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Political (1897) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 121

Dated 24-2-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Directing, with remarks, that certain taxes amounting to Rs 3,098-11-4 due by Sultan Musa Ali Raja of Cannanore be paid out of the surplus to the credit of the islands and forwarding to the L & M Dept for the necessary action the complaints of the Raja against the Chairman of the Cannanore Municipality.

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(1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 123

From The Director of Malabar

Order



Dated 16th January 1897

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for orders Copies
of letters from Sultan of
Ali Raja of Cannanore re pay-
ment of his taxes to the Cannanore
Municipality, out of the surplus
coming to his credit, on account
of the Islands.

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BACK PAPERS.

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CURRENT No. 123

Malabar District Office,

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Camp manager dated 15th January 1900

From,

G. W. Dance Esquire
Asst. Director of Malabar.

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Political Department.
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith for orders copies of two letters received from Sultan Ali Rajah of Cannanore, with reference to the payment of his taxes to the Cannanore Municipality.

This all that
Polit is
concerned with

2. The payment of the arrears of tax from April 1891 up to March 1894, amounting to Rs 2,102 - 6 - 9 was sanctioned by Government in its order of 12th August 1893, No 548 Polt Confidential, a loan of Rs 5000 being made from Provincial Funds in accordance with G.O. 275 of 28th May 1890. (para 9)

3 In 1895 the then

then ordered that the Chairman should recover
the amount from Sultan Ali Rajah himself.
Vide G.O. dated 24th May 1895, No 342 Political. M Enfl

4. It does not appear that this order
was ever communicated to Sultan Ali Rajah.

5. He has now, Vide letter of 4th Instant,
been proceeded against by the Chairman for the
tax for the three years ending with 1896-97, amounting
to Rs 3098-11-4.

6. In reply to his letter of 4th Instant
he was informed of the purport of the G.O. of 1885.
He now in his letter of 12th Instant protests that
he was not previously aware of that G.O., and
cannot at once find the money to meet the
Municipal demand. He asks that it should
be paid from the surplus standing to his credit
from Island Revenues.

7. This surplus was Rs 37,379-2-8
at the end of Faeli 1305, but his dues on the
mainland estate amounted then to Rs 8644
odd.

8. I request orders as to whether
the Rajah's request should be complied
with. The Chairman has been requested

to stay proceedings pending orders on the subject.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

V Rajagobulasingh
Deputy Collector for Ceylon

Done

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Political DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 123

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

~~THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, O.I.E.~~

~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

SUBJECT.

Payment of the municipal taxes
due by Sultan Musa
Ali Raja of Cannanore
for the three years ending 1896-97

FOR ORDERS.

Printed Copy (VI)

In para 18 of go. no. 548 PRC
312 August 1893, the govt. sanctioned
the payment of the municipal
taxes due by Sultan Musa Ali
Raja of Cannanore up to 31st
March 1894. But when again
in 1895 the collector of Malabar
submitted for the orders the
question of the payment of the
municipal taxes for 1894-95, the
govt. declined to accord sanction
(vide go. no. 342 PRC of 24-5-95).
The principal reasons ^{which induced} ~~being~~ govt.
to pass ~~such an~~ ^{this} order ~~was~~ ^{that}
~~partly because~~ ^{that} the Raja was
believed to be in possession
of ample funds and ~~partly~~
^{because} the surplus ~~against~~
the islands was then
considered to be only Rs. 550-

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* Please see also para 29 of go. no. 548 PRC H and
Mr. Moberly's letter on page 2 of go. no. 342 PRC of 24-5-95
in go. no. 295 D (Printer)
1-5-94

Note. As far as the record shows
the only reason for declining to
pay the municipal taxes for 94-95
was that Ali Raja was said to have
the necessary funds.
vide para 7 of letter 778
9-9-94

his figure has undergone considerable ^{change} since then.

At the end of fasli 1304 (1894-95)

it was ~~now~~ ^{then} calculated

at Rs. 16,943-15-4 ~~and~~ (vide para

4 of Board's Proceedings in G.O.

Nos 460-61 Poll D 23 July 1896)

The collector in para 7 of his

present letter now states that

this surplus at the end of fasli

1305 was Rs 27,379-2-8. Now

he has arrived at this figure

he does not state -

The arrears due by

the Raja on account of the

Cannanore lands at the end of

1894-95 stood at Rs 11,257-6-7-0.

(vide para 6 of Board's proceedings

on page 6 of G.O. Nos 460-61 Poll D

23 July 1896).

In para 3 of G.O. No 200

D 17 March 1896, this Govt, acting

upon the view taken by the

Govt. of India, has ruled that

the amount to the credit of

the islands should be held

in deposit and not be utilised

towards liquidating the main-

land arrears except with

the

vide C. 111 897

Go 105 Poll printed 15-2-97

* peishench = Rs 82,823-0-5
Interest = Rs 29,763-6-7
112,586-7-0

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vide para 1 of the G.O.

Note.

It was hoped that Ali Raja would consent to this step.

the consent of the Raja -

The Raja now requests that the municipal demand for the three years ending 1896-97 amounting to Rs 3098-11-0 may be paid out of the island surplus. As this surplus cannot be set off against the mainland arrears there appears to be no objection to complying with the Raja's request -

The following order is submitted for approval:-

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The request of Sultan Hussa Ali Raja should be complied with.

Note

The Collector does not ask for orders in regard to the Raja's complaint against Mr. Reps. which moreover don't concern Polt.

It is submitted as an alternative view that

(1) Govt has already declined to pay the Municipal taxes for 94-95. ^{26.1.97}

Collector, Malabar (D)
Board of Rev. L.R. (A)

(2) If, as Ali Raja says in the last sentence of his letter to the Collector of Malabar (dated Jan 4), he is able to make arrangements for paying the taxes in future,

there is no reason why he should not be able to pay the arrears

Both Mr. Bradley & Mr. Motley
reported that he ~~was~~ will ~~also~~
to pay the taxes himself.

(3) though it is not here said
for what purpose or for how
long the island revenues are
to be kept in deposit it seems
to have been thought that
Mr. Raja might eventually cancel
the then being devoted to paying
off the ^{of his cash} ~~amount~~ on the Cannanore
land. The island ^{accounts} ~~receipts~~ being
now treated as quite distinct
from those relating to the
Lanilad there does not appear
to be any strong reason for
paying from the island balance
a municipal bill against the
Cannanore possession of the Raja.
Then there would be for paying
any private creditor of the Raja's.

It is submitted therefore that

(1) There is no reason to reconsider

The order passed in G.O. no 342

P.L. d. 24-5-95 as regards the
payment of the taxes for 94-95, as

The decision arrived in para 3 of

G.O. no 205 P.L. d. 17 March 1896, that the
amount to the credit of the island should be
held in deposit may stand. XVI

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1900-14-12-96.

DEPARTMENT

C. No.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

FOR ORDERS.

The District Dept. has nothing whatever to
do with the complaint of the Rajah & the
Rajah Chairman. It is to be observed however
that Govt. has already - nearly 18 months
ago - refused to pay the Rajah's hut taxes
out of the Island Revenue and of this
there cannot be the slightest moral doubt
that the Rajah is fully aware: it is quite
probable that it was intended to have
officially.

The only question is whether Govt. will pay
the money due for hut taxes or not
out of Island funds: this it has
already refused to do having received
an assurance from the Rajah that
that the Rajah was quite able
to pay for.

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The Municipal Chair.

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4/2/97

1. The Rajah says he did not know of the previous Order. The Collector seems to believe this statement. In the absence of any proof to the contrary, I believe it. The island balance is a large one, and it will, I suppose eventually, be at the disposal of the Rajah. The sum due to the Municipality may be paid from the Island balance, the Rajah being informed that he must make his own arrangements for future payments.

2. The Rajah's complaint against the Municipal Chairman, seems, as far as I can judge from what is before me, to have good grounds. He seems to have been treated with incivility, if not rudeness. I consider it sound policy to treat the native aristocracy and gentry with all the respect and consideration which their position would justify. Whether this matter concerns "Political" or not, I

I should say that the Rajah had better be told to pay his Municipal taxes himself & that if he doesn't the M.C. should be left to proceed against him. I cannot see why the native aristocracy should not comply with the law as the aristocracy in England & other countries do. It is really a case of "noblesse oblige" - they should set an example, but unfortunately I don't.

There is no objection to a report being called for as to the relations between the Rajah & the M.C. It is obvious however that the Rajah is not altogether in the right. For instance, he demands that the M.C. assessments should be collected from his tenants, whereas the law is, as he must know, that he must himself pay - I expect the truth that he considers it beneath dignity to do so.

RS

12/2/97

I think it will be best to call all the circumstances for us to know Municipal taxes for the year due to the Rajah are assessed to the Rajah, telling the Rajah to

R 23/2/97

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400-28-10-06

(for perusal of Hon. Mr. Bliss' notes)

Political DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:--
(as dissenting member)

Again G.O., dated

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Again G.O., dated

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of 1897, dated

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Collector, Malabar

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ORDER.
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N^o. 121 of 24 - 2 - 97

The taxes due by the Sultan Musa Ali Raja of Cannanore for the three years ending with 1896-97, and amounting to Rs: 3,098-11-4, may be paid out of the surplus to the credit of the islands. The Raja should be informed that he ^{must} should make his own arrangements for future payments.

2. The Enclosures to the Collector's letter will be forwarded to the Local and Municipal Dept. for the same.

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It takes due by the letter
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for the three years ending
with 1896-97 and amounting
to Rs. 2098-11-4 and is
sent out of the treasury
the credit of the treasury
the Raja should be informed
that he should make his
own arrangements for his
payments.
The Raja's name is the
Collector's letter with the
forwarded to the local
and the amount paid for

portion would justify. Whether this
matter concerns "Political" or not, I
had a report

all the circumstances for us
have been taken for the
and the Raja's name

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