under contained, I feel assured that your Excellency will be pleased to concede to them your Excellency's indulgent and deliberate consideration, to the end that the grievances under which I am laboring at present may touch your Excellency's sympathy and afford me that protection and support in securing to me the rights and privileges which at present are very unjustly denied.

2. That the rights to which I assert my claim are original and legal may be gathered from circumstances connected with the Political transactions of Tanjore between my ancestors and the British Government, as expressed in the several treaties passed between them from the express determination of the law, from the tacit recognition of it by the Government Resident immediately after the death of my late father, and from the general voice of the Durbar in acknowledging my eligibility to succeed as primitive and valid in consideration to all others to the extinct Raj.

Wide letter to Government, 6th November 1863.

3. The treaties between the British Government and my ancestors never stipulated the extinction of the Raj in the event of there being no male heirs to succeed, the precedents both of Hindoo Law and the practice obtained in the Mahratta dynasties establish its being cus-

26th October, corresponding 12th Arpesy in the year Sittardy.

14. I cannot conclude this appeal without again urging upon your Excellency's consideration, the fidelity of my ancestors to the British Government as one of their tried and faithful allies; their inviolable maintenance of the compacts entered into; their influential positions as sovereigns of Tanjore; the manner in which it was ceded to the British Government; and then to the precarious position in which one of their only surviving progeny who under the wardship of Government abided in strict observance to their dictates, is left at present, a suppliant for the enjoyment of such rights which the law has conceded generally to all but which most unfortunately has been withheld from her by Government.

15. From so exceedingly difficult and painful a position, I fervently trust that your Excellency in Council will extricate me, by rendering justice in acknowledging my claims, reversing the orders so prejudicially affecting them, and extending the protection which my case demands of my being restituted to my rights, so that in being relieved of the grievances herein complained of, I may also be prevented of the necessity of recurring again to the subject by further appeals and references.

From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Government Agent Tanjore; to Her Highness S. C. VIJAYA MOHANA MUKTAMBA BAYEE UMMANEE RAJAH SAHIBA, Princess of Tanjore, dated Palace, Tanjore, 30th October 1863, No. 303.

I have been duly favored with your letter of the 26th instant, enclosing an appeal petition to His Excellency the Governor of Fort Saint George, but as the subjects therein referred to have been already finally and definitively settled by Government, I regret my inability to comply with your request.

The petition is therefore herewith returned.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1863, No. 341.

His Excellency the Governor in Council adheres to the decision already communicated to Her Highness the Princess, referring her to the Civil Courts for redress in the matter of her complaint against the proceedings of Her Highness Kamakshi Bayee Sahiba.

2. The questions raised are purely of a legal character, and can only be decided by the established tribunals.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

Political Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

from H.H. the Princess of Tanjore (Dated 26th Octr and 7th Novr 1863)

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To Govt Agent Tanjore (for communication to H.H. the Princess) dispd 25th

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Dated 18 November 1863

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