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No. 20. Read the following letter from G. LEE MORRIS, Esq., Officiating Government Agent at Tanjore; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vallam, 29th January 1863, No. 30.

1. I have the honor to forward, for the consideration and orders of Government, a letter addressed to the Honorable the Governor in Council by Vazaratmab Ry. Manappa Mohitte, a nephew of His Highness the late Rajah of Tanjore, imploring that the pension assigned to him may be increased.

2. Memorialist is the same individual as addressed me on the 27th May 1862, with reference to the stipend assigned to his deceased mother, and regarding which Government passed their Order, dated 24th July 1862, No. 289. He has not as yet accepted either his own stipend nor the moiety of his mother's.

To THE HONORABLE SIR WILLIAM DENISON, K. C. B.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Governor in Council of Fort Saint George.

The humble Memorial of Rajah MONOJEE MAIJEE MOHILAY ROW SAHIBA.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That when the allowances thought suitable for the family and dependents of the late Rajah of Tanjore were settled on the recommendation of Mr. Phillips then the Commissioner, your Memorialist was assigned the monthly sum of two hundred and sixty Rupees.

He has never taken this allowance, notwithstanding he finds himself and his family reduced by the death of the Rajah to a state which he never anticipated, and which he feels confident the British Government never contemplated or intended.

The principle on which, as your Memorialist understands, the allowances of the family were settled, was that no one should be in a worse position than he held during the Rajah's life-time, and it being found that your Memorialist was in the habit of receiving the monthly sum of 260 Rupees, this was fixed upon as sufficient for his wants.

But this assumption was altogether erroneous, as no account was taken of all the expenses of your Memorialist which were borne by the Rajah during his life-time. Thus the Rajah paid for your Memorialist's servants, conveyances, rice, cloths, in fact every thing required by himself and his family over and above the monthly sum of 260 Rupees which was for pocket money.

But all this ceased with the Rajah's life; nor did Mr. Phillips consult your Memorialist or give him any opportunity of representing the true state of the case, but gathered his information from what sources your Memorialist knows not, and thereon made an exparte Report which, as a matter of course, naturally received the sanction of the Government without further question or investigation.

Your Memorialist is one of the nearest male relatives of the late Rajah. He is the grandson of the Rajah Surfojee and the first cousin of the Rajah Seevojee. His mother was M. Sooluchana Bohee Ammanee Rajah Sahiba, the eldest daughter of the Rajah Surfojee; your Memorialist's sister was M. Sydumba Boyee Sahiba, the wife of the Rajah Seevojee and the mother of the only surviving Princess.

Your Memorialist feels every confidence that he has only to state the facts of the case to enlist your Excellency's sympathy on his behalf. So much benevolence has been shown by your Excellency in Council on the recent settlement of the private property of the late Rajah, that your Memorialist is emboldened to address you with the certainty of a kind and courteous consideration of his case.

Liberal as that settlement is, he would crave to point out that it in no way affects or betters the position of your Memorialist whom it never could have been the intention of the British Government to see reduced to his present painful and humiliating condition. He is one of the

last of the near male relatives of the Rajahs of Tanjore, so long the steadfast allies of the British nation. He is an old man laid on the bed of sickness, and the thought of what awaits his children, embitters the pangs of bodily pain.

Many of those who in former days were his inferiors, he now sees fortunate enough to have secured allowances commensurate with their wants. The concubine of his grand-father has nearly 900 Rupees a month. Suckaram Sahib, who in the Rajah's life-time occupied a lower seat than your Memorialist at the Rajah's Durbar, has 600 Rupees a month, besides the large sum he obtains on account of the Princess. Some of the very servants of the Palace have as much as 150 Rupees pension. He repines not at their good fortune; he only laments his own ill fortune. Your Memorialist alone is one of the few who have been assigned an allowance so altogether inadequate to his wants and his rank, that he has felt he could not by accepting it recognize the propriety of the verdict which deemed it an appropriate provision.

Your Memorialist trusts he will not be misunderstood if he ventures to point to the fact that after the restoration of all the family property shall have been completed, and compensation made for such articles as are not forthcoming, and after providing for the payment of all allowances and charges, the British Government will still be a gainer of nearly half a Million sterling up to the present date, by that act of State which declared the Raj extinct; to say nothing of the prospective gains which year by year will accrue to the British Government from the same source in perpetuity.

There are abundant funds therefore from which to make suitable provision for all the immediate family of the late Rajah. That has been indeed nobly cared for by your Excellency in the case of the widows, and your Memorialist places his case in your Excellency's hands with every assurance that such an allowance will be awarded him as befits his rank and his close relationship to the last of the Rajahs of Tanjore.

And your Memorialist shall ever pray.

TANJORE,
8*th January* 1863.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1863, No. 76.

His Excellency the Governor in Council sees no sufficient grounds for raising the pension granted to V. Ry. Manappa Mohitte, and which it is observed amounts to Rupees 411-6-0 per mensem.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

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