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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
26th November 1863.*

No. 37. Read the following letter from Her Highness Princess C. S. VIJAYA MOHANA MOOKTAMBA BOYEE AMMANEE RAJAH SAHIBA, Princess of Tanjore; to His Excellency Sir W. T. DENISON, K. C. B., Governor of Fort Saint George, dated Tanjore, 2nd November 1863, No. 2931.

I am greatly gratified that your Excellency has evinced great consideration on my behalf, not only now but always.

For the many petitions I addressed the Government, I received no satisfactory replies, owing to my misfortune.

By your Excellency's Order, dated the 29th August 1863, I have been referred to the Civil Court if I have any reason to apprehend that the personal property of His late Highness will be in any way wasted or misappropriated; and therefore must appear as Plaintiff, which would tend to lessen the respect and honor due to my time honored rank, in the eyes of all classes of people. From the time the Government took my father's property in charge until its restoration to me, they are responsible for the same. In the event of my being obliged to have recourse to a Civil action, I must proceed against the Government, which I am also precluded from doing, by a decision of the Privy Council.

As above said, my suit cannot be against Her Highness Kamakshi Boyee Sahiba, as the Government is responsible for the restoration to me, of the personal property of my late father.

If in the Proceedings of Government, dated the 21st August 1862, it were directed, that while putting Kamakshi Boyee Sahiba in management of my father's property, sufficient check and control should be exercised over her superintendence, there would not I dare say have been within a year a wastage of about 8,00,000 Rupees and encourage her to make further unnecessary expenditure, in order that the property may be altogether expended and thereby eventually depriving me and my children of our just rights, and entailing a legacy of suits on them.

In order to put a stop to such wasteful expenditure, the Agent ought to receive instructions, and I ought to be made joint manager with Kamakshi Boyee Sahiba over my father's property, and thus be saved the necessity of going to the Courts. Besides the property in question, Kamakshi Boyee Sahiba has none of her own.

Inferior in rank to me, the dependants of the late Nabob, Sir Jamesetje Jejeeboy of Bombay, and other ordinary gentlemen in Bengal, have been privileged against actions in Civil suits. On the other hand, I am the legal descendant of a family, who has been always the Ally and friend of the British Government, and does it not bear hard upon my feelings to be directed to have recourse to the Courts.

Distinguished as your Excellency is for your sense of justice, I am obliged to trouble you occasionally with my importunities, since the decease of my father. Your Excellency has daughters like me and your Excellency promised to give me support when required.

I request your Excellency will kindly issue instructions that I and my family may be exempted from going to the Courts, and that all disputes that may rise regarding the misappropriation of my father's personal property may be disposed of by the Political Agent and by Government and to put me in immediate possession of my late mother's Stredhanum.

I pray your Excellency and Ladyship and Children are well. May your Excellency's favor be increasing.

No. 245.

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government.

By order,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, MADRAS,
5th November 1863.

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

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No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1863, No. 351.

The Government Agent will inform the Princess of Tanjore that the Government must decline to re-consider the question referred to in the foregoing letter, their final decision thereon having been already communicated to Her Highness in Government Proceedings of 29th August last.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

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To the Govt Agent at Tanjore
for communication to
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