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No. 26. Read the following letter from C. U. AITCHISON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department (Political), to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 25th November 1874, No. 2560-P :—

In reply to your letter, No. 412, dated 6th October 1874, I am directed to state that His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council has much pleasure in authorizing a salute of thirteen guns to the Princess of Tanjore, as a personal honor to be paid whenever the Princess intimates her intention of making a tour. The salute should be regarded as a personal distinction, limited to the present recipient.

2. The correspondence will be forwarded to the Secretary of State, with the remark that there are no grounds for increasing the liberal stipend paid to the Princess, and that the Governor-General in Council acquiesces in the decision of the Government of Madras regarding the exemption of the lady's family from appearance in the Courts, Civil or Criminal.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 8th December 1874, No. 507.

The following letter from His Excellency the Governor will be despatched to the Princess of Tanjore, through the Government Agent at that place :—

"MADAM,—With reference to the letter your Highness addressed to me on the 11th March last, I have the honor to inform you that the Governor-General in Council has been pleased to assign you the distinction of a salute of thirteen guns. This mark of honor will be paid to your Highness at all military stations visited by you in the course of any tours you may make of the nature mentioned in paragraph 4 of your letter above quoted."

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Government Agent, Tanjore, with sealed cover.
,, Military Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 412.

FROM

THE HON. D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council, and for ultimate transmission to the Secretary of State, copy of a letter which has been received from Her Highness the Princess of Tanjore.

2. Two of Her Highness' petitions—for an increase to her stipend, and for exemption of her family from personal appearance in all Courts, Civil or Criminal—His Excellency in Council finds himself unable to support. In regard to her stipend, the principle laid down by the Government of India, that no member of the late Maharajah's family should suffer pecuniarily by his death, was duly observed. The Princess draws 36,000 Rupees per annum; her husband 8,198, besides the interest of a sum of two lakhs of Rupees, which was settled by the Maharajah on the Princess's sister, who was the first wife of the Princess's husband, and who predeceased her father. This would appear to be sufficient, especially as the Princess or her heirs are in due course to succeed to the large private demesnes, now enjoyed by the late Maharajah's widows.

Foreign Department, 8th September 1856, paragraphs 10 to 14.

3. But His Excellency in Council would be glad to see her application for the honor of a salute favorably considered. At her father's death, which occurred when she was ten years of age (A. D. 1855) she was his only surviving legitimate child; and the Rāj was abolished, not—as in the case of the Carnatic—because the treaty was of a *personal* nature, with her grandfather in 1799—but distinctly on the ground that the Maharajah Sivaje had left no male heirs, lineal or collateral. A son would have succeeded as a matter of course.

4. Her Majesty's Government were pleased to grant a salute of fifteen guns to His Highness the late Azeem Jah, the last prince of the Carnatic line who was born in the purple. The circumstances of the Princess of Tanjore are very much the same. His Excellency in Council is of opinion that a salute of thirteen guns, instead of fifteen, would suffice, with reference to the subordinate, but not altogether dependent, position of Tanjore to the Nāwab of Arcot, before the Nāwab assigned the Tanjore tribute to the Company. The concession in the case of Azeem Jah, who so long and so strenuously asserted his claims to the Musnud of his ancestors, shows that there were no apprehensions on the part of Her Majesty's Government that the honor would be misunderstood. Much less is it likely to be so in the case of this childless Princess.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

OOTACAMUND,
6th October 1874.

Acting Chief Secretary.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD HOBART,
Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

MY LORD,—The connexion long existing between my royal family and the British Government is matter belonging to history, and is testified by numerous Proceedings of the Madras Government and those of the Government of India, especially the one passed in the year 1802 by the latter.

2. Of such a royal family I am the direct heir and representative. After the demise of my father His Highness the late Maharajah Sivaje, his place has been occupied by the Government of Madras; hence the connexion between me and your Lordship in Council is the connexion between a child and parent. I, therefore, hop it must be to the interest of Government to place me in the position and dignity of my father, and enjoy the mutual happiness and name that will necessarily follow therefrom. I place my confidence in God and your Lordship in Council for the consummation of such an event, which simply depends on the grace of the British Government.

3. The Madras Government have been moved to deal with us liberally so that our honor and dignity may not wane; but I am sorry such is not the case at present. I, therefore, feel it necessary to place the following points for your Lordship's favorable consideration in Council.

4. Death deprived me of my two children. To console my thoughts, I am advised to make short tours to places considered sacred, for the performance of religious vows, and enjoyment of health and recreation; but how can I set out without some public recognizance of rank among my own people, the late subjects of my father. At the marriage of my elder sister a royal salute was fired by my father, and such honors were always performed when His Highness set out on long tours, and also on his birthdays, Dassera and other feasts. Salutes were fired by the British and Danish Governments for the Sirkeles and Vakeels of my royal family; and the French Government honored my consort with salutes in their territory of Pondicherry.

5. I occupy the place of my elder sister as the consort of the Rajah Sukkaram Row Sahib Mohitay Ameer Row, and the place of heir and representative of my late father. Your Lordship in Council will be pleased to see that I cherish the inherent desire for such honors, and because they are not given to me I cannot set out of my palace, though I am anxious to visit Tirupati, Madras, and other places.

6. My family exercised sovereign rights in the city of Tanjore, and my father held his own Courts of Law, Civil and Criminal, and exercised justice to his subjects. After the demise of His Highness the Madras Government consider and treat us a royal family; they have exempted His Highness the Nawab of the Carnatic or the Prince of Arcot; even wealthy merchants and others who have no connexion with royalty enjoy this favor from the hands of the British Government. I, therefore, request the Madras Government will be pleased similarly to exempt my family; for your Lordship knows the indignity we suffer at present. The enjoyment of my father's property is far from my possession, but this is matter which I leave for the consideration of your Lordship in Council.

7. The last point I beg to urge is the monthly amount of revenue allowed to me by Government. I feel it to be impossible to maintain my dignity and to support the numerous servants and dependents of my late father, now surviving. The expenses of my family was nearly a lakh of Rupees during the lifetime of my father.

8. This true statement of facts I hope and solicit will not fail to draw your Lordship's favorable consideration in my behalf.

I have, &c.,

PALACE, TANJORE,
11*th March* 1874.

(Signed in Mahratta by the Princess of Tanjore.)

Exd. J. Wright.

1874.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

From
The Acting Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Fort St. George,

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Foreign Department.

Dated 6th October 1874.

Recd.

No. 412.

Enclosure.

Princess of Tanjore.—A letter received from Her Highness submitted for the consideration of the Government of India and for ultimate transmission to the Secretary of State, with a recommendation that her application for the honor of a salute may be favorably considered.

compd A.C.

Govt. Agent

Cawnpore Government Agency Office
Roorkee 20th January 1875.

No 27.

From,

The Government Agent
Cawnpore

To,

The Honorable W. F. Carmichael
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a sealed cover, from Her Highness the Princess of Cawnpore, containing letters conveying her cordial thanks to His Excellency the Governor of Madras and the Viceroy of India, for the distinction conferred on her in the letter enclosed in yours dated 8th December last, which, I presented in person.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt.
H. Thomas.
Govt. Agent

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compd A.D.

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Political Department

(Princess of Tanjore)

From Govt. Madras

Agent. Tanjore.

Dated 20.
Rec'd. 22nd } January/75

No. 27.

Encls.

No 39

Forwarding a sealed cover from Her Highness the Princess of Tanjore, containing letters conveying her cordial thanks to H.E. the Govr. of Madras & the Viceroy of India for certain distinction conferred on her.

Tanjore Princess.

Recorded. Letter sent to Govt: Madras.

Political Department
(Salutes.)

From

The Govt of India
Foreign Department
Political

Dated 25. Nov. 74.
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Authorizing a Salute of thirteen guns to the Rhaja of Tanjore. & remarking that there are no grounds for increasing the Stipend.

8 December 1874 - 26-27

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No 507. 2/8 Dec. 1874

The following letter from H.E. the Govr will be despatched to the Rhaja of Tanjore through the Govt Agent at that place.

Madam.

With reference to the letter from my address dated the 11th March last, I have the honor to inform you that H.E. the Govr has been pleased to assign to you the distinction of a Salute of 13 Guns. This mark of honor will be paid to you at all Military Stations which you may visit in the course of any tour you may make of the nature mentioned in para 6 of the letter above quoted.

(Dr.)

2/12/74

Copy to the Govt Agent Tanjore with send com
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