CONFIDENTIAL.

REPORT

ON

NATIVE PAPERS EXAMINED BY THE TRANSLATORS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

FOR THE

Fortnight ending the 30th June 1889.

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ORDINARY, MS.

Public DEPARTMENT.
G.O., DATED 3. 8. 89.
No. 653.

Confidential No 125/1889

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Vernacular Papers Replying to references from the Govt of India regarding certain — to which it is proposed to supply official information of public interest not published in the Gazette of India

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ORDINARY, MS.

DEPARTMENT.
G.O., DATED
No.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

BACK PAPER, No. of 188 .

FURTHER PAPER, No. of 183 .

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, dated
188 , No. , MISCELLANEOUS.

ENCLOSURES.

CURRENT No.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT . . . . A A

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

PAPERS NOT FILED UP, BEING MEANT FOR DESPATCH IN ORIGINAL (not paged).

N.B.—
A = Copy in full.
B = Not to be copied.
P = Copy abstract only.
Q = Copy heading only.

Vernacular Papers

Letter to G. of I.

Ans

KM 29/7

have suitable publicity

2. As regards the "Keralopakari" and the 'Karnataka Prakasika' I am directed to offer the following remarks— · C.No. 2052.

The "Keralopakari" is a Malayalam Newspaper published by the Basel Mission Press at Mangalore and partakes more of the nature of a literary journal than ~~that~~ of a periodical containing general information. Malayalam is moreover not the vernacular of the place of publication and the circulation of the paper hardly extends beyond the adherents of the Mission. ~~A~~ The newspaper which has the largest circulation among the Malayalam speaking community, and which would ~~in a greater degree~~ fulfil the purposes ~~which~~ contemplated by the Govt. of India, is the "Kerala Patrika" published at Calicut—

(new line)

The "Karnataka Prakasika"× is a Canarese Newspaper published in Mysore and its circulation being mainly ~~is almost wholly~~ confined to that State, it is not so generally read by the Canarese speaking community of the Presidency proper as the "Vijaydhwaja" an Anglo-Canarese weekly published at Bellary, tho' the latter has a smaller total circulation. The issue of the "Vijayadhwaja" has however become very irregular of late, the Canarese Translator to this Govt. considers that ~~and~~ this paper has not the same chance of stability as the "Karnataka Prakasika" which is a journal of long standing

× C.No 2000.

3. I am to add that it has been suggested by the× Hindustani Translator to Govt that the 'Jaridah-i-Rozgar' published at Madras should be added to the list furnished with the letter under reply. Its circulation, which is nearly equal to that of the 'Shams-ul-Akhbar', also ~~and~~ extends to Hyderabad, ~~in the Deccan~~ and these two papers practically reach the whole of the influential Muhammadan population of this Presidency

× C.No 2001,

4. In conclusion I am to invite your attention to ~~the~~ Appendix No II to ~~Mr. [illegible]~~ my Confidential Letter No. 538 of 20 June 89. for ~~any~~ further information regarding the newspapers mentioned above.

26 July

26/7

The letter was signed: "for Chief Secretary"

Read C. Nos 1849. 2000. 2001. 2057.
2057. 2205 & 2302

Desp.
3/8/89

Ins
30 July

C. No. 2001.

xx C. No. 2057.

xxx C. No 2302

Public

No. 653. d/ 3 Augt/89.

To.

The Secretary to the
Government of India
Home Dept (Public)

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Hewett's letter No. 1009 dated 6th June 1889, forwarding a list of Vernacular Newspapers published in this Presidency to which it is proposed to furnish official information of public interest not published in the "Gazette of India", I am directed to state that the "Shams-ul-Akhbar",^x the "Andraprakásika",^xx and the "Satya Vartamani",^xxx and the "Tanjai Jana Mitran"^xxx (the name under which the "Kundandai Mitran" is at present published) are fairly representative organs of the Muhammadan, Telugu, and Tamil speaking communities of this Presidency respectively, and that as such their selection would afford a sufficient guarantee that the information supplied to them would
have

Public C. No. 2302

Confidential No. 287

CHIEF SECRETARY
19 JUL 89
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From
The Tamil Translator
to Government.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Public Department,
Ootacamund.

No. 141.

Dated 17th July 1889.

Stating that the 'Kudandai Mitran' has changed its name to 'Tanjai Jana Mitran' and that the 'Sathia Varthamani' and 'Tanjai Jana Mitran' are fairly representative of the Tamil Community of Southern India.

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No 141.

Tamil Translator's office,
Madras, 17th July 1889.

From
The Tamil Translator
to Government.

To The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Public Department,
Ootacamund.

Sir,

In reply to the Reference on No 2205 of 1889, I have the honor to state that of the two newspapers mentioned therein, the 'Kudandai Mitran' has changed its name to 'Tanjai Jana Mitran', thus professing to represent the District of Tanjore instead of the Taluk of Kumbhakonam. The first issue under the new name is dated the 8th September 1888. The 'Sathia Varthamani' of Pasumalai and the 'Tanjai Jana Mitran' are fairly representative of the Tamil Community, and I have reason to think that official information supplied to them would have suitable publicity given to it.

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

P. Ranganadan
Tamil Translator to Government.

not to be returned without delay

Issue
12/7

Confdl

Reference to Tamil Translator

M. 13.7.89

Public DEPARTMENT.

[5] Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated 188 , No.
Again G.O., dated 188 , No.
Current No. of 188 , dated from

Current No. 2205 of 1889, dated 9. June from The Tamil Translator

Reference 9/13.7.89

Note all the other replies are to the point.

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With reference to his letter No. 139 d. 9. June 1889, the attention of the Tamil Translator is drawn to the terms of the reference in C. No 1849 of 1889. ~~In that reference~~ he was requested to report whether the "Sathia Varthamani" and "Vidandi Mitran" newspapers are fairly representative of the Tamil community, ~~&~~ and whether their selection as newspapers to which the Govt. of India proposes to supply official information of public interest wd afford~~ed~~ a good guarantee that the information supplied would have suitable publicity. The letter submitted by the Tamil Translator does not supply the information asked for. Which

Desp'd
15/7.

To
the Tamil Translator to Govt.

Public C. No. 2205

Confidential No. 287

From
The Tamil Translator
to Government.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Ootacamund.

No. 134

CHIEF SECRETARY
11 JUL 89
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated 9th June 1889.

Submitting a list of Tamil Newspapers which are fairly representative of the Tamil population of Southern India.

No. 134. Tamil Translator's Office,
Madras, 9th July 1889.

From
The Tamil Translator
to Government.

To The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Ootacamund.

Sir,

In reply to the reference on C. No. 1849 dated 19th June 1889, I have the honor to state that the vernacular newspapers whose names are set down below may be taken to represent the views of the Tamil population of Southern India.

Name.	Place of publication.
Satya Vartamáni	Pasumalai.
Shriloka Ranjani	Madras.
Desabhimani	Cuddalore.
Tanjai Janamitran	Tanjore.
Kalanidhi	Coimbatore.
Swadesa Mitran	Madras.

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

P. Ranganadam
Tamil Translator to Government

Public 1889 Department.

C. No. 2052.

Confidential, No. 287

From,
The Malayalam Translator
to Government

To,
The Chief Secretary to
Government.

UNDER SECRETARY
1 JUL 89
PUBLIC ETC. DEPTS.

No. 42

Dated 29th June 1889.

No. 42

Enclo:

Subject.

Report on the Keralopakari

The Newspaper which is now most generally read by the Malayalam-speaking community is the "Kerala Patrika" published at Calicut.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant

Malayalam Translator to Govt.

Malayalam Translators Office,
Confidential. Calicut, 29th June 1889.

No. 42

From
W. Dumergue Esquire
Malayalam Translator to Govt.

To The Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir,

In reply to your Reference on No. 1849 of 1889, dated 19th Instant, Public Department, I have the honor to state that the "Keralôpakâri" published at Mangalore, is issued from the Basel Mission Press, and is in its nature rather a literary journal than a periodical containing general information. Malayalam is not the Vernacular of the place of publication and the newspaper is hardly known in Malabar except to the adherents of the Mission. Hence though possibly read by a limited section of the community, it is not a representative organ and I do not think that its selection would afford any guarantee that the information supplied to it will have suitable publicity.

Public (89) Dept.

C No. 2051.

Confidential No 287.

From

The Telugu Translator

No. 46.

Dt. 28 }
Rd. 30 } June 1889.

Report on the Andhraprakasika

Telugu Translator's Office,
Madras, 27th June 1889.

No. 46

From

The Telugu Translator
to Government,

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
30 JUN 89
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government.

Sir,

In answer to G. O. No 1849 (Public Department), dated 19th June 1889, I have the honor to state that the Andhraprakāsika, of Madras, is fairly representative of the Telugu speaking population, its circulation being about 500. I have no hesitation in saying that any official information which may be supplied to it will have suitable publicity.

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

Gustav Oppert
Telugu Translator
to Government

supplied to it will have suitable publicity.

Public C. No. 2001

Confd. No. 25

Per: Hindustani Translator
to Govt—

Communicated 26 June 1889

Replies to reference No 1849 on the subject of the supply of official information to Vernacular papers—

Confidential

Public Cho. 2001.

CHIEF SECRETARY
27 JUN 89
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Ootacamund
26 June 1889

From Colonel A. Curtois
Per: & Hindustani Translator to Govt.
To the Chief Secretary to Government
Ootacamund.

Sir/

In reply to Reference on No 1849 of 1889 (Public Dept) dated 19th inst., containing letter No 1009 of 6th inst. from the Govt of India in which it is asked if the "Shams ul Akhbar" newspaper is a fairly representative paper to which official information might be furnished, I have the honor to state that in my opinion the selection is a suitable one, but I would recommend that such information should also be furnished to the "Jaridah-i-Rozgar", a paper which has a circulation nearly equal to that of the "Shams ul Akhbar", and sends a good many copies to Hyderabad, Dakkan. These two papers practically reach the whole of the influential Muhammadan population.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

A Curtois Colonel
Per: & Hind Translator to Govt.

Public Cho. 2000. Confidential

Confidential No 287.

From
M.R.Ry. S. Mangesh Rao,
Ag. Canarese Translator to Govt.

CHIEF SECRETARY
26 JUN 89
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated 24th June 1889.

Reporting on the Canarese newspaper proposed to be selected by the Govt of India for the supplying of official information.

Public No 2001.

its circulation, as far as I am aware, is almost wholly confined to that native State. The selection of it therefore, does not, I think, afford a sufficient guarantee that the information supplied to it will have suitable publicity among the Canarese Speaking people of this Presidency. The paper to which the same objection does not lie is the Vijiadwaja, an Anglo-Canarese weekly published in Bellary, which has the next best circulation, but the issue which has of late, become very regular. The circulation of these two apers according to the latest returns is 400 and 300 respectively.

Failing Vijiadwaja, however, the rakasica is the one best entitled to the favour, as being a paper of a very long standing and having the best chances of Stability.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your Most obedient Servant,
S. Mangesh Rau
Ag. Canarese Translator.

adras,
D ed 24th June 1889

Public C No 2001.

Confidential

Public C No 2000.

From

M. R. R. S. Mangesh Rau, Avl.

Ag. Canarese Translator to Govt.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Govt.

of Madras

Sir,

With reference to G.O. dated the 19th Instant (Reference on Public 1849/1889) I have the honour to state that the Karnataca Prakasica, the Canarese news-paper proposed to be selected by the Govt. of India for the favour of supplying official information, though has by far, the best circulation, cann be taken to be fairly representative of the Canarese people of the Madras Presidency as such, inasmuch as it is published in the province of Blly

and

Vernacular

Name of Paper	Place of publication
Madras Presidency	
✓ Keralopakari ______ (Malayalam)	Mangalore
✓ Shams-ul-Akhbar ✓ ______ (Hindustani)	Madras
✓ Andhraprakasika ✓ ______ (Telugu)	Madras
✓ Sathia Varthamani ✓ ______ (Tamil)	Pasumalai (Madura)
✓ Kudandai mitran ✓ ______ (Tamil)	Kumbakonam
✓ Karnataka Prakasika ______ (Canarese)	Bangalore

Public C No. 1849

From

The Govt. of India
Home Dept.

No. 1009

Dated 6th } June 1889
Received 14 }

Requesting information regarding certain vernacular papers to which it is proposed to furnish offl. information of public interest.

Ref. 19.6.89

Copied 19/6

Referred to the Translators to Government for early report.

18/6

To the Translators to Govt } Despd 22/6.

Reissued to Tamil Translator
4/7/89.

[Referred

No. 1009

UNDER SECRETARY
14 JUN 89
PUBLIC ETC DEPts

From

J. P. Hewett, Esqre.,
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government
of Madras

Home Department
(Public)

Simla, the 6 June 1889

Sir,

I am directed to forward a list of vernacular Newspapers published in the Madras Presidency to which it is proposed to furnish official information of public interest which is not published in the "Gazette of India"; and I am to enquire whether the papers entered in the list are fairly representative of the various Native communities and whether their selection affords a good guarantee that the information supplied to them will have suitable publicity.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

J. P. Hewett
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Pub.

in regard to the proposal of Mrs Narasing Row to make the assignment of 3 lakhs of rupees proposed in the deed of 22 which forms the second enclosure to the letter

(For orders)

12 ext 10/8

CURRENT No. 2102

[9]

DEPARTMENT.

From

A. V. Narasing Row
Vizagapatam

No.

Dated 29 June } 1889
Received 5 July }
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Forwarding 3 copies of the Annual Report (for 88) of the G. V. Juggarow Observatory, [Daba Gardens] Vizagapatam and requesting that a European Astronomer may be apptd to take the charge of it in case Govt. take it over on her Mrs Narasing Row's demise

D/ C. 2102 / 40. 13 [illegible]b/89 No 688.

The Collr will [illegible] convey to Mrs Narasing Row the thanks of H.E. the G in C for the report of the Juggarow Observatory for 1888 forwarded with the letter read above

3 A copy of the report will be forwarded to the Govt. Astronomer for remarks

(For orders)

~~10/8~~

D/

The Collr of Vizagapatam } for 1&2 only
" Govt. Astronomer }
The Advocate General

Despd 13/8

Despd 19/8

3 Mr. Wollock's demi-official letter of 6th April with its enclosures will be forwarded, confidentially, to the Advocate General who will be requested to advise Govt. in

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RENT No.

DEPARTMENT.

rom

No.

Dated

Received

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

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decide on eventually taking over the "Jagga Row" Observatory it might perhaps take the place of the proposed station on the Palnis.

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The objections to taking the Observatory over have already been before Govt. and they seem to be such as render it undesirable to accept the proposal. If taken over it could hardly be substituted for that proposed on the Palni Hills, as the idea of putting one there appears to have been based on grounds which do not exist at Vizagapatam.

H.C.S.

S
3 Aug.

We cannot at present accept the proposals regarding the Observatory the power of Mrs. A.V. Narasing Rows to make the provisions she has made being contested by her son.

4/8 J.H.G.

Perhaps we might consult the Advocate General as to the lady's power to make the assignment of 3 lakhs of rupees by the document in the confidential cover.

She should be thanked for the report on the Observatory for 1888, and it might be referred for the remarks of the Govt. Astronomer. It does not seem to be of much value.

4/8 J.H.G.
8/8 Ez

H.C.S.
4 Aug.

C/

FOR ORDERS

Have seen

The "Jagga Row" Observatory at Vizagapatam

Public DEPARTMENT.

C No. 2102

From

Dated 188

Letter from Mr Narising Rao
dd 29-6-89
sent to Govt
solicitor
Vide GO 841 Jud
9-5-96.

13/5/96

FOR ORDERS.

Para 3 of this letter would seem to require some answer. Previous papers regarding the "Jagga Rao" observatory will be found in the sealed cover put up.

There was some correspondence with the Sec of State in 1883 & 1884 on the subject of maintaining the Madras Observatory, and, on the recommendation of the Astronomer Royal, it was decided that the question of moving the observatory to a more favourable situation, and of establishing a branch observatory on the Nilgiris, shd be considered on Mr Pogson's retirement. vide GOs $\frac{9-10-83}{1383-4}$ & $\frac{10-1-84}{39-40}$

If the Govt should

D.O.
~~CURRENT~~ No. 46C.

[9] Political DEPARTMENT.

Sent with G.O. 680 Public to Advocate General Rd 14/8

From

W. A. Willock Esq. C.S.

Title Box

No.

Dated 6. 4. 89.
Received 15. 4. 89
Enclosures One

SUBJECT.

Endowment connected with W. Narsing Rao's observatory

Yes and unless no circs Can we make our recommendation for a title dependent upon the bequest. C

I quite agree. I suggested waiting when I sent on the title box yesterday. This paper makes the question very doubtful.

HCS
17 Apr

Circulated in continuation of papers circulated with "Title Box" The D.O. to Mr. Turnor will be found with papers in cover marked page 88 of Register

15 Apr

I passed on the title box yesterday or the day before. These papers show that there is every chance of Mr. Narsing Rao bequeathing the Govt. a lawsuit, instead of 3 lakhs of rupees, for the Endowment of his observatory — & I presume the grant of a title to him is dependent on the actual gift or bequest by him to Govt. of the observatory site & proposed Endowment — If it turns out that he cannot give the money or property he will not get the title & therefore it will probably be well to wait & see what his power & position really is before sending up his name for the title to the Viceroy

C. W/14

[illegible] 17/4/89 JHG

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CURRENT No.
[9]

DEPARTMENT.

From

No.

Dated
Received
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

D.O. 466/1/89

That piece or parcel of land, at Daba Gardens upon which the observatory and the buildings appertinent or belonging thereto are erected and all ways, paths, roads, upon the said land, containing by admeasurement about (14693) fourt[illegible]thousand six hundred and ninety [illegible] sq. yards and the following buildings now standing upon the said land, valued in all Rs. 60,000/. The observatory surmounted by a revolving Dome covering an equatorial Telescope having a wing running west in which has been placed the Transit, Instrument designed for the observations in the meridian. 2. The meteorological observatory and the upstair House and its lower and upper rooms and the premises and a little garden adjoining the said astronomical observatory on the north and south of the same. 3 The building of the old Transit Observatory. 4. The building in which the anemometer is mounted. 5. The Photographic studio and the building attached to it that contains

contains dark room and (Sri Ankitham Achayyammagaru) printing rooms and the two godowns on the eastern side thereof. 6. The Flagstaff used for time signals in front of the said old Transit Observatory and on the head of the fore top mast of which there is a vane to indicate the direction of the wind.

Why "fore" ?

(Sri Ankitham Atchayyammagaru).

Boundaries to this property. North Kalyana-mandiram, north wall parallel to cattle shed running as far as mango tope, south compound wall of Daba Gardens; East the wall attached to the Godowns on the eastern side of Photographic studio, West, wall of Aane haramma Doddi.

(True Copy)

8-4-89

No.	Description of Security		Amount
045 867	1854-55 Four per cent loan.		20,000
045 865	"	"	12,000
045 849	"	"	2,000
045 850	"	"	2,000
045 851	"	"	2,000
045 852	"	"	2,000
045 853	"	"	3,000
045 854	"	"	3,000
045 855	"	"	4,000
045 856	"	"	5,000
045 858	"	"	5,000
045 860	"	"	7,000
045 861	"	"	7,000
045 862	"	"	10,000
045 863	"	"	10,000
045 869	"	"	21,000
045 871	"	"	1,00,000
045 866	"	"	15,000
045 868	"	"	20,000
045 870	"	"	40,000
129,550	1842-43	"	5,000
129,551	"	"	5,000
		Total Rs.	3,00,000

Three lacs only. (Sri Ankitham Achayyammagaru).

The second schedule hereinbefore referred to.– All

that

a continuous period of twelve months. 5. In
the event of Government declining or failing
to appoint a new trustee upon the happening
of a vacancy, the appointment shall be
made by the Civil Court having jurisdiction.
upon which such? terms as the Court may direct as to
the trustee giving security and rendering
accounts and as to the remuneration of the
trustee and generally as to the management
of the said observatory. 6 subject to such
directions as may be given by the Government
or by the Court as hereinafter provided,
it shall be the duty of the trustee for the
time being to apply the funds at his disposal:–
(a) For the maintenance of the said observatory
and the buildings appertinent or belonging
thereto. (b) Providing an adequate staff
of servants, agents, and other persons to
manage the said observatory. The first
schedule hereinbefore referred to.

for the time being.

4. From and after my death and so often afterwards as a vacancy occurs in the Office of trustee, the Government of Madras may appoint a trustee upon such terms as to the security being given and accounts rendered by (Sree Ankitham Achayyamma Garu) the said Trustee and as to the remuneration to be paid to the said Trustee for his trouble in the execution of the trusts hereby declared as the Government may from time to time think fit to prescribe. The said Government may also from time to time give direction as to the investment of the fund, and for varying such investment and generally for the maintenance and management of the said observatory. There shall be a vacancy in the Office of Trustee upon the death, insolvency or lunacy of the trustee for the time being or whenever he is incapable of acting or unwilling to act as trustee or upon his ceasing to reside in the District of Vizagapatam for a

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No. 327. Copy of Document

How did she acquire title? What title did she acquire?

I Sri Ankitham Achayyamma Garu, caste Perikilu the wife of Ankitham Venkata Narsing Row Esq the Proprietrix of Sher Mahomed puram in the District of Vizagapatam and of the Estate of Jambaram in the District of Ganjam residing in Daba Gardens, Vizagapatam, being desirous of providing a fund for the maintenance of the observatory now existing in Daba gardens which was founded and established by my father the late Goday Venkata Jaggarow Esq and after his death enlarged and maintained by myself and my said husband, and which is known by the designation of G.V. Jaggarow observatory do hereby assign and set apart securities of the Government of India belonging to me of the nominal value of Rs. 3,00,000 three lacs for the maintenance and management of the said observatory subject to the provisions hereinafter contained. The said securities are described in in the first — A. Schedule hereto annexed.

2 The land upon which the observatory is built and the buildings now erected thereon or which are appertinent to or connected with the said observatory or used for the purposes of the same, and which are now particularly described in the second schedule hereto annexed, and all buildings which may be hereafter erected in connection with or for the purposes of the said observatory are hereby assigned to and vested in the trustee to be appointed from time to time in manner hereafter provided, and subject to the trusts hereby declared together with all easements, rights and privileges necessary for the convenient enjoyment and use of the property hereby assigned or transferred. The interest arising from the said securities or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be applied by me, as the first trustee of the said fund, for the maintenance of the said observatory and after my death the said interest shall be payable to the trustee

for

contract in future unless compelled to do so by my parents' action being borne by myself or paid out of my share of promissory notes.

IX. That the expenses of my sisters marriages should be paid out of the general income of the Estate, provided that the expenditure for any such marriage shall not exceed the amount incurred for my marriage. Should it become necessary to incur larger expenditure, the difference should be met from the share of the girl to be married.

X. A guarantee should be given that no further concessions will be demanded of me and for the due fulfilment of the above conditions. Should my parents decline to accede to any of the above conditions I shall consider myself absolved from one and all of them.

XI. That the immoveable estate of whatever description and all the moveable estate other than that disposed of above, should go to me in due course.

XII. Should my mother be blessed with another male child, the whole of this settlement should from the moment of the birth of such child be considered null & void.

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in the first Schedule

II. That my sisters be the number what it is now or more shall have. } 150,000

III Balance to be left to me 260,900

IV. Our jewels are worth about 100,000. These I propose to be divided into three equal shares among my mother, my sisters, and my wife. My mother's share to be eventually divided into two equal shares one for myself and one for my sisters collectively.

V. That I shall be granted a monthly allowance of Rs. 350.

VI. That I shall be granted a suitable lump sum to be determined according to family custom and precedent on special occasions such as the birth of a son or a daughter.

VII. That I should be provided with a well furnished house with the necessary utensils, and also with two carriages, two pairs of ponies or horses, and one or two riding ponies or or horses. If any of them die or become useless they should be replaced at the expense of the Estate.

VIII. That all my existing debts should be settled and paid by my parents out of general funds of the Estate. Any debts that I may

contract

I therefore place myself entirely in your hands. As however you wish to know what my terms of settlement may be, I respectfully beg to state them as follows:—

Settlement of jewels?
Must go in also?

(1) The funded capital belonging to my estate is as follows:—

Government Promissory notes in the name of my mother. } 376,900

Do do in the name of my father. 184,000

Total 560900

Of this I propose that such an amount as will fetch an interest of Rs 500 a month (the present expenses being about Rs 50 a month) be transferred to the observatory. Provided that I shall be constitued a trustee of the endowment with power to nominate my successor. Provided also that, should it be proved to the satisfaction of Government that I have not managed the observatory in precisely the same manner as it is now being managed by my father, the Government shall have a right to demand of me to deliver the sum of Rs. 150,000 with all the building and apparatus connected with the Observatory } 150,000

410,900

in the first – A. schedule hereto

Enclosure No 3 to letter No 1142 dated 21-7-99 8

Memorandum. in G.O. 688 d/13-8-89

What is the value of this doct?

Is this the executant's own production?

It looks as if these recitals as to known[illegible] have been inserted for the purpose of proving hereafter that the executant acted with full knowledge of his rights & is therefore bound.

I am aware that my mother has only life interest in my late grandfather's estate; that she has no power to alienate any part of such Estate whether it be immoveable property or funded capital, to my prejudice who am the next reversionary heir; and that if she attempted any such alienation, I have every right to prevent it. I am also aware that the Will which my mother has written is not worth the paper it is written on. At the same time I am also aware what an unedifying, not to say scandalous, spectacle it is to quarrel with my parents. I am therefore quite willing, aware as I am of my mother's disabilities and of my rights to the property of my late worthy grandfather, for the sake of peace and happiness of our family to come to an amicable settlement with my parents. I am quite ready to abide by such terms as your honor may propose. I am aware that your honor has condescended to square up our private quarrels simply from benevolent motives, and from extreme kindness towards me. I

For Pers
Don't take notice of the [illegible] pencil note or of the pencil underlining.
C.

family settlement to "buy peace"

Copy of Memorandum
by A.V. Jugga Row
in connection with
the trust deed of 20th
Oct 1884 sent to
Dt Judge Vizagapatam
with letter No 1268 Jud.
of 2nd Septr 1894

Returned – stitched below
Vide G.O. R $\frac{942 \text{ Pub}}{21\text{-}7\text{-}99}$

Read the following letter from ~~[illegible] Esq.~~ W. A. Willock Esq. C.S. Ag. Agent Vizagapatam

Vizagapatam
6 April 1889.

Chief Secretary
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Government of Madras

Omit

My dear Price,

I have your D.O. dated 19th March No 34-C.

2. I have obtained a copy of the Trust Deed executed by Mrs. Aursingrow, which has been registered, and I forward it for the information of Government.

3. You will find from the deed that the endowment of three lakhs has been assigned and set apart for the maintenance and the management of the observatory. Mrs. Aursingrow has constituted herself the first Trustee and has vested the power of appointing future trustees in the Madras Government. I understand that the Deed was drawn up in consultation with the Advocate General.

Her power?

Which ?

4. It has been the earnest wish of Mrs. and Mr. Aursingrow to place the observatory on a permanent footing, but I cannot say how far this wish has been carried out by the Trust Deed. I think the point whether the

endowment-

D.O. 34C

Fort St George
March 19. 1889

My dear Turner

Referring to para 3 of your letter No. 51. dated 15. January last Government desires me to ask you to make private enquiries, which should be kept from the knowledge of Mr. Narasinga Rao and his wife, how the endowment which you mention has been made and whether it is in the hands of trustees or withdrawable at the pleasure of Mrs. Narasinga Rao.

Can you at the same time tell me how the provision alluded to in para 4 of your letter has been effected.

Yours sincerely
(Sd) J. F. Price

H. G. Turner Esqre
C.S.

Despd 20/3.

D.O. 22C.

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~~For Orders~~.

Submitted to H.E. & Hon'ble with reference to the previous notes on the previous paper.

2/3.

2 March

Mr. Pogson does not think Mr. A. V. Narasing Rao has done anything to deserve recognition at the hands of Govt. [illegible]!

9/3/89

I agree.

JHG
11 Mar.

Council
15/3

I think quite independently of Mr. Pogson['s] letter we may consult in Council the persons recommended.

C. [illegible]

Enter name in list & ask Mr. Turner to make [illegible] [illegible] without [illegible] letting N. Rao [illegible]

C 4/3.

D.O.
~~DOCUMENT~~ No. 28C.

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Political DEPARTMENT.

Confidential

From

N. R. Pogson Esqre C.I.E.

No.

Dated /
Received / } 3. 89

Enclosures —

SUBJECT.

Mr. A. V. Narasing Rao

Over

[illegible] lady [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and whether
[illegible] [illegible]

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made by Telegraph clerks or hospital [illegible] for Rs 15 a month. I declined them when in charge of the Madras Presidency Meteorology from 1867 to 1882. I desired truth and never accepted returns from unverified instruments; but statistical tables look just as well and bring their author just as much reward if complete and punctual whether right or wrong. — Approval of the good taste shewn by wealthy patrons of art or science is one thing but to confer honors upon them for imaginary services of which they are incapable is quite another matter and a cruel wrong. — Mr. Nursing Rao found some-one willing to recommend him — from personal knowledge — as a fit and proper person for election into the Royal Astronomical Society in 1871. — He paid up his twenty guineas and became a life member as, I suppose any-one might who thought it worth the outlay.

Yours most sincerely
N. R. Pogson.

Hon J. F. Price
Chief Sec. to Govt. —

A. V. Narsing Rao

D.O. to Mr. Pogson

(Burn orders)

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D.O. No 22 C

Recd. letter from

Madras Observatory
1889 March 1. —

From
N. R. Pogson Esq C.I.E.
The Government Astronomer,

UNDER SEC. TO GOVT.
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PUBLIC Etc DEPT.

My dear Mr. Price

Your enquiry in regard to Mr. N. V. Nursing Rao and his Observatory is, by no means an easy one to reply to. — I have never been at Vizagapatam neither have I met with or even corresponded with the proprietor of the "Daba Gardens".

The old original observatory, started by one of Mr. Nursing Rao's predecessors (Jugga Rao) was I fear a not very creditable job on the part of a long past Astronomer who supplied the instruments. These have however I understand been long since superseded by really good new ones of moderate size, with which valuable work might be done if they were in the hands of competent individuals. — Whether this is the case or not I can only infer from the style of the published communications (nine in number) which have appeared in the "Monthly Notices of the R. A. Society" and I should say decidedly not.

P.C. No. 118

D.O. 22 C. d/ 26. 2. 89.

Confidential

My dear Mr. Pogson,

Can you tell Government something about the work (if any) done at Mr. A.V. Narsing Rao's observatory at Vizagapatam, and the nature of its equipment? Has it been of any scientific value?

Yours sincerely

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N. R. Pogson Esqre
C.G.O. } Despd 26/2

A.T.P.
22/2

Note.
The pencil line is A.T.'s.

Copy of these notes is attached

For orders.

It was considered by Hon. Members last Dec. that it would not be appropriate to make this lady a Rani because her husband took an interest in star-observing & she had supplied the means for his doing so.

Submitted that her name may be simply registered in the book of titles. It will then come up for consideration in ordinary course along with others.

A.T.
13/2

I am not aware that Mr. A.V. Narsing Rao's Observatory has conferred any benefit on the world at large or on Vizagapatam in particular. He is fond of astronomy & makes certain periodical astronomical calculations I believe & I think (though of this I am not sure) ~~that~~ he fires a gun at noon daily – but I hardly think these deeds call for public recognition – & the incident of his wife's wealth hardly seems ground for making her a Rani – The application might be registered as suggested.

15/2/89

ⓒ Perhaps the Govt. Astronomer might be asked to tell something of the work, if any, done at the Observatory in question & the nature of its equipment

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Political C. No.

Revenue 1889.

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

No. 793

To

The Secretary to Government,
R.D.

Westmn
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Recd 1 Feb.

Proceedings, dated 31st January 1889,
No. 53 Mis. Enclosures 1

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
4 FEB 89
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Recd 8/1/89

Subject.

Submitting for the favorable consideration application of the Collr of Vizagapatam for bestowing the title of "Rani" as a mark of personal distinction on Sri Ankithama Atchayamma Garu, Proprietor of Sher Mohammadpuram &

Indorsement No. 740-

Transferred to the Public Dept.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George
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C. No. ~~401~~ 118

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue).

Dated 31st January 1889

Mis.

No. 537

W. S. Whiteside Esq.
The Honorable J. Grose, M.A

READ — letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam, dated 15th January 1889, No: 51.

Resolution:-

Submitted to Government for favorable consideration.

(True Extract)
M Hammick
Secretary.

To.

The Secy to Govt. R.D.
with letter in orgl to be retd.

Copy to the Collr of Vizagapatam

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HM.

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In ~~[illegible] 1874~~/89

5. Besides this Sri Ankitham Atchayyamma Garu has been a most considerate landlord and on all occasions of distress she has liberally come forward to relieve the poor.

6. On her husband the Government have recently bestowed the title of Rao Bahadur, but it will be plain from the above narrative that the institution could not have progressed to its present position, nor could it be continued hereafter if the lady had withheld the assistance she has bestowed on it.

7. Under these circumstances and in view of the lamentable fact that the lady's health is now failing, I have the honor, at the request of Rao Bahadur A.V. Narsing Row to submit to Government that the Proprietrix merits the bestowal on her of the title of Rani as a personal distinction

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
H G Turner.
Collector

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on leaving his Estate to this lady, the deceased Astronomer, committed to her care his Observatory which was to him, as he said, more than a mortal son.

3. Mr A.V. Narsingrow to whom the above mentioned lady was married, took up the studies of astronomy and meteorology. All costs of the institution were liberally met by the Proprietrix and finally, in view to perpetuate the work now carried on under the direction of her husband, she has endowed the institution to the very munificent extent of 3 lakhs of Rupees, besides transferring to it all the adjoining buildings and appurtenances.

4. She has made provision that the management shall vest in Government after her demise, if they may then be pleased to undertake the trust.

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Vizagapatam Co

office 15th January 1889.

D'S GEN. REG. No 155 OF 1889.
LAND REVENUE

From

H. G. Turner, Esquire
Collector of Vizagapatam.

To.

H. A. Sim Esquire
Secretary to the Commissioners of
Land Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

The Astronomical Observatory at Vizagapatam was established by Mr Gode' Venkata Jaggarow (now deceased) Elder brother to Rajah Gajapatirow. He was a well known scientific and public spirited Gentleman.

2. Having no male issue, he in preference to adopting a boy, left all his wealth to his only daughter, Sri Ankitham Atchayyamma Garu, now Proprietrix of Shermohammadpuram in this District and of Embaram in Ganjam.

In

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Collector

Extract from D.O. from the Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor, dated 12. December 1888

"It occurs to him (H. E. the Governor) that Mrs A. V. Narsing Rao might perhaps be recommended for the title of "Ranee", on account of the services of her husband the astronomer in the cause of science. He has written to His Excellency saying that as the money by which he is able to carry on his researches belongs to his wife, any honors should be conferred upon his wife and not upon himself."

Notes by Hon'ble Members

I feel some difficulty in forming an opinion but even if A. V. Narsing Rao's services in the cause of science are considered worthy of recognition it seems to me doubtful whether his wife could be appropriately selected to hold the honour

(Sd) C.G.M. 13 Dec.

I agree, the titles are personal distinctions (Sd) H.E.S. 13 Decr.

Collector

FURTHER PAPER, No. Pub [illegible] OF 1890

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, dated 188 , No. , MISCELLANEOUS.

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