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SECRETARIAT
No. 325
Dated 6-11-99

Pol Dept.

D.O. 6-11-99.

My dear Twigg.

About a week ago the Sub Judge of Tanjore sent a requisition to Govt for certain papers relating to the alleged adoption of Shambu Singh by Sakkaram Satib for original suit no 23 of 1898 on the file of his Court. Will you please let me know what the suit is about?

yours sincerely

[signature]

Dohan 3-11-99 / Cent 4.11.99

To J. Twigg Esq ICS
Govt Agent Tanjore

Despd 7-11-99.

Copied 8.11.99.

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Political (189) Department.

CURRENT No.

Confidential No. 398

From J. Twigg Esq Ics
Govt Agent Tanjore

Order

No.

Dated 16-11-99

Received 17-11-99

Registered 17-11-99

Enclosures —

Spare copies —

SUBJECT.

Regarding O.S. No 23 of 98 on the file of the Sub Judge of Tanjore

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Tanjore Collector's Office,
Valham, Nov. 16 Th 1899

My Dear Mr. Stokes,

O.S. No. 23 of 1898 referred to in your D.O dated 6th Nov. 1899 has been filed in forma pauperis by one Muttoji Mohitae against "Chota Raja", Setu Ram, Jamna Bhai referred to in pages 7 & 8 of G.O No. 336, Political, dated 28th May 1896, & the Receiver Tanjore

* Correct name Regunatha Row

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Palace Estate.

2. Muthoji Mohital styling himself an illegitimate son of the late Sakharam Saheb by a kept woman (said to have been presented by the late Raja to the Saheb along with other presents on the occasion of his marriage with the Raja's first daughter), and alleging that he was living with and was supported by the late Saheb during his lifetime, now seeks to establish his heirship

to the Estate, & disprove the adoption of "chota Raja" by Shamba Singh as well as the will said to have been executed by the Saheb in favour of Sitaram.

3. A fortnight ago, 3 summonses were sent to me for production of some of the more important records relating to the question of adoption, the marriage of the princess, grant of pension to Sakharam Saheb, & the like, and I have issued orders for

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tracing out the papers, with a view to applying for the sanction of Government for their production in Court, if necessary.

4. I know of no objection to producing those documents in Court as it is a matter that does not concern us & we have no interest except that the question of heirship should be settled upon a full consideration of all the facts; but, in consideration of the fact

Tanjore Collector's Office,

Vallam,

that the correspondence was at the time considered as "strictly confidential", I desired to get the orders of Government.

5. I beg you will let me know if I should address Government officials in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

V. Surij.

Pol Dept
Conc No 398

D.O. 8 24-11-99

My dear Twigg,

With reference to your D.O. of the 16th instant enquiring whether certain papers relating to Sakkaram Saheb may be produced in the Sub Court of Tanjore, I write to say that you should address officials to Govt on the subject, forwarding copies of such of the papers as are not with Govt. ~~You will then receive formal orders as to the production of~~ the documents in question

Yours Sincerely
(Jones's order)

Con 22.11.99

Chas
22/11/99

To J. Twigg Esqre
Govt Agent, Tanjore

Despd 24-11-99

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Political (189) Department.

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS 29 NOV. 1899

From The Ag. Collector and
Government Agent,
Tanjore.

Order R.C. No. 311/Ag. of 99

Dated 27th November 1899.

Received 29th Novr 1899

Registered 29th " "

Enclosures 16.

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Soliciting the orders of --- Government for the production in - Court and grant of copies of certain records relating to Sakkaram Saheb's Estate.

Date taken out.	For what purpose.			Initials of clerk taking the paper or of attender.	Date returned.	Initials of attender.
	Department.	C. No.	Year.			

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ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 819

DATED 20.12.99.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Issuing instructions to the Govt. Agent, Tanjore, as regards the production in Court & the grant of copies of certain records, which are required for the purpose of evidence in O.S. No. 28 of 1892 relating to the Estate of the late V. Rg. Sakkaram Sahib.

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Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Rajah to the Resident at Tanjore,

Dated 9th January 1837.

After usual Compliments.

The marriage of my Daughter Rayasboyee Rajah is determined to be celebrated on the 2nd of the Full moon of Maugha month the 22nd February next. To inform this tidings I have sent herewith 2 Letters one to the Right Honorable Governor General and the other to the Right Honorable Governor of Madras. I beg you will be pleased to forward them to their respective address with my humble Compliments. I wish the marriage of my only Daughter should be celebrated pleasantly in a manner well becoming to the high Rank and

Dignity of myself. It will be a great honor to me if the Officers of the British Government at the neighbouring Districts who are my well wishers and friends would attend on the occasion. I therefore beg that you will be pleased to invite in my name the Pl Collector and judge Amy Samastanam the local Officers under them the Commanding Officer, Assistant Surgeon, Missionaries, the Collector of Trichinopoly with his Assistants, the judge of the provincial Court, the General of Trichinopoly with his staff Officers and Messrs John Blackburne the Pl Collector of Madura and at the same time I beg you will procure them the necessary orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in order that they may attend the marriage ceremonies at Tanjore and accept the Banquet which I choose to give them on the occasion. I further

beg that you will do me the favour of accompanying them and be present at the marriage ceremonies.

Copies of my Letters to the Right Honorable the Governor General and the Right Honorable the Governor are enclosed herein for your perusal and acceptance.

What more.

(signed) Sriramapratap.

(True Copy)

Thiruvengnanam Pillai

for Acting Collector

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Coat of Arms

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Raja to the Right Honorable the Governor, dated 9th January 1837

To, The Right Honorable Lieut. General Sir Fredrick Adam K.C.B. &c &c &c Governor Bahadoor of Fort St. George.

His Highness Rajashree Serfojee Raja presents his compliments.

We are in good health here and wish to hear the same from you.

The marriage of my Daughter Rajasheree Raja is determined to be celebrated on the 22nd February next. She is to be given in marriage to Sakharam Row Hanmeerow Mohitay the Grand son of the Cousin of my maternal Grand mother. It is my Duty to inform you this happy Tiding

as you are my well wisher, Friend and
partaker of joy. I have therefore
informed you of it in this Letter.
What more.

(Signed) Shree Rampratapji.

(True Copy)

Thiruvapparam Pillai
For Ag: Collector & Registrar

No. 3

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the
Rajah to the Right Honorable the Governor
General, Dated 9th January 1837.

To,
His Excellency the Right
Honorable George Lord
Auckland. G. C. B.,
Governor General Bahadoor
of India.

His Highness
Maharaja Ra-
jashree Sevaji
Raja presents
his Compliments.

We are in good health here and wish
to hear the same from you.

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Raja is determined to be celebrated on the
22nd February next. She is to be given in
marriage to Sakharam Row Bamburow
Mohitay the Grandson of the cousin of
my maternal Grand mother. As you are
my well wisher, Friend and partaker of
this joyful occasion, it is my duty to
inform you this happy Tidings and I have
accordingly written this for your

information

What more

3d Sna Ramprastanp.

(True Copy)

Thiruvapuram Sellan
Fort St George & Coast Seal

RVS

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

His Highness the Raja of Tanjore has fixed on the 22nd. of the next month for the celebration of his Daughters marriage, and he has requested me to forward the accompanying Letter to the address of the Right Honorable the Governour in which the event is announced and the name and connexions of the intended Son-in-Law communicated.

His Highness is desirous that the intended marriage of his Daughter, who is his only Child, should be made known to the Right Honorable the Governor General of India and I have the honor to transmit a Letter from the Rajah to His Lordships' address.

18th. January 1837. 3d. Inst.

(True Copy)

Thiruvapuram Sellan
For Acting Collector. & Coast Seal

RVS

No. 50.

To,

The Resident at
Tanjore.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governour in Council to transmit to you the accompanying reply of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India to the address from His Highness the Raja of Tanjore which accompanied your letter of the 13th ultimo. A copy of it is annexed for your information.

Fort St. George,
28th February 1837.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obt servant
(Signed) Huyshe
Secretary to Govt.

(Copy)

To,

His Highness
Maharaja Rajasri Sevajee
Rajah of Tanjore

My Esteemed friend,

I have been highly gratified

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by the receipt of your Letter Communicating the pleasing intelligence of the intended marriage of your Daughter Rajasa Bozje Rajalo to Sakha Ram Row Dubbeer Row mobile. I Consider this Communi-cation as a proof of your personal regard and friendship for me, and I sincerely congratulate you on the happy occasion that your Daughter and her Husband together with yourself may long enjoy uninterrupted Health and Happiness is the ardent wish of one, who subscribes himself with much consideration

Your sincere friend

(signed) Auckland

Fort William
13th February 1837.

(A true Copy)
(signed) W. H. Macnaghten
Secy to Govt of India.

(A true copy)
(signed) Smyth
Secretary to Govt.

(True Copy)
Shivaprasam Pillai
for Acting Collector & Govt Agent

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No. 6

Tanjore
27th January 1895.

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Confidential.

Most Honoured Sir,

I most respectfully beg to report that this afternoon at about 3 O clock, the Sub-Registrar of Manambroochavady who is in charge of the Registrars' office, (as the Registrar is away on circuit) had called over to V. Ry. Sakaram Sahib's apartments to Register the Will alleged to have been executed by him yesterday. Messrs. Kaliana Sundrapier and Anantanarayanier were present with the Registrar, the one for the Sahib and the other for V. Ry Kasoba Sahib; V. Ry Sankaran Sahib's answers to the questions put to him by the Registrar with reference to the execution of the Will and its contents appear to have been taken down by the Registrar as well as the fact of the said Sahib's utter incapacity to sign his name in the presence of the Sub-Registrar. It is further reported that the Sub-Registrar was not satisfied with the Sahib's first signature in the Will.

It

appears, that he has left the Sahib's apartments saying that he will have to consider over the matter well before he could pronounce his opinion as to how far such a document can be taken for registration and that he will let the Sahib know his opinion about it tomorrow. The Sahib's state of health is fast declining and he is troubled very much by phlem in the evenings attended with aprarated (sic) breathing.

With my most dutiful and humble respects I beg to remain,

Most Honoured Sir,

Your Most obedient Servant,

(signed) K. Govindaraw

Sirkele.

(True Copy)

Thiruvaiyaru Asst

for A. Colebrook

Dy Collr

Rr

Tanjore
28th January 1895

Most Honoured Sir,

I most respectfully beg to report that V. Ry Sakaram Sahib is very bad. He is reported to be insensible and speechless. I wrote to the Division Deputy collector about his condition this evening. He had called over to the palace an hour ago. Since he left this, the Sahib's condition having grown worse, I have just written to him to come over to the Palace at once. I have also applied for the necessary Police aid to the Head Quarter Inspector of the Police.

With my most dutiful and humble respects,

I beg to remain,

Most Honoured Sir,

your most obedient Servant

(Sd) K. Govindaraw

Sirkele

(True Copy)

Thiruvaiyaru Asst

for A. Colebrook Dy Collr

Rr

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Tanjore
28th January 1895
9.30 P.M.

Most Honoured Sir,

I most respectfully beg to report that V. Ry Sakaram Sahib was given up for lost, I had to go at once to his apartments with Mr. C. S. Krishna Row Head Quarter Inspector of Police and police Constables to lock up the rooms wherein his valuables were stated to be secured and put my seals on the several locks and doors of the Rooms. There are different parties who claim his his property. His neice Mr Meenamba Boi was the foremost to urge on me to put the seals on to the several rooms and she has quite acquiesced in the prompt action I took in securing the Sahib property. Else she said she was herself to fix her seals on to the rooms wherein the Sahibs property was secured and apply to you in the matter

All the sealed ~~Arcaded~~ rooms, two rooms in the palace where the Sahib himself is just now supposed to contain the Jewels and the Silver utensils and the Big Sangitamahal wherein there are furniture and the silver marriage mandup are now in the charge of the Police watch. The Sahib is breathing hard and all people say that he may not live many hours more. How far he is conscious cannot be said with any degree of certainty. All the different parties about him except Veeraraghava Iyengar are fully satisfied with the timely steps taken to secure his property from abuse. I convinced every one present that I have acted under your instructions and the property will be restored to its rightful owners to be decided by the courts of law in due course of time.

With my most dutiful and humble respects,

I beg to remain,
Most Honored Sir,
Your most obedient & humble Servant,
(Illegible)
Tahsildar
Tanjore

(Illegible)
Asst. Collector & Govt. Agent
Tanjore

No. 24 dated 29th January 1895

To

Jamna Bai widow of Shâbu Singh,
the alleged adoption son of H. H. the
late Princess of V. Ry Satchalam Sahib,
Palace, Tanjore.

Madam,

I regret to learn of the death of V. R. Satcharam Sahib last night. I understand you are the nearest relative recognized by him - now in his apartments. I request therefore that you will be good enough to make early arrangements for the disposal of his body.

As there are in my knowledge rival claimants for his Estate and it thus became necessary to take steps to preserve it for the legal owner and for the prevention of disturbance. I have directed my su

subordinates to seal the rooms understood to contain the valuable property of the deceased and to arrange for proper guard until the Courts of Law have given order in the matter.

Meantime I request that you will arrange for a proper account ~~to~~ being kept of all income and expenditure relating to his Estate in which as in ~~present~~ Rr present charge of his house-hold it will be necessary for you to act. Such accounts must be ready for my inspection whenever called for.

29-1-95

(Signed) J. Thomson

(True Copy)

Thiruvengadam Pillai
for Fy Collr & Coast Agent

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In the District Court of Tanjore

O. S. No. 2. of 1896

Civil Petition No.

Yamuna Bayi Alias Sahib Bovar
guardian to minor Sethuvam Sahib — 1.
Vasavatti Sri Kasaba Sahib alias Jaya
-rama Row Sahib guardian to minor
Chottali Rafa alias Chinnah Sahib 2
Janmuna Bayi ——— 3

Petitioners

1, 2 & 3 Defendants

Petitioners beg to state as follows:—

1 That petitioners are informed that the Court has been pleased to direct the Receiver in the case to hand over to the Collector of Tanjore the Palace buildings occupied by the late Rafa Sahib Karam Sahib.

2 That the said buildings after the said Rafa's death were in the possession of the 3d Defendant who lived therein as long as he was at Tanjore and whose servant and

guards

grands do occupied them during
her absence at Dhar.

3 That the said build-
-ings were originally occupied
by the British Government for
the occupation of H. H. Princess
of Danpore, her consent and their
family.

4 That all allegements the 3rd
defendant who admittedly is their
daughter-in-Law is entitled to live
therein during her life time.

5 That if the Collector
of Danpore should call upon the peti-
-tioners to vacate the buildings they
will have an opportunity of representing
their claims to live therein to that officer
and through him to Government and

6 That in these circumstances
petitioners beg that the Receiver may

not

not be directed to hand over charge
of the buildings to the Collector.

See 503 CTC

J. K. Ramasamiyya
(Signed) Ramasami
Pleader

21.10.97

The Receiver will be asked
not to hand back the buildings pending
disposal of this petition by the Politi-
-cal Agent, to whom I recalmend
to forward it for his orders, the
matter being one within his
jurisdiction entirely. The party
desires me to request the Politi-
-cal Agent to give him notice
before disposing of this.

To be sent with Covering letter.

(Signed) D. H. Hamnett
Ag Dt Judge

(True Copy)

Thiruvengadam Pillai
Dor Ag Collr

Proceedings of the Acting Collector and Government Agent Tanjore dated 7th April 1898

Read district Judge's Endorsement dated 22nd October 1897 in Misc. petition No. 1121/97 on the file of this Court, transferring for the orders of the Government Agent Tanjore, petition dated 21st October 1897 from the defendants in O.S. No. 2 of 1896 on the file of the District Court, requesting that the receiver of the late Raja Sahib Ramaswami Sahib's Estate may not be directed to hand over to the Government Agent the apartments in the Palace previously occupied by the said Sahib.

Read connected records

Heard Mr. K.R. Venkatarama Aiyar

anjar, Vakil on behalf of the
1st & 3 defendants.

Order

The District Judge will be informed that on all probability which may be now kept in the sealed rooms being removed, the Government Agent is prepared to take over the said rooms. After this is done, any petition request of Petitioners for allotting apartments for their use will be duly Considered.

(Sd) W. B Ayling
Ag Collector & Agent
7.4.98

True Copy

Ekambaranam Pillai
Cutcherry
for Ag. Collr & Agent

Rr

For the Collector & Govt Agent Sivakasi

No. 75. Tanjore 4-3-91.

Office-note Register No 2883 of 1891.

Office note

I beg to report with deep regret that V. Ry. Sumbrooing, the adopted son of H. H. the late Princess and V. Ry Sakaram Sahib died this morning at 4-30. The cause of death is attributed to a high fever which has proved fatal. He is reported to have been long abroad at Dhar. It was only a month ago that he returned to this place. He was put up in the Bungalow at Kiluvai garden outside the Place near the Raja Hospital premises. He arrived in the Palace a fortnight ago. The fact of his illness has not been up to its fatal termination reported to me. Only this morning at 7, tidings of his death were brought to me at my residence at Vennar by one of the servants of V. Ry Sakaram Sahib.

He has left a very young widow aged

about 15 years.

I beg that this painful occurrence may be caused to be communicated for the information of Government. Arrangements are being made for the removal of the corpse to its resting place.

Sd. K. Govinda Rao
Sirkele

(True Copy)

For the Collector & Sub-Collector

Rr

Memo

The Palace
Tanjore, 8th December 94.

I represent in my person the Chohan Rr family, which once ruled over India as Emperor.

II The late Maharaja sent for me from Kolhapore, purposely to give his daughter in marriage. He selected me as his son-in-law while I was a boy; for, I represent in my person an ancient Royal family House.

III Sir Char: Trevelyan, a governor of Madras after learning the traditions of my family married me to the late Princess.

IV During the life time of His late Highness, the Maharaja, I was friendly with all the Residents, who were then at Tanjore. In appreciation of the friendly terms I was in, with the English crown, Mr. Bishop,

the

then Resident recommended me to the Honourable East Company for a honour.

V As I had no issues by both the Princesses, the late Princess being fond of children brought up brother's daughters, who were orphans, and gave them in marriage to members of the Royal families of Baroda and Nepal.

VI. A year prior to her demise, the late Princess and myself adopted a son, whom I lost — I am sorry to say — a few years ago. He was married to a Princess of Dhar State.

VII Since his death, owing to successive grief and sorrow, I confined myself to my Palace and afterwards became bed-ridden.

VIII The late Maharaja treated me, not only as his son-in-law, but also

as

as ~~his~~ a son, to signify which, he styled me as "Purzandai". Hindu shastras say that a hindu who has no male issue to perform his ~~obsequies~~ Obsequies, will enter "Punnama narakam". Sons are of ten kinds:— of them the one born in womb, with his sons & grandsons becomes the first and foremost the second is the "puthrakaputhran" ie, daughters son.

IX As her father died leaving no male issue the late Princess considered that the soul of her father would get Salvation if she could offer cakes to him through her son; for which purpose together with that of ours, we proposed the adoption and adopted.

X It is most melancholy that I lost also the adopted son and was left helpless in my old age.

XI. Purely for religious purposes for the departed Souls of my consort, the late Princesses, their fathers and that of my forefathers, I now intend to adopt a boy; for which a Nephew of the ruling Maharaja of Dhar is selected.

XII It is my earnest desire that that son should be allowed and treated with every kindness and mercy for which Myself and the late Princess were entitled in her Majesty's Government.

XIII For the beneficient acts of which I shall be always thankful to you and to H. M. Government.

(signed) Sakaram Sahib

(True Copy) Lakshmanarama Pillai
For Y. Colvin & Court Clerk

Current No 278/Ver of 1895.

The Palace
Tanjore, 5th February 1895.

From
Jamnabai Sahib Charan
Daughter-in-Law of the late Princess of
Tanjore.

To
J. Thomson Esquire,
Government Agent,
Tanjore.

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith my humble petition addressed to the Chief Secretary to Government for your perusal and beg to request you that you will be good enough to despatch the same with ~~Some~~ Such Recommendations as my humble request would meet with justice. I beg to inform you that I have also submitted to-day a copy of the same directly to the Chief

Secretary to the Government.

I remain,

Sir,

Yours faithfully

(Signed) Jammu Das in nagarum.

(True Copy)

Thiruvengadam Pillai

for Coles & Cochrane

To

V. Ry Sakaram Sahib,

Sir,

Since I received from you the communication you handed to me at the Palace on 9th Ultimo, I have referred to documents about the date of your alleged adopted son Sambu Singh's death. I find that you then reported to me an adoption by Sambu Singh.

I think it will to bring this fact prominently to your notice, in view of your present declared purpose, and have the honour to do so.

Government, I would again remind you, will not allow itself to be compromised or prejudiced by any course you may pursue in this regard.

6th January 1895.

(Signed) J Thomson

(True Copy)

Thiruvengadam Pillai

for Coles & Cochrane

No 16

M E M O R A N D U M

Description of the document as per summons.	Serial No. date or other details for identification of the document.	
Summons I	Document No.I	
1. Letter addressed to Government through Political Agent by Raja Sivaji in 1857 re marriage of his 1st Daughter the elder Rajayi, to V.Ry. Sakkaram Saheb and order thereon.	Mahratta letter from the late Raja to the Resident dated 9th January 37 (copy enclosed) ...1	Pages 10 & 12 of 15 current fol.
	Mahratta letters ~~xxxHxExxha~~ from the late Raja to H.E. the Governor and to H.E. the Governor-General dated 9-1-37. (Copies of translations enclosed) ... ... 2 & 3	Pages 13 & 16 of the current fol.
	Letter from the Resident to the Chief Secretary to Government dated 13-1-37. (Copy enclosed) 4	Page 17 ibid
	and G.O. No. 50 dated 28-2-37 (Copy enclosed). 5	Page 18 ibid
X 2. List of Raja's relations &c., prepared in 1859 at the time of settlement of Tanjore Pensioners; Proceedings of Government on the subject regarding the age of pensioners, amount of pension &c.,	G.O.No. 705 dated 5-12-59 where in V.Ry. Sakaram Saheb's age and pension are given.	C
X 3. Pension list showing the amount of pension allowed to V.Ry.Sakaram Saheb for the first time after the death of the Raja in 1855.	G.O. No. 705 dated 5-12-59.	C

4. All letters, arzis &c., addressed to Government Agent by V.Ry. Sakkaram Saheb from 1890 till 30th January 1895 objecting to the alleged adoption of Chimna Saheb alias Chota Raja by Shambu Singh the deceased adopted son of V.Ry. Sakkaram Saheb.	No document corresponding to this description is in existence.
5. Orders or endorsements on the said letters, arzis &c.,	Not in existence.
6. Letters sent by the Sirkele in the matter of advising V.Ry. Sakkaram Saheb to arrange for adoption between dates September 94 and 30th January 95 and letters submitted to Government thereon;	Not in existence.
Proceedings and letters sent to Government in the matter of sealing and taking charge of the properties of V.Ry. Sakkaram Saheb immediately before his death.	Government Agent's letter No.3 (confidential) dated 9-1-95 read in page 4 of G.O.No.336 Pol. dated 28-5-96; Telegram sent to Government Agent as per G.O.Mis No.31 dated 16-1-95, read in page 4 of the above G.O.; Telegram sent to Government and recorded in G.O No.77 Pol.dated 30-1-95 read in page 4 of the above G.O.; Letter of Government -- Agent Ref.No.4/Tour dated

	29-1-95 read in pages 4 & 5 of the above G.O.; G.O.No. 103 Pol.dated 8-2-95 read in page 6 of the above G.O.
	3. D.Os. from Sirkele to Government Agent dated 27th & 28th January 1895. (Copies enclosed) ... .. 6 to 8 Pages 20 to 24 of this current file
	Government Agent's letter No. 24 dated 29-1-95. (Copy enclosed) ... .. 9 Pages 25 and 26 of the current file
7. Letters sent by the Sirkele to Government Agent from 1st to 30th January 1895 re V.Ry. Sakkaram Saheb's health.	
8. Order sent to M.Jamuna Boi by the Government Agent on or about 28-1-95 for performing the burning &c., ceremonies of V.Ry. Sakkaram Saheb.	
9. Petition or letter written by Chimna Saheb alias Chota Raja in July 1899 requesting permission of the Government Agent to occupy the apartments of V.Ry. Sakkaram Saheb and order thereon.	No such petition was presented in July 1899. A petition was presented to the District Judge in October 97 and transferred to the Government Agent for disposal. (Copy thereof and of Proceedings thereon are enclosed.) 10 & 11 Pages 27 & 31 of the current file
Summons II	
1. Letter sent to the Government Agent by the Sirkele at the time of death of V.Ry. Shambu Singh in 1891.	Sirkele's Office note No. 75 dated 4-3-91. (Copy enclosed) 12. Pages 32-33 of the current file

2. Memorandum given personally to Mr. Thomson by V.Ry. Sakkaram Saheb on 9th December 94 re intention to adopt Sethuram Saheb.	Memo. dated 8-12-94 (Copy enclosed)... 13. Pages 34 to 37 of the current file ✓
3. Letter addressed to Mr.Thomson by V.Ry. Sakkaram Saheb regarding the said memorandum.	Not forthcoming.
4. Petitions and letters sent by M.Jamuna Boi to Mr.Thomson on 5-2-95 for being sent to Government.	Petition dated 5-2-95 to Government Agent (copy enclosed). .. .. 14 Pages 38 & 39 of the current file ✓. Copy of the memorial sent along with the above petition has been submitted to Government by M Jamuna Boi direct on - 5-2-95. There is a petition from the person & Govt ✗ in G.O. 229 Pol 10-4-95 Send!
Summons III	
1. Telegram sent by V.Ry. Sakkaram Saheb to the Chief Secretary to Government regarding the adoption by Shambu Singh of the son of Kasoba Saheb.	In the Government Office III in G.O. 191-92 Read in G.O.Nos. 191-192 Pol. dated 8-4-91, page 1 of G.O.No. 336 Pol. dated 28-5-96. 8-4-91 Copy obtained from Subordinate Court Sub judge Tanjore - G.O. 727 Pol 31.10.95 Telegram not printed in F.O.
2. Telegram sent by V.Ry. Sakkaram Saheb to the Government Agent regarding the adoption by Shambu Singh of the son of Kasoba Saheb.	in full Read in para 1 of Government Agent's letter to Government Confidential No.182 dated 8-3-91, page 1 of G.O. No.336 Pol. dated 28-5-96. ✓ 5
3. Letter written by V.Ry. Sakkaram Saheb to the Government Agent regarding the said adoption on the 4" or 5" March 1891.	Not forthcoming.

4. Letter written by V.Ry. Sakkaram Saheb to Mr. Thomson on 9-12-94 and given personally to him in the Palace.	Is identical with copy No. 11 - Pages 30 and 31 of the current file
5. Reply to the above letter from Government Agent dated 6-1-95.	Government Agent's letter No.A dated 6-1-95. ✓ (Copy enclosed). ... .. 15 Page 40 of the current file
6. Letter addressed by ~~the Government~~ the Government Agent to V.Ry. Sakkaram Saheb through the Sirkele, to the effect that any arrangement he desires to make should be made in writing before the - Government Agent.	No such record is in existence

Thiruvaiyaru Subbu

For Government Agent.

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Pol C. No 1548

Loc C No 421

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R.C.No.511/Ag. of 99 Tanjore Government Agent's Office,

Enc. 16 27th November, 1899.

From

J. Twigg Esquire,

Government Agent,

Tanjore.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Political Department,

Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the Sub.Judge of Tanjore has sent in 3 summonses in O.S. No. 25 of 1898 on the file of his Court, for the production of certain original records relating to the late V. Ry. Sakkaram Saheb's Estate (G.O. No. 336 Pol. Dated 28th May 1896).

Plaintiff
Muthoji Mohitee.

Defendants.
1. Setu Ram Saheb.
2. Chota Raja alias Chimna Saheb.
3. Jumna Boi.
4. Viraraghava Aiyangar Agent of the late Sakkaram Saheb.
5. Receiver, Palace Estate, Tanjore

2. The suit has been filed in forma pauperis by one Muthoji Mohitee (a new claimant to the Estate) who seeks to establish his heirship to the Estate as an illegitimate son of the late Saheb.

3. I forward herewith a memo (with copies of records where necessary) showing the description &c., of the documents called for, and solicit the orders of Government for their production in Court.

4. I know of no objection to producing the documents in Court as it is a matter that does not concern the Government which has no interest in it except that the question of heirship should be settled once for all upon a consideration of all the facts; but I make the ----

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reference in consideration of the fact that the correspondence was at the time treated as strictly confidential.

5. I requested the Sub.Judge in letter dated 27th October 99 to allow sufficient time for search and production of the records, but he has not yet replied to my letter; I shall report to Government the date fixed for the production of the records, as soon as his reply is received.

6. The Plaintiff in the suit has applied to me for copies of ✕ Summons I Items 4, 5, 6, 8 & 9. ✕ the marginally noted records, producing extract of Court's order for the same. As the records are "confidential", it is objectionable to grant copies thereof, and I solicit the orders of Government for informing the petitioner accordingly.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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28 Aug

For Government Agent.

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Political Dept

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Note for the C.S.

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In submitting his reply to the DO sent to him on the 6th instant, the Govt Agent, Tanjore, brings to notice that he has been called upon to produce some important records relating to the question of Sakkaram Saheb's adoption &c and he enquires whether he should obtain the formal orders of Govt as regards the production of the papers referred to.

Attention is solicited to the note flagged XX which contains a brief account of Sakkaram Saheb's pension, adoption &c.

It is submitted that the Govt Agent may be asked to write officially on the subject and forward copies of such of the papers

requisitioned for by the Sub Court as are not with Govt., in order that it may be decided whether copies can be granted or not.

For the C.S.

The file is resubmitted with an official letter from the Govt Agent, Tanjore, (R.C. No. 311/A.G., dated the 27th Nov 1899) soliciting the orders of Govt regarding the production in Court and the grant of copies to the Plaintiff in the suit, of certain documents connected with Sakkaram Saheb's Estate.

2. The Govt Agent has submitted a memorandum showing the description of the documents required and has also forwarded copies of such records as are not in the Govt Secretariat

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He sees no objection to the production of any of these documents in court. It is, however, to be noted that the production of some of the records appears to be objectionable

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(1) Documents Nos 2 and 3 mentioned in Summons No I are embodied in G.O. No 705 Pol, Pol, dated the 5th December 1859, which contains a large amount of correspondence on the subject of the settlement of the Tanjore Raj. It does not appear to be desirable that the whole of the correspondence recorded in this G.O, the greater part of which consists of semi-confidential reports, should be produced. The Govt Agent may furnish certified extracts from this order which bear on the present suit and he should refuse to produce the whole correspondence.

The G.O. does not seem to be asked for in the Govt Agent's letter but he may be instructed accordingly.

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(2) One of the documents in No 6 in Summons No I is the Govt Agent's letter No 3, dated the 9th January 1895 on page 4 of

G.O. No. 336 Pol, dated the 28th May 1896. This letter also contains matter of a confidential nature as between the Govt Agent and the Govt, and should not, it is thought, be produced.

Print this and submit

Hyderabad

3. Besides, the Govt Agent has not got the originals of all the documents referred to ~~in his possession~~ E.G. G.O. No. 103 Pol dt 8-2-95, which is one of the documents mentioned in No 6 in Summons No I. Even in the case of the documents in the possession of the Govt Agent, the production of the originals may not be desirable as they may contain office notes and other matters of a confidential nature. Certified copies of public records are admissible in evidence

VIII

Section 76 of the Evidence Act

4. It is, therefore, submitted that the Govt Agent may be informed that there is no objection to the production of certified copies of such of the documents as are in his office ~~and that~~ with the exception

of those noted in para 2 (1) & (2) above, which should be withheld under section 123 of the Evidence Act. At the same time, the Govt Agent may send copies of the records withheld in sealed cover to the Court and refuse to permit evidence of their contents being given

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Vide Section 162 ~~of~~ 123 of the Evidence Act. also G.O. 830 Pol 11-12-95 precedent.

This is the paper current

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5. The memorial referred to in No 4 in Summons No II is apparently the memorial from Janna Bai Sahib to the Chief Secretary to Govt dated the 4th Feby 1895 in G.O. No 229 Pol, dated 10-4-95. The Govt Agent may be informed that that document is in the possession of Govt. There seems to be no necessity to send a certified copy to the Govt Agent as the summonses are for the production of documents which are in his custody only.

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6 As regards copies of the documents applied for by the

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observed
Plaintiff, it is ~~submitted~~ that
items 4 and 5 and the Sirkeli's
letters forming part of item 6
are not in existence; and the
grant of copies of items 8 and
9 is unobjectionable. The
Govt Agent may, it is subd,
be ~~accordingly~~ informed
that, of the papers applied
for by the plaintiff, copies
of only such of them as are
now permitted to be pro-
duced in Court as unobjectionable
may be granted to the applicant.
Orders are solicited.

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Order
This No 8197 20.12.24.

Documents nos 2 and
3 in summons No I are em-
bodied in G.O. No 705 Political,
dated the 5th December 1859.
The Govt Agent should not
produce the ~~whole~~ entire of this G.O.
but only certified extracts
therefrom of only such of the
documents as ~~bear~~ are non-confidential on the pre-
sent suit. The Govt Agents'
letter No 3, dated the 9th Jany
1895, referred to in No 6 in
Summons No I contains
matter of a confidential
nature as between the Govt
Agent and the Govt and it
should not therefore be pro-
duced. The Govt Agent may
send to the court copies of this letter and of
the complete records in G.O.
No 705 Pol, dated the 5th December
1859, in a sealed cover and he
should refuse to permit evidence

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of their contents being given.
~~Certified~~ There is no objection to the production of certified copies of such of the other documents as are in the office of the Agent. The memorial referred to in item 4 in summons No. II is apparently the petition from Jamna Bai Saheb to the Chief Secretary to Govt dated the 4th February 1895 and it is in the Govt Secretariat.

2. As regards copies of the papers applied for by the Plaintiff, the Govt Agent will be informed that copies of such of the documents as are now permitted to be produced in Court as unobjectionable may be granted to the applicant.

Jones's orders

20/12/95

To the Govt Agent, Jamjon (a/c C No 1548 order)

Fees 21/12/95

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Examined 189
Signed

MAIN G.O., No. , DATED
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DEPARTMENT.

Paper taken out of the Records from the charge of the Referencer.

Press / Miscellaneous / Routine No. dated 189 .

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