

Political (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 709

Dated 24th Oct. 1895.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

PETITION

Declining to entertain the application of Her Highness the Maharani Jijamba Bai Sahiba for the grant of an allowance for the celebration of her "Shastipurti" ceremony.

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Tanjore Palace

29th April 1895

From,

H. H. M. Jijayamba Bai Sahib,

Tanjore Palace

To,

J. Thomson Esquire,

Government Agent,

Tanjore

Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that I complete my "Sixtieth year" on Monday, the 16th October next. According to the Hindu Sastras, the day on which the sixtieth year comes to a close, is called "Sashthiabhapurnima" and it is a "Red Letter Day" especially among Brahmins and Mahattas. If we, a man or woman, complete Sixtieth year, in accordance with the said Sastras,

we shall be considered to have taken a new birth for a second time in this world; and as such, it is a most important day in which our Sashas 'peremptorily enjoin on us the necessity of performing some stated religious rites which cannot at all, under any circumstances, be avoided. I shall have therefore to be under an unavoidable necessity of performing the ceremonies appertaining to "Sashtiabdapurnthy Santi" on Monday, the 16th October above referred to, if it is the will of the Almighty God, to spare my life on the earth till then. The charges that I have to incur on the said occasion amount according to my own estimate to Rs 5000 in the least.

2. We, the Ranees of Tanjore Palace have, of course, no other go than to apply for help on such occasions and appeal purely to the generosity of the benign British Government, who, since the death of our lamented husband, H. H. the late Maharajah stand in "Locus Parentis" and as such will, as an honour to the event, be pleased to sanction the usual grant as they have had the kindness and liberality to do on such special occasions in the case of some of the widows of late Maharajah. Further, this is an event of rare occurrence; there might have been only one or two instances ^{since the death} demise of the late Maharajah. Of course, I believe you are perfectly aware

that on such special occasions, and
for special purposes, Para 24 of the
Proceedings of the Government of India,
dated 5th December 1859, No. 705, clearly
provides for sanctioning any amount
to meet the special charges.

3. I therefore request that you, as the
Local representative of the Government
and as our only well-wisher and
Guardian, will graciously be pleased
to recommend my case to Govern-
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(Signed) M. Jijamba Bai Sahib
(In Marathi)

(True copy)

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Government agent.

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Enclosure No. 1

(In a letter)

From

The Government Agent
Bangalore

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government

Political Department
Madras

Dated 25 September 1895

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Sahib's letter dated 29

April 1895

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Bangalore

Bangalore Palace

5th September 1895

From

H. H. M. Jijamba Bai Sahib

Bangalore Palace

E. C. Rawson Esq.

Government Agent

Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter to you dated 29th April 1895 and with reference to your reply thereto and my personal conference with you on the 1st instant in the Palace, I have the honor to state most respectfully that at the time of the death of His late Highness the Maharajah of Bangalore he left sixteen widows of whom there are only seven now surviving and the rest found their way to their Holy Home. Even among the surviving it is not known for how many the Almighty God is going to spare their lives till their sixtieth year, and hence I do not think that Government need be afraid that

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Enclosure No. 2

(In a letter)

From

The Government Agent

Tanjore

To

The Chief Secretary—

to Government

Political Department

Madras

Dated 25th September 1895

No. 110

Subject

H. H. in Jijamba Bai Sahib

letter dated 5th September

1895

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FROM

CURRENT No. 1319

Tanjore Collector's Office.

Tallam, 23rd September 1895.

Despatched 25th September 1895

E. C. Rawson

ESQUIRE,

Government Agent

Collector & District Magistrate,

TANJORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Political Department,

MADRAS.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit herewith for orders a letter dated the 5th Instant from H. H. in Jijamba Bai Sahib requesting that in view of her attainment of the 60th year of her age on the 16th October next, Government will be pleased to contribute to the expenses of her Shashthipurthi ceremony, a ceremony which is represented to be of the greatest importance among Hindus in general and among the Royal Family of Tanjore

This expression
should not be
used
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for such orders as Government may
think fit to pass.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant,

J. H. H. H.
Government Agent.

Yr
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C. No. 1319.

FOR ORDERS.

In 1876 a grant of Rs 3000 was
sanctioned to H. H. Kamakshi Bai
Sahiba in connection with the
celebrations of the "Shastipurna" ceremony,
but the Govt. of India distinctly in-
dicated that the grant was not
to form a precedent.

C.O. 421
18.7.76

Following this order of the Govt.,
an application from a son of Raja
Sivaji for a similar grant was rejected
in 1883.

C.O. 594
16.8.83

The present applicant is one of
the survivors of the seventeen
widows of the Raja.

H. H. Kamakshi Bai was the
senior ~~and~~ Rani and was the
principal wife of the Raja long
before the marriage of the seventeen
junior wives. She was, on the Raja's
death, granted a large
an enhanced pension.

than the other widows and was always accorded special treatment (vide paper in G.O. 7/2, March 1894, No. 165). In view of these considerations the distinct orders of the Govt. of India in 1876, it is submitted that

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20 Oct

The Govt regrets that in view of the distinct orders of the G.O. in 1876, it cannot entertain the present application

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Govt. Agent, Tanjore 9, dtd 30/10

Sasthipinto Ceremony
Tanjore District

FOR ORDERS.

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HON'BLE MEMBER.

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