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No. 55. Read the following Petition.

To the Right Honorable G. F. R. LORD HARRIS, Governor in Council of Fort St. George; Madras.

From Adee Rajah, Queen Beebee of Cannanore, Sovereign of the Laccadive Group, dated Cannanore, 23rd September 1857.

MY LORD,

I most respectfully beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of the Minutes of Consultation dated the 15th August, in reply to my representation of the 30th July, and to inform your Lordship in Council, that Acting Collector Mr. W. Robinson did himself the honor of visiting me on the 15th instant, when he was pleased to acquaint me with the purport of the order he had lately received, directing the adoption of stringent measure in the administration of the Manakee Island and the placing of the expense thereof to my account.

2nd. On my learning the above circumstance, I was seized by undescribable grief and regret which exceed in magnitude all I have suffered for these ten years; consequently with a heavy heart, I besought the aforesaid Gentleman to convey the drift of the subjoined representation to your Lordship in Council, in the humble but sanguine hopes that your Lordship's Government will, in consideration of my sex, award thereto your pity and commiseration, and, at the same time, deign to redress the grievance of a family who have always proved faithful and loyal to the British Government.

3rd. It will be seen by the public records that in payment of the tribute of 5,000 Rupees and 11 pies due by me, as for the Jemmabundy accounts, on Manakee and my possession at Cannanore, I refrained from drawing the amount of compensation Rupees 5,250 payable to me by the Circir on my Amanee Island. When such is the case and the public accounts bear witness to the fact of there being no balance of kist due on Manakee, it is a matter of no little regret that Government should order its attachment and thereby entail loss and misery upon myself and family. Were the Circir even disposed to remit the balance alleged to be due by me on the other Islands, namely, Androm, Kalpany, Cabretty, and Akatee, such remission will be insufficient to compensate for all the loss I have been subject to for these ten years, but, unfortunately, I have not met with sympathy equal to the extent of my loss; and although I am engaged for these many years in representing my distressed case, yet to my very great disappointment and regret nothing was done towards my relief; but on the contrary to add to my misfortune, Government was pleased to invade my Sovereignty by entering into the administration of my Islands as if I had deserved it by some atrocious crimes, and to issue out an order for the seizure of Manakee, without any just cause, and the maintenance of a large establishment thereon as an enormous expense to be carried to my account. This measure will not only aggravate my misfortune by adding to my alleged liability, but will also subject me to the scorn and derision of my enemies without my having done ought to deserve it.

4th. Despite the above circumstance and the heavy loss I have already suffered, (to the representation whereof no favorable consideration was given,) should Government still continue to conduct the management of the aforesaid Islands, it will materially tend to raise an evil report, representing me as an alien to the Circir, and such report, I must be permitted to add, is incompatible with the dignity and respectability of my house, and with the friendship which subsists between it and the British Government. Nay were I still to confine myself to the mere representation of grievance, such report will most undoubtedly gain ground and contribute to the malignant gratification of my enemies. Therefore calling to mind the misery I have already endured, and those to which myself and family will be subject to by the ruinous step about to be taken by Government in my case, I most humbly and submissively beg leave to promise the following simple request in the hopes that your Lordship in Council will be graciously pleased to pass a favorable order on the subject.

5th. It is my earnest request that your Lordship in Council will be pleased to strike off from the balance of kist said to be due by me, for the recovery whereof my four Islands, and

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation 21st October 1757