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[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing Babaji Ramaji Pandit of Tanjore that his claim for the pension of Rs 100 per mensem granted to his adoptive grand father in 1829 in perpetuity by a Sanad signed by the H.H Raja Serfoji is inadmissible

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From The Government Agent Tanjore

Order

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The petitioner will be informed, ~~through~~ by the Govt. Agent Tanjore, that his claim is inadmissible ~~that Govt. declines to consider a matter which has remained in abeyance for nearly half a century~~.

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To Govt. Agent Tanjore –

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SUBJECT

Submitting for orders the memorial of Babaji Ramaji Pandit of Tanjore requesting that certain grant may be continued in his favour

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C No 1514 -

Subject - The claim of Babaj Ramaji Pandit, of Tanjore, to a lapsed stipend.

For Orders.

Babaji Ramaji, Pandit of Tanjore, petitions, through the Government Agent, Tanjore, for a pension of Rs. 100 per mensem alleged to have been given to his grand-father in 1829 in perpetuity by a sanad signed by "His Highness Serfoji Maharaja."

Vide petition flagged A (para 3)

2. The petitioner states that the pension was regularly paid by Serfoji until the latter's death when his son Sivaji acknowledged the liability and paid it regularly. After Sivaji's death in 1855, however, the pension was stopped, according to petitioner's statement, "without any reason whatever" and "out of enmity" ~~on~~ to his Sirkele ~~the par of a rival~~ predecessor. The petitioner goes on to say that Mr.H.D.Phillips, the then "Resident", who was petitioned by the memorialist's father on the subject of the pension, made an enquiry into the case ~~and~~ on the had ~~the matter~~ all pending before him when the memorialist's father died (1858) "leaving in the hands of "the then Resident a petition praying "that the allowance may be continued "to his adopted son, the memorialist, "which was duly registered and the fact "intimated in his Endt. No.118, dated "12th August 1858" which was to the effect that it would be registered but that nothing more could be done

(para 5)

by one Sirkele

(para 6)

For copy of Endt. vide page 5 of Appendix to the petition.

at

That time. The rest of the memorial shows petitioner's reasons why the British Government should now assume the responsibility of paying up all arrears since 1855 and continuing the pension to him in perpetuity in accordance with Serfoji's sanad of 1829.

3. The Government Agent, Tanjore, in forwarding the petition and after recapitulating the facts of the case says that the very fact of the pension having been unpaid and unclaimed for nearly half a century is enough of itself to put the memorialist out of court and recommends the dismissal ~~the dismissal~~ of the memorial on the ground that petitioner's explanation of the delay in putting forward his claims is unsatisfactory and that, moreover, he is ~~the~~ only the adopted son of the son of the grantee.

4. It will be seen that by G.O.No. 705, Political, dated 5th December 1859 (para 25) Mr.Phillips was appointed a special Commissioner to Tanjore for the purpose of enquiring into and settling all ~~such~~ claims on the ~~as that~~ late Raja's estate ~~now made~~ and the fact that no record is forthcoming of the claim having been pursued or of any action having been taken by Mr.Phillips on his own Endt., now quoted in support of the claim, militates very strongly against both the claim~~s~~ itself and the statement that Mr.Phillips was impressed with the injustice which is said to have ~~had~~ been

done

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Note - His explanation of delay is his minority & subsequently his family disputes. / Memorialist is now 45 yrs of age!!

Not quite this. He says (para 9) that he came across evidence in support of his claims when examining "his old records "most of which had been concealed "from his knowledge by his "inimical adoptive mothers who "had nominally stood as his "guardians during his minority" (para 9 of petition)

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done to petitioner's father.

It is submitted that the peti[tioner] may be informed that his claim is inadmissible & that Govt. declines to consider a matter which has remained in abeyance for nearly half a century.

A draft order, for approval, put up on docket of Current. (See below).

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C.S.

The Govt Agent gives two reasons for rejecting the petition (1) the lapse of time that has occurred in the presentation of the claim & (2) the fact that the petitioner is an adopted son of the son of the originally grantee of the pension, which was really a personal one and not connected with the family of the Tanjore Raja.

The second reason is alone sufficient to bar the claim

Please see the draft on the docket

CMB
19.12.98

Copy of the Sannad o
1829 granted by H. H.
Raja Serfoji in favor o
Babaji Ramaji Pandit,
found in the Agency Records

Enclosure I in a letter
from the Government Agent
Tanjore R.C. $\frac{162}{\text{Agency}}$ of 1898
dated 2nd Decr 1898.

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Copy Enclosure II Tanjore Fort 1st April
1858

From
Ramajee Babajee Pundit
the son of the late Sirkele of His
late Highness the Maharajah
of Tanjore

To
H. D. Phillips Esquire
Resident & Commissioner of Tanjore

Sir

Highly respected as he was by the late Serfojee Maharajah as well as by Hble Company's ministers for his abilities and character my father Babajee Ramajee pundit held the office of Sirkele in the Rajah's Court for a period of about 15 years The Serfojee Maharajah as a mark of his distinguished regard towards his faithful and efficient services rendered him conferred on him a monthly allowance of 100 Rupees to be continued from generation to generation from his Treasury and in support of this has executed a grant, translation of which is enclosed Under the tenor of it the allowance is to be

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continued in his name and after his death in my name without ever calling my right into question. The object of the Sicca being understood to be a grant everlasting and more valid than any other grants under Royal Seal.

The allowance is regularly paid for a period of about 30 years and I donot know under what tenable ground it was suddenly discontinued, a few months after the death of the late Maharajah Seevagee Rajah. The confused state of the Durbar was thought may be the cause of the stoppage of my allowance for the present and after lapse of a few months more I questioned the late Acting Sirkele on the subject and his answer was that after the final settlement of the confused state of the Durbar under the expected instructions from Govt. my claim might be recognized by them and the allowance continued with the full payment of arrears.

In the place of a Jahageer in land (as it is granted even by the British Government to some of their conspicuous officials) this sort of pension is fixed on my family for its faithful service and as a mark of Royal kindness. Several of the allowances and pensions of a general nature are to this day continued to respective incumbents under the orders of Govt. Whereas this my fixed pension validated under written grant has been at once stopped whether under any authority or otherwise I could not guess.

The Government I hear have of late liberally sanctioned the continuance of pensions from a Sirkele down to a groom of the Rajah's Durbar. My case, though included in it in general with others, is of a special nature and consequently I doubt whether this has been brought to the favourable notice of the Govt. or not and I therefore request that you will be kindly pleased to

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enquire into my claims, and adopt means
so that my pension may also be pai
to me with arrears due and continued regular
without any objection.

I beg to remain
Honored Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Ramajee Rabugee pundit

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To
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Record this
No answer
necessary owing
to the demise of
Ramajee Babajee
Pundit

2 Septr 1858
WDL

Translation of a Memo from the
to the Resident dated the 7th July 1858 —

With reference to the letters from the Resident dated the 9th April last, and the 2nd Instant, requiring to know, why, and on whose order, the allowance of Ramajee Babajee Pundit was stopped, if it has really been done so as stated by him; the Serkele begs to state ~~on the subject~~, that His late Highness was unwilling to continue the allowance, and as such had withheld the payment thereof from $\overset{\text{1837?}}{\underline{1857}}$ to 1841. — The case being so, the former Serkele R. Babajee Ramajee Pundit having resumed charge of his duty in 1841, the said allowance was again paid to

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to him at that time with the + and
thereof, out of condescension. — His
late Highness then continued, e
after the demise of the said S
the payment of the allowance, u
to August 1855; when H. late H
owing to the bad conduct of Ramj
Babajee Pundit whom he did n
like, removed him from his post
and also expressed his wish to
continue the allowance, which
the late Sirkele R. Neelakant
Aunundrow Zadhove prevented h
from carrying into effect, on the
consideration that it would seem
unjust at once to dismiss h
from his post, and to discont
the allowance; and that the
allowance ~~therefore~~ therefore may be dis- +
-continued

If was any order made some time after?

& why was it [illegible] the schedule [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the dismissal order.

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Expressing a wish & discontinuing are very different matters — did the [illegible] allowce to be discontinued?

Why? if dismissal was deserved, his taking th. [illegible] [illegible] too.

discontinued + some time after
the demise of His late Highness
it was necessary for him (the late
Sirkele) to reduce the Palace expenses
according to the state of the Durbar;
and he, being aware of His late H.s
opinion on the subject, seems to have
discontinued it to the said Ramjee
Babajee Pundit, as he drew it in
addition to his pay. —

The present Sirkele has
heard the late Sirkele Neelakuntrow
Aunundrow Zadhove say about
these particulars, and has therefore
thought it proper to bring the same
to the Notice of the Resident. —

(Sd/) R. Soobbarow Neelakuntrow
Zadhove A. G. Sirkele

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Why send me this without the Petition and other papers. ? [illegible]
10 July

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Enclosure V

Extract from the register of petitions in the Residents' Office at Tanjore

No & Date	Name	Purport	Endorsement
11th 7th August 1858.	Ramajee Babajee Pundit residing in the Fort of Tanjore.	informing that he has adopted a son according to the Hindoo Law, and named him Babajee Pundit, & requesting that his pension as also the Natty Maneum should be continued to his adopted son.	The applicant's request will be duly registered; but it is not in the power of the undersigned to do more than registered it, at the present time. 12th August 1858. (Sd. Signed) H. D. Philips Resident.

(A true copy)

V. R.

Tanjore
Government Agent's Office
1st December 1859 }

J. V. M. Cadell.
Government Agent.

[illegible]

1859 [illegible]

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Translation

Memo

Particulars of arrears &c remaining unpaid up to 2d December 1842.

To Sirkele Ry Banaji Ramaji Pandit Rs 8243-4-7

Arrears Rs — 6,143-4-7
Money allowance 1800 — —
Inam — 300 — —
On account of daughters death } 200 —
On account of the nuptials of his daughter Sundra Ganuti Gungaram } 100
200 — 8243-4-7

Arrears due to Ry Ramaji Banaji Panditar Mujamdar — 1979-10
10,222-14-7

4. That on one occasion the allowance was stopped during the time of Babajee Ramajee in consequence of H. H. Sivajee's displeasure towards him; but when it was brought to his H. H's. notice that the allowance was granted in perpetuity and that his father had specially enjoined on him by a sort of testamentary direction, the continuance of all the grants which he had made, H. H. Sivajee perceived that he had wrongly withheld the money allowance and ordered its payment with arrears.

5. That shortly after the death of H. H. Sivajee which occurred in 1855, the payment was stopped without any reason whatever, and of his own accord, by the then Sirkele Nilkant Row Ananda Row Jadhav, out of his enmity to and as a revenge upon the former Sirkele Bavajee Ramajee Pandit, who came to power a second time in 1841, much to the disappointment and vexation of a party of king's favourites of whom the above Sirkele was one (vide Mr. Bailey's letter to Babajee printed in the Appendix).

6. That on a representation made to the then Resident H. D. Philipps Esquire by the memorialist's father in 1858, of the injustice done to him by the

Deduct the amount due to the Sirkar by the above

Remainder payable to the above individuals. Rs 10,222-14-7

Deduct 1/4 part Rs — 2555-11-8

Remainder Rs — 7667-2-11

(Sd) Ry Buyanga Lukshman Pandit Surmahal Dafter Pad=
=wnis's Translation as near as can be from the old Marahtte

R. Govindarao
Sirkele

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Enclosure VIII

COLLECTOR
12 MAR 1898
TANJORE

To

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR ARTHUR ELIBANK HAVELOCK G. C. M. G. G. C. I. E.

GOVERNOR OF MADRAS IN COUNCIL.

Through the Collector and Government Agent
of Tanjore and the Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras.

The humble memorial of Babajee Ramajee Pandit adopted son of Rajasree Ramajee Babajee Pandit most respectfully showeth :—

1. That Your Excellency's memorialist is the adopted grand-son of Rajasree Babajee Ramajee Pandit, a late sirkele of the Tanjore Palace whose family is very well known to all the people of Tanjore.

2. That for meritorious services rendered by the sirkele Babajee, H. H. Serfojee made a grant of a ready money allowance of Rs. 100 a month in A. D. 1829 payable from H. H. Treasury to the said sirkele and his heirs in perpetuity, by a sunnad in his favour (vide Appendix A with translation). This sirkele served under His Highness from the beginning to the end of his reign, attended him in all his journeys and conducted himself so well as to gain his entire confidence and good will that he was by his goodness raised to the dignity of the position he held and had the rare honor of being personally known to Lord Hastings, Sir Thomas Munro and the Honorable Mr. Lushington and had ever been mindful of the interests of the Tanjore Durbar. By his prudent economy he heartily co-operated with the Government in liquidating the enormous debts in which H. H. Sivajee was involved and served the state with no selfish motives to his last.

3. That the said allowance was regularly paid during the reign of H. H. Serfojee and after his demise by his son H. H. Sivajee both to the Sirkle Babajee and after his death to his son.

4. That on one occasion the allowance was stopped during the time of Babajee Ramajee in consequence of H. H. Sivajee's displeasure towards him ; but when it was brought to his H. H's. notice that the allowance was granted in perpetuity and that his father had specially enjoined on him by a sort of testamentary direction, the continuance of all the grants which he had made, H. H. Sivajee perceived that he had wrongly withheld the money allowance and ordered its payment with arrears.

5. That shortly after the death of H. H. Sivajee which occurred in 1855, the payment was stopped without any reason whatever, and of his own accord, by the then Sirkele Nilkant Row Ananda Row Jadhav, out of his enmity to and as a revenge upon the former Sirkele Bavajee Ramajee Pandit, who came to power a second time in 1841, much to the disappointment and vexation of a party of king's favourites of whom the above Sirkele was one (vide Mr. Bailey's letter to Babajee printed in the Appendix).

6. That on a representation made to the then Resident H. D. Philipps Esquire by the memorialist's father in 1858, of the injustice done to him by the

Sirkele, with a request for the continuance of the allowance, he was pleased on personally satisfying himself as to the merits of the case and on a perusal of the original sunnad produced before him, to call for a detailed report from the Sirkele in the matter, as to the circumstances and the authority under which the allowance in question was stopped by him. The memorialist's father in the meanwhile died in August 1858 leaving in the hands of the then Resident a petition, praying that the allowance may be continued to his adopted son the memorialist, which was duly registered and the fact intimated in his Ends No. 118 dated 12th August 1858 and so the previous petition of the memorialist's father appears to have been recorded without further action.

*Vide copy printed in Appendix.

7. The grant of the money allowance was unconditional and hereditary and is not liable to resumption on any account. The sunnad conferring this grant like others issued by the Tanjore State for temporary allowances, is not either to be renewed every year or to be cancelled at will. As stated in the sunnad, the allowance is to be paid to the grantee Babajee Pandit and his heirs in perpetuity once every month. The donor has also enjoined upon his successors the strict observance of the sunnad, declaring it a sin to violate its terms.

8. The British Government has undertaken to fulfil the grants made by the late Rajas in accordance with its declared policy in that matter; it had in several instances, the generosity to grant, for meritorious services, liberal pensions tenable for 3 generations. Considering the valuable services rendered by the memorialist's grand father both to the Rajas and the British Government, the nature of which has been admitted in most fitting terms, in the testamentary direction* left by H. H. Serfoji, in the numerous letters* from the Residents and the Principal Collectors of Tanjore—Messrs Bailey, Blackburn, Montgomery, Kinderselly and others, in the letter from the Madras Government to the late Raja and the late Raja's reply thereto, it will be readily admitted that the present humble request of the memorialist to continue an allowance to the descendants of such a trustworthy and faithful servant, is no great recompense. The payment of Rs. 100 a month is almost nothing considering how much more liberally, servants less faithful and men who were not even actually employed but merely traced some remote connection with the Royal family, were rewarded by the late Rajah and considering that your memorialist does not ask for any new bounty from the British Government but merely for the continuance of that made by the Rajahs of which he and his father were most unjustly deprived and considering also that the memorialist's family is at the present moment in very straitened circumstances, your memorialist, therefore prays for generosity and also for simple justice.

*Printed in the Appendix.

9. The fact that the late Raja made a grant of money allowance, that it was stopped by the envy and malice of a subsequent sirkle, came to the memorialist's notice only accidentally when he was examining his old records most of which were concealed from his knowledge by his inimical adoptive mothers who had nominally stood as his guardians during his minority and he resolved immediately to represent his case to your Excellency in the full hope that he will get from your Excellency's hands that justice which was in the contemplation of the then Resident to bestow on his father. This accounts for the length of time that has elapsed since the memorialist came of age. In the matter of claims to allowances of the kind, your memorialist believes that no body has a claim to them as a matter of right and that they are entirely left to the munificence and goodwill of Government. He, therefore, humbly represents that his claim will not be held to have lapsed by the length of time that has intervened, for which his only justification is, that, during his minority after his father's death, he was left in the hands of irresponsible men who cared little for his interest and after his minority had ceased, he had no means of having a knowledge of his claim till now, as the records were not in his possession and as his whole time was taken up in the settlement of disputes between him and his adoptive mothers.

10. For these reasons, your memorialist most respectfully begs to crave the indulgence and the kindness of your Excellency's British Government to order the payment of all arrears of his allowance up to date and the continuance of the same to him and his posterity in future. For which act of kindness, your Excellency's memorialist will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

TANJORE.
11th March ~~February~~, 1898.

Begs to remain,
Your Excellency's humble memorialist.

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APPENDIX.

A (1) *Copy of the Sunnad granted by H. H. Serfojee to Babajee Ramajee Pundit.*

मााअनामकार्कुनानिहालवयिस्तकबालमाहालखर्चपोतेयाासि महाराजराजेश्रीशरफोजिराजेसाहेबल्याह्यवयाकारणें सुहुर्सन्नसलासैन्मयातैन्अलफश ।वाहनशक १७५१ विरोधिनामसंवत्सरदरवाजबदलइनामबाबाजिपंताचेपौत्र रामाजिपंताचेपुत्रबाबाजिपंतकाश्यपगोत्रआश्वलायनसूत्रऋक्शाखाध्यायीयांसिनख्तिसर्वमान्यदरयेकमाहेसकुंपणी चलावणीरुफये १०० शंभररुफयेप्रमाणइ।।।छ १९रबिलौवलपासूनमाहेदरमाहेसालदरसालपुत्रपौत्रपारंपर्यइनाम चालतकरणेदरदरसालताजेखताचावुजूरनकरणताालिकालिहूनघेवुनअसलपत्रमशारानिलेपाासिपरतूंदेणें.

दानपालनयोर्मध्येदानाछ्रेयोनुपालनं ॥ दानात्स्वर्गमवाप्नोतिपालनादच्युतंपदं ॥ १ ॥ स्वदत्ताद्विगुणंपुण्यं परदत्तानुपालनं ॥ परदत्तापहारेणस्वदत्तंनिष्फलंभवेत् ॥ २ ॥

N. B.—The original is written in Modi characters and bears the signatures and seals of several officers of the state in addition to the Seal of His Highness.

(2) *True Translation of the above.*

To the present and future officers of the Royal Treasury.

Command from Serfojee Maharaja for an Inam grant dated Suhur San Salla Sine Mya Thyne Allaf Salivahana Saka 1751 Virodhi year.

A ready money allowance of 100 Company's Rupees a month be everlastingly paid as Inam from 19th Rabilaval, month after month, year after year, to Babajee Ramajee Pundit son of Ramajee Babajee Pundit and grandson of Babajee Ramajee Pundit, of Kasyapa Gotra, Aswalayana Sootra, a scholar of Rigveda and his sons and grandsons and posterity. This grant is not to be renewed every year. The original is to be given to the holder, copy being taken thereof.

1. The rarer virtue is in the maintenance of a charity than in the simple granting of it. Such maintenance secures for the person who maintains it a bliss higher in the aspect of its being eternal, than the one enjoyed in the Swarga with which alone the donor is blessed.

2. To maintain and conduct undisturbed the charity instituted by another secures for the conductor a bliss doubly higher than the one, which he as a donor can attain. To usurp another man's endowment deprives such usurper of the bliss he will otherwise attain byhis charitable deeds.

N. B. The original contains the seals of the several officers in addition to that of His Highness.

(True Translation as far as possible)

B. Extract from the Will left by H. H. Serfojee Maharaja dated 28th July 1832.

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9. "Rajasree Babaji Ramaji Pundit is my faithful and confidential servant, and I have fully acquainted him with the nature of my alliance with the British Government founded upon the spirit of the Treaty and negotiations which preceded it, and I have had ample satisfaction of his knowledge during many years of service. I have therefore appointed him as Sirkele (Prime Minister). He is fully authorised to conduct the affairs of my Durbar agreeably to the orders I have personally given him, and when from the state of his health, he perceives himself no longer equal to the duties of his station, he shall select and appoint a proper person to succeed him with equal authority in the administration"

"My son should consent to every appointment and every business that shall be made by the person whom I have appointed at the head of my Durbar" and so on.

C. (1) Extract from the letter of Mr. J. Blackburn the Resident to H. H. Sivajee Maharaja dated Tanjore 17th July 1832.

* * * *

3. "I think your Highness' sentiments are very favourable to your Sirkele (Babajee Ramajee Pundit). I would strongly recommend the continuance of your regard to him. In all his connections to me I have been extremely pleased to observe an upright and manly independence of character maintaining your Highness' rights, and yet willing to be guided in minor points. The steadiness of his attachment to your Highness' departed father gave me a high opinion of the goodness of his heart, and I will say that I have not heard a single complaint of oppression against him during my official residence here. He is eminently conversant in all your Highness' affairs, and I have reason to believe your father made him the depository of all his views and wishes for your welfare and honor. Let me add that I am personally much obliged to him for the earnestness with which he led himself to the wishes of Government and to the cause of humanity in dissuading your mother from ascending her husband's funeral pile".

(2) Extract from the letter of Mr. W. H. Beyley Acting Resident to the Sirkele (Babajee Ramajee) of H. H. the Raja of Tanjore, dated Tanjore 18th November 1841, forwarding copy of a despatch received from the Honourable Court of Directors dated 1st September 1841 and also an extract from the minutes of consultation.

* * * *

3. "It is my intention to leave Tanjore as soon as possible and I take this opportunity of publicly recording my full approbation of your upright, zealous and disinterested conduct during the time you have been the real and responsible head of his Highness' affairs".

4. "Had you not been previously deprived of your proper authority by the machinations of unprincipled favourites, that disgrace, which has now fallen on His Highness, would never have occurred."

(3) Extract from the letter from Mr. N. W. Kinderselly conducting duties of Resident to the Sirkele dated Tanjore 12th September 1842.

* * * *

"I have the honor to inform you that the progress made in paying off the debts of His Highness the Raja since 5th June 1841, has been reported to the Right Honourable the Governor in Council and is considered to be highly creditable to you as His Highness Sirkele."

(4) Copy of a letter from Mr. N. W. Kinderselly conducting duties of Resident to the Sirkele dated Tanjore 7th March 1843.

"I have great satisfaction in enclosing for your information the accompanying extract from the minutes of consultation expressive of the approbation of the Most Noble the Governor in Council of your administration of His Highness' affairs, and of the assistance you have rendered me during the period I was lately employed on special duty at Tanjore, and beg to assure you that the gratification I receive from the approbation of the Government is increased by its being shared by you."

(5) Extract from the minutes of consultation above referred to No. 66 dated 14th February 1843.

"His Lordship in Council desires to record his sense of the great credit due to the sirkele, who has so well seconded Mr. Kinderselly's efforts in so largely reducing the debts of the Raja within the past year, and directs that his sentiments of approval may be communicated to the sirkele and that the officer in charge of the Residency take an early opportunity of making known to H. H. the Raja, the satisfaction the Government has derived from a review of the Proceedings of Mr. Kinderselly and of the sirkele.

(6) Extract from the letter No. 157 Political Department from Mr Tweeddale to His Highness Streem unt Rajastree Sivajee Maharajah Chathrapathy Sahib dated Fort St. George 9th May 1844.

2. "I avail myself of this opportunity of expressing my regret at the loss your Highness has sustained by the demise of your Sirkele Babajee Ramajee Pundit"

3. "Having been deprived of the valuable services of this honourable, intelligent and faithful minister whose best energies were for the last 2 years devoted to the settlement of your affairs, I should remind you of the necessity at this critical period of your allowing no deviation whatever from the course so successfully pursued by the late Sirkele, and that the arrangements made for regulating Your Highness' affairs should be rigidly enforced".

4. "The dying request of Babajee Ramajee Pandit that a small quantity of land granted to him by Your Highness' father might be secured to his son, will, I feel assured be readily acceded as a reward for faithful services rendered for a period of 50 years."

(7) Extract from the letter from His Highness Sivajee Maharajah to the Most Noble the Governor in Council of Fort St. George dated 26th May 1844.

"I feel very much obliged and beg to present my best thanks for the regret that Your Lordship has expressed at the loss I have sustained by the demise of Rajasree Babajee Ramajee Pundit my Sirkele. I have now appointed Annaji Teogaraj Pundit as Sirkele and instructed him to adhere to the arrangements made by the late Babajee Ramajee Pundit. The land that was granted to Babajee Ramajee Pundit is in the possession of his son, for which he has my full consent and which is also agreeable to me".

(8) Extract from Mr. W. H. Bailey's letter to Babajee Ramajee Pundit dated 27th August 1842, Camp near Kurnool

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But I must strongly urge on you the necessity of maintaining your post as Sirkele even if the Residency is abolished. No honorable commander will ever desert his post in the hour when he is most required and all the people of Tanjore look to you as the only person who can defend them from a repetition of those troubles, which must arise, if former persons are brought into His Highness' Counsels.

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I hope that Samy Row Appah continues faithful to His Highness' interests; it is fortunate for him that he did not longer remain with the old party.

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(9) Extract from Mr. Kinderselly's letter to Babajee Ramajee Pundit dated 20th April 1843 Madras.

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"It will always give me pleasure to hear of the prosperity of yourself and family and I think that you will be long preserved not only to them but for the service of the Darbar of which you have so long been the zealous and faithful supporter".

(10) To.

R. Ry.
Babajee Ramajee Pundit
Sirkele
&c. &c. &c.

I have to thank you for your letter of the 8th instant expressing your good wishes towards me on the occasion of my leaving this District.

Your high character has long been known to me and that you will maintain it in your present difficult position I have no doubt.

I heartily wish that your honest exertions in the service of your master the Rajah may be successful and that His Highness may have reason to rejoice in having placed his affairs in your hands.

With an earnest desire for the welfare of His Highness and the Tanjore Samastanam.

I remain yours faithfully
(Signed) D. G. MONTEGOMORY.

TANJORE,
August 12th 1841.

(True copy)

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(11) DEAR SIR,

I have been favoured with your letter of the 30th ultimo. I am so entirely of opinion that the continuance of the Residency would be for the advantage of the Honourable Company as much as for that of His Highness, that I have anticipated your wish in urging it upon the Government and beg to assure you that nothing could afford me greater pleasure than to learn that they had been pleased to grant the continuance of the invaluable support of Mr. Bayley's advice and countenance to your upright and prudent administration of His Highness' affairs.

Believe me,
Dear sir yours faithfully,
(Signed) N. W. KINDERSELY,

VALLAM,
3rd December 1841.

(True copy)

To
Babajee Ramajee Pundit
Tanjore.

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(12) To
R. R.
Babajee Pundit
&c. &c. &c.

SIR,

The letter you did me the favor to write dated the 13th Instant was duly received, and it gave me great pleasure to find from it that you are so usefully and honorably employed and that you are able in your respectable old age still to serve your master's state and assist the English Government in restoring order in all departments.

With best wishes for your continued prosperity and health and long life.

I remain,
SIR,
Yours very faithfully
(Signed) F. M. LEWIN.

MADRAS,
November 5th 1842.

(True copy)

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(13) To
R. R.
Ry. Babajee Ramajee Pundit
&c. &c. &c.
Sirkele.

MY DEAR SIR,

I had the pleasure to receive your letter of 21st Instant, and am glad to find you are in good health and in the full exercise of the important office entrusted to you, and I wish you all the success and prosperity your long and faithful services and established character deserve.

I remain,
My dear sir,
Yours very faithfully
(Signed) F. M. LEWIN.

TRANQUEBAR,
23rd January 1844.

(True copy)

(14) To
R. R.
Babajee Ramajee Pundit
&c. &c. &c.
Tanjore.

DEAR SIR,

I had the pleasure to receive the letter you wrote to me dated 4th Instant and am much obliged to you for the agreeable sentiments expressed in it. It was sent to me here at Madras to-day so that I could not reply to it before.

I know very well what an ancient faithful servant of the state you have been, and I am satisfied that if affairs are directed according to your advice they will be prosperous.

With my best wishes for your health and happiness and a long life.

I have the honor to be,
DEAR SIR,
Yours very faithfully
(Signed) F. M. LEWIN.

(True copy)

D. (1) Extract from a letter of Babajee Ramajee Pundit to Mr. H. Beyley Esquire dated 20th January 1844.

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"Ever content with what small pittance has been allowed me I have thought it inconsistent with my integrity and independence to solicit any increase of my pay".

(2) Another extract from a letter of Babajee Ramajee Pundit to a former Resident dated 10th January 1834 Tanjore.

"I should, I think, state unreservedly to His Highness as well as to the Resident, my fears of the present state of the Durbar and if my remonstrance should meet with no good success, communicate the same to the Government as a measure ensuring the interests of all parties, but on second thought, when I consider that this step might offend His Highness, I would rather tell His Highness all that I think wrong in his Government and withdraw myself at once from his service as I was permitted by His late Highness under like circumstances to relieve myself from any obligation that his arrangement could have laid upon me; I have already slightly shown my intention to this effect to His Highness. Now I beg you will be kind enough to tell me whether my resignation would injure my reputation.

I have ever been mindful of the interests of this Durbar especially at the succession of His Highness, I rest assured that in favouring me with your instructions, you will be actuated by a sympathetic feeling on an occasion when instead of looking for a pension with an honorable retirement in compensation for my services, I am obliged to drive my thought on subjects of a nature diametrically opposite to what I so vainly expected.

(3) Endorsement on the petition of Ramajee Bavajee Pundit to H. D. Philipps Esquire Resident of Tanjore dated 7th August 1858, praying that the pension and the money allowance paid to him may be continued to his adopted son Bavajee Ramajee Pundit.

"No. 118—The Applicant's request will be duly registered but it is not in the power of the undersigned to do more than register it at the present time."

(Signed) H. D. PHILIPPS,
Resident.

NEGAPATAM
12th August 1858.

(True copy)

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From
J. Twigg Esquire
Government Agent
Tanjore

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Political Department

Sir,

In submitting herewith for the orders of Government a memorial from Bavaji Ramaji Pandit of Tanjore, I have the honor to report that the memorialist is the adopted grandson (son's adopted son) of a late Sirkele or Minister of Their Highnesses Raja Serfoji and Raja Sivaji.

2. The Government Agency records shew, as set forth in the memorial, that in the year 1829, H. H. Raja Serfoji made a grant of an allowance of Rs 100 per mensem to his then Sirkele, the adoptive grandfather of the memorialist, and his heirs in perpetuity. They further shew that the allowance was actually paid to the Sirkele during his lifetime, and after him to his son, the adoptive father of the memorialist till the death of H. H. Raja Sivaji in October 1855, and a few months after. The payment of the allowance was then discontinued

3. Three years after, i.e.,

in 1858, the memorialist's adoptive father put in an application to Mr. Phillips the Commissioner of Tanjore, for the renewal of the grant, but as the applicant died during the pendency of the application, his petition was filed. (Vide papers enclosed)

There were no further applications for renewal from any quarter till the date of presentation of the memorial under report.

4. It will thus be seen that the allowance was paid for a period of 26 years from the date of its grant in 1829 up to its discontinuance sometime in 1855, and that for a period of 43 years or nearly half a century,

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[illegible] then, it has neither been paid nor claimed. This circumstance is in itself sufficient to put the memorialist out of court. His present age is 45 years and his explanation that the delay in putting forward the claims was due to domestic complications and his minority is not satisfactory. Moreover, he is only the son by adoption of the grantee's son.

5. I accordingly recommend that the memorial be dismissed.

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

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For Govt Agent

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