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No. 9. Read the following letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 27th October 1873, No. 91 :—

I have the honour to forward a memorial from the Beebee, who is next in succession to the Sultan Ali Rajah, praying that the sovereignty of the House of Cannanore may be taken from the Rajah and vested in her.

2. I had already informed her that Government have decided that the terms "sovereignty" and "tribute" are inapplicable to the case of this family, and that, if she is dissatisfied with the management, she should apply to the ordinary Courts of the country to restrain her relative and if necessary appoint a suitable manager, as in the case of the ordinary landowners of the country.

3. Refusing to accept this position the Beebee has preferred the accompanying memorial.

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To His Excellency the Right Honourable the GOVERNOR in COUNCIL,
Fort St. George.

May it please your Excellency,—I, the undersigned, Addee Rajah Beebee of Cannanore, venture, with due deference, to represent to your Excellency the following circumstance, as one of the concerned and interested members of the family of the House of Cannanore, in the hope that the same will be taken into due consideration, and the matter of my prayer duly attended to for the prosperity and well-being of this house.

1. That the House of Cannanore suffers much owing to the ruling power and the management of the affairs of the Pandarom having fallen into the hands of the present Sultan Alli Rajah, who is a weak man of intelligence, and very injudicious in all his measures ; hence it becomes a source of great grievance to us all, and matter of this representation to your Excellency.

2. That, since this Rajah had assumed the power and sovereignty of the House of Cannanore, he has done nothing towards the good management and just administration of the affairs of our Laccadive Islands. Some of the islands are left without proper Karisthans for the management of the affairs there, and in consequence of which great loss is sustained in the collections of dues and of the produce of the islands, nor has he taken any means of hearing the complaints of the inhabitants thereof and redressing their grievances at all.

3. That, from all the abovesaid islands, it is only from the Manakoy Islands that the Pandarom derive something, whereas from the other islands nothing can be got owing to the ill-management of the affairs there, and the inhabitants profiting all the produce thereof without accounting for the same, and proper steps not being taken by the present Rajah to protect the interests of the Pandarom.

4. That, owing to the injudiciousness of the present Rajah, the annual tribute is not regularly paid, and the same having *thus* fallen in arrears to be paid to Government.

5. That the Rajah is, in fact, not fit to manage the affairs of the House of Cannanore, and for want of proper care and ability on his part he fails to pay the annual tribute to the Sirkar according to stipulation of the Kirar, nor has he taken any wise course to see the affairs of the Laccadive being duly managed to ensure punctuality on his part in the payment of the arrears of kists to the Sirkar.

6. That, owing to the Rajah trusting the affairs and management of our Pandarom in the hands of one of his Karisthan Abdool Kawdar, who is a weak and unintelligent man as himself, and reckless in all things, trying to do all he could for his own advantage, nothing can be expected to go right.

7. Under such circumstances, and for the reasons stated above, it is apprehended, beyond all doubt, that if the affairs and interests of the Pandarom be left under the rule and power of the present Rajah and his reckless Karisthan aforesaid, the House of Cannanore will unquestionably be a

sufferer and go to ruin ; and, therefore, it is my earnest prayer that the sovereignty and ruling power of the present Rajah be immediately taken out of his hand, and for the future prosperity and well-being of the House of Cannanore, it may be ordered to be made over to me at once, as one of the interested members of the family of the House of Cannanore, guaranteeing and pledging myself to see all the affairs properly and judiciously managed, and the annual tribute paid to the Sirkar according to the strict letter of the Kirar without allowing it to fall in abeyance.

In the humble hope that this my prayer will be kindly attended to, and order passed thereon, I beg leave to subscribe myself, my Lord, &c.

CANNANORE,
20*th October* 1873.

(Signed) ADDEE RAJAH BEEBEE
of Cannanore.

No. 10.

ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1873, No. 474.

The Collector will inform the petitioner that the phraseology she has adopted in speaking of "the sovereignty and the ruling power of the House of Cannanore" is inconsistent with the position which, as has been frequently explained to the present representative, is occupied by the Cannanore family, and that the Government cannot comply with her suggestions ; but that the remedy for the mismanagement of the family concerns, of which she complains, must be sought in the Courts of law, as she has already been informed by the Collector.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

POLITICAL.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF MALABAR.

Dated December, 10*th*.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 10*th December* 1873, *No.* 474.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 9-10.

Cannanore.—Petition from the Beebee praying that the management of the House of Cannanore may be taken from the Rajah and vested in her not entertained, and the phraseology adopted by her in speaking of "the sovereignty and ruling power of the House of Cannanore" considered inconsistent with the position of the family.