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1st September 1869.*

No. 5. Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Negapatam, 13th August 1869, No. 715.

With reference to the Government Order, dated 9th July 1869, No. 937, I have the honour to report the result of the inquiry instituted regarding the property of the late Mr. Peter Lund, who established himself at Tranquebar in the year 1818.

2. There is an entry in the Marriage Register of Zion Church, Tranquebar, of the marriage of Hans Peter Lund with Sophia Durand on the 4th of August 1822.

3. Mr. and Mrs. Lund had a daughter named Lydia Gertrude, who married some time in 1840 or 1841 one Charles William Seymour. From the Burial Register in Zion Church it appears that they had a son, born on the 30th January 1842, who died on the 2nd of June following. Whether they had any other children is not ascertainable.

4. It is said in Tranquebar that shortly after his marriage Hans Peter Lund went to Madras or elsewhere, and this is rendered probable by the fact of there being no entry in the Tranquebar registers of the birth of his daughter Lydia Gertrude, or of her marriage with Charles William Seymour.

5. Mr. and Mrs. Lund, however, returned to Tranquebar some time previous to 1840, and used to live in a small house at Shattangudi, a village just outside the walls of the Tranquebar fort.

6. Some of the native residents of Tranquebar stated that they remembered Mr. Lund living at Tranquebar in 1840 or 1841, and that afterwards he and his wife and daughter and their whole family went away to Pondicherry or Madras, since which time they have not heard anything of them.

7. Inquiries have been made of the same persons, as well as several other old inhabitants of Tranquebar, whether Mr. Lund was possessed of any property and how he gained his livelihood. All gave the same answer, that Mr. Lund had no property, and was in poor circumstances and a good deal involved in debt. His wife, Sophia Durand, was an illegitimate daughter of General Durand, and was either allowed by, or inherited from, her father a small income, on which it was supposed that they subsisted.

8. Satisfactory proof is afforded of the poverty and indebtedness of the Lund family by the following extracts taken from the Register of Assurances which was formerly kept in the Danish Civil Court, and which is still preserved in the Danish Record Office.

9. A bond for Rupees 575, executed by S. Lund, L. G. Seymour, and C. W. Seymour, in favour of Govindavailoo Pillai, to be paid in monthly instalments of Rupees 19-8-0. Date of the bond, 22nd of July 1840.

10. A bond for Rupees 4000, executed by E. Birsay, Ana Eglan, Sophia Lund, and Lydia Gertrude Seymour, in favour of Tambi Nynah Chetti, dated 6th July 1840. This was to the effect that if they ever came into the property which they expected on the death of their father, (E. Birsay and Ana Eglan were sisters of S. Lund,) they would pay Rupees 4000 to Tambi Nynah Chetti "as a recompense for his kind assistance to us in our distresses and friendless situation in this place." Date of this bond, 6th July 1840.

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11. A bond in favour of shop-keeper Sooppah Pillai, signed by S. Lund, C. W. Seymour, and L. G. Seymour, for Rupees 422½, to be paid by monthly instalments of Rupees 10, signed 10th February 1841. Sooppah Pillai said that he never got any of this money, and had long since despaired of ever doing so.

12. The name of Hans Peter Lund does not appear on any of the above bonds, it is true; but the very existence of the bonds is a proof that he was so poor that he was unable to support his wife. The current supposition that Mrs. Lund was likely to come into property on the death of her father, General Durand, would induce creditors to prefer her signature to that of her husband.

13. It is not ascertainable whether Mr. Hans Peter Lund subsequently acquired any property after quitting Tranquebar; but it is not probable that he did, for a man of his age and habits of life (Mr. Lund had the character of being addicted to liquor) was not at all likely to have done so.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1869, No. 1228.

A copy of the foregoing letter will be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India with reference to his despatch of the 3rd June last, No. 14.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Wm Morris
Caterer,

Govt of Madras.

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Lund, be forwarded to
the Hon. Govt.