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Political DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department, 24th March 1863.

No. 47. Read the following letter from G. LEE MORRIS, Esq., Officiating Government Agent, Tanjore; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Point Calimere, 4th March 1863.

I have the honor to forward for the perusal and orders of Government, a Memorial addressed by one Periya Aya to the Honorable the Governor in Council, as well as a Petition to myself, in which I am requested to make inquiries regarding Petitioner's character and conduct, and support her application to Government by my favorable recommendation.

2. Memorialist is the person referred to by Mr. Cadell in his report to Government, dated 13th August 1861, No. 284, on Government Petitions, Nos. 1,870 and 1,871 of 1861, and regarding whom the Government passed their Order dated 22nd August 1861, No. 619.

3. As my predecessor stated in the aforesaid report that he considered Memorialist to be "a woman of notorious character, and had satisfied himself that she was the party who had been "sent out of the Palace during the lifetime of the late Rajah," I am doubtful whether I should be justified in making any further inquiries regarding her without the express orders of Government, and I beg therefore to solicit their instructions as to how they would wish me to act in this matter.

From PERIYA AYA; to GEORGE LEE MORRIS, Esq., Acting Government Agent, Tanjore, dated 21st February 1863.

I have the honor to request that you will forward my enclosed petition to the Honorable the Governor in Council with such recommendation as you may deem it deserves.

I am sure that if you will yourself ask any *unprejudiced* members of the Palace family you will find that my statements are correct.

I was ever about the Rajah for twenty-five years before his death. It was I whom he deputed to procure him the seventeen ladies whom he subsequently married; and in obedience to his orders I travelled to Sattara, Poonah, and elsewhere, concluded all the negotiation with the families of the ladies, and brought them down with me to Tanjore.

I was the communicant of the Rajah's wishes to his wives, and you will find that it was not till I attended the marriage of the Princess that any complaint was ever heard or made touching my conduct.

I believe that unfavorable reports on my character have been made by the former Cirkele supported by one or more of the ladies; but you will see the origin of these reports when I tell you that they date from my compliance with Mr. Phillip's request that I should attend the marriage.

Under these circumstances I trust I shall not be denied my pension for my long services rendered during the Rajah's lifetime, but which have never hitherto been recognized.

I am thrown out of employ and have but scarcely means of subsistence, and I trust that you may, subject of course to any inquiries you may deem it necessary to institute, be able to support my application to Government by your favorable recommendation.

To the Honorable Sir WILLIAM DENISON, K.C.B., Governor in Council of Fort Saint George, dated 21st February 1863.

The humble Memorial of PERIYA AYA, late in the employ of the deceased Rajah of Tanjore.

SHEWETH,

That for five and twenty years previous and up to the decease of the late Rajah of Tanjore your Petitioner was in his confidential employ, constantly about his person, and as her name implies at the head of the Ayahs of the Rajah's establishment.

Subsequent to the Rajah's death your Memorialist was for two years in the service of Her Highness Kamatchee Boyee, after which she entered the service of the ladies by the Mungalavasa Department.

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Mr. Phillips desired your Petitioner to attend at the marriage ceremony of the young Princess, and from the moment that she did so, the chief ladies of the Palace took a dislike to her and her ruin dated from that day.

She was forbidden entry to the Palace, and on her making a remonstrance to the authorities against this, representation of such a character was, as your Petitioner understands, made behind her back, against her, that the order in question was confirmed.

Your Petitioner desires nothing better than a fair inquiry and scrutiny into her antecedents should such a course be deemed necessary in your Excellency's opinion, as she is confident that any fairly conducted investigation must redound to her credit and establish the faithful and zealous discharge of her services to the deceased Rajah.

Your Petitioner submits that she is fully entitled to a pension on the same scale as the other servants of the late Rajah of the same grade and capacity as herself. Nothing has been as yet assigned to her, and she humbly prays that your Excellency will take compassion on the forlorn and destitute condition to which she has been reduced, and sanction the issue to her of such a pension as to your Excellency may seem meet.

And your Petitioner, shall ever pray.

(Marked) PERIYA AYA.

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1863, No. 93.

His Excellency the Governor in Council does not think it necessary that the Officiating Government Agent should make any inquiry with reference to the character and conduct of the writer of the Memorial submitted with the foregoing letter.

2. The Government are not prepared to entertain the Memorialist's application for a pension.

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

Bxd. T. McMootry.

Political Department.

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Read the following letter from the Government Agent at Tanjore
(Received 5th March 1863. No.)

Order thereon 24th March 1863. No. 93.

His Excellency the Governor in Council does not think it necessary that the Officiating Government Agent should make any Enquiry with reference to the Character and Conduct of the Writer of the Memorial submitted with the foregoing letter.

2. The Government are not prepared to entertain the Memorialist application for a Pension.

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