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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>966</i>	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
from 16th to 22d July 1859.*

Read the following papers.

No. 40 to 43. From ADI RAJAH, Bibi of Cannanore.

*Recapitulating the subject of her former address-
es requests that the Islands now under se-
questration for arrears due to Government
may be restored to her, and that she may be
relieved from the greater part of the charge
brought against her for provisions supplied by
the Bombay Government in 1851.*

(Here enter 23rd Nov. 1858, and 10th Feb.,
26th March, and 23rd May 1859.)

No. 44. From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Se-
cretary to Government, R. D., Fort St. George; dated Calicut, 8th June 1859, No. 47.

In accordance with the instructions conveyed in the Proceed-
ings* of the Madras Government under date the 1st instant, I have
* No. 740. the honor to enclose copies of an original memo.† of the cost and
† Dated 7th Oct. 1851. charges of provisions, supplied by the Bombay Government in the
year 1851, for the use of the Laccadive Islands, and an Extract therefrom consisting of items
which were considered to be fairly debitable to the Beebee of Cannanore, amounting to Ru-
pees 9,327-0-8. The difference between this sum and the original amount (Rs. 12,234-10-2)
viz. Rupees 2,907-9-6, being found to appertain to the Ameny Island under the management
of the Collector of Canara, that officer was requested to adjust the same, to the credit of the
Bombay Government under date the 29th December 1851.

Memo. shewing the cost and charges of provisions supplied by the Honorable Company's Steam
Vessels "Ferooze" and "Auckland", to the inhabitants of the Laccadive
Islands, in the months of June and July 1851.

Quantity.	Names of Articles.	Rate.		Per.	Amount.		Total.		Grand Total.	
		Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
	In June 1851. By Steam Packet "Ferooze." For the inhabitants of Androot.									
lbs.										
800	Curry Stuff...				46	7 11				
2,750	Dholl...	12	2	Md.		74 10 11				
95,000	Rice...	11	3		2,385	9 7				
400	Salt...	6	1		5	6 10				
1,500	Salt fish...	1	9		56	1 4				
No.										
725	Bags Gunny double...	2	7	Corge single.	178	15 9	2,747	4 4		
	For the inhabitants of Kalpine.									
lbs.										
400	Curry Stuff...				23	4 ...				
550	Dholl...	12	2	Md.	14	14 11				
240	Ghee...	4	2 11		35	13 7				
33,800	Rice...	11	3		848	12 4				
100	Salt...	6	1		1	5 8				
No.										
255	Bags Gunny double...	2	7	Corge single.	62	15 3				
2	Duppers...									
							Included in Ghee.		987	1 9
	For the inhabitants of Cabruta.									
lbs.										
800	Biscuits...	6	12 10	Cwt.	48	9 3				
330	Dholl...	12	2	Md.	8	15 4				
600	Ghee...	4	2 11		89	9 11				
15,200	Rice...	11	3		381	11 1				

No 140—of 1859

From the Kibi of
Lamunau.

Forwarded to the ^{Hon.} Collectors of
Malabar. The petition

merely contains a remon-
strance against the
Decapitalates the subject
the former addrees
and requests that the approval of the Home
the Island, now under authorities, been pursued
sequestration for arrears in the Kibi's case. Mr.
due to the Govt. may
be restored & her?

Grant will therefore
be good enough to
inform that Lady
that the Govt have no
orders to pay on her
address; and to
make known & her
once for all, that

The Government will
opinion that no further
change will be made
the position of the
Government

no petitions of any
kind will in future
be noticed, in which
the writer arrogates
to her self the title
of "Queen", or "Sovereign".

M. Korman

Dr. Lee

Jan 12 1859.

Chettab. Kitten. Kadamut
and Ameng.

† Androt. Kalpeny. Kowrat
Amentha & Menakai

Lacadive Islands

For nearly the whole group was under
the Ribi' of Cananore. But four islands
were taken by Lipu and on his
fall were attached to the Canara
Collectorate.

The remaining five belonged to the
Ribi' and of these two (Androt and
Kalpeny) were almost entirely
destroyed by a hurricane in April/47.

E. M. C. 26th Aug. 1847. Mr. Robinson was deputed to visit
and report on the damage done
and also at the same time to enquire
into the fiscal arrangements of the
Ribi'. Of which complaints had come
to hand and which had been referred
to the Collector of Canara & Malabar.

E. M. C. 21st Aug. 47. In report of Mr. Robinson
19th May 1848. This report showed that the
Islands were very badly managed,
and entered in detail into the
produce, population &c. of the
Islands under the Ribi' and
reported fully on the damage
done by the hurricane of 1847.

The Col. of Malabar found
it might as well be
mentioned that the Ribi' paid
an annual perquisite
of 10,000 on these Islands.
The Col. of Malabar

forwarded a petition from the Ribi soliciting a remission of $\frac{1}{2}$ her annual ^{tribute} ~~payment~~ or 7500 for 15 years in consideration of the damage done by the Hurricane.

From C.M. D.W.
 No 3. 3rd Feb 1849

This means the present she paid on the Islands = 10,000 & on the Cameroons = 5,000
 15,000.

The amount of remission like given was fully described by Govt. and it was at last decided that the sanction of the Bengal Govt. should be obtained for remitting $\frac{1}{2}$ of her ^(10,000) Island tribute or 3333 Rs. to commence from the current July 1259 on condition of her consenting to give effect to such reforms in the management of her Island as might be deemed advisable.

See H. Pettigrew's minute. 10th Aug. 1849
 E. & C. 19th Oct. 1849 No 1006.

The Supreme Govt. sanctioned this arrangement, but the Ribi would not allow of the amount of the conditions and the remission order authorizing the remission was recalled, and the C.M. of Malabar instructed to ^{such amount} ~~be~~ ^{as ought to be} ~~valued~~.

From Secy of India to Secy. Madras
 No 828. 30th Nov. 1849

E. & C. No 778. 21st Aug. 1850

overstanding without further delay. The Ribi then addressed Govt. requesting that this order might be ^{kept} in abeyance till she had memorialized the Govt. of India.

47th Sept. 51. From Ribi to Govt.

This request Govt. declined acceding to - and on the 16th Oct. the Memorial was submitted & laid on the Council Table. In the mean time she addressed the Govt. of India, and an explanation was called for and given.

E. & C. 10th Oct. 1849

The W. of Rev. reporting on the question of this sale in satisfaction of arrears of Purchase recommended that it should be considered in a political point-of-view, which Govt. rejected to and desired in the event of the Ribi still in the holding payment, that the property should be at once sold, unless the Ribi gave an unequivocal offer of the surrender of Govt. of her entire rights and claims in those Islands which she was under her management.

From W. 19th Aug 1852. No 559
 No 2. E. & C. No 605. 25th June 1852.

This order was referred Home
and the Hon^{ble} the Com^{rs} of
Trincom in their despatch
quite concurred with the
opinion of this Gov^t that
we have no right to demand
from the Rani Nibbi the
compulsory cession of four
islands (vide L^o H. P^o 1847
minutes 10th Sept 497, and
also concurring in the
cession of $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Nibbi
annual tribute for 10 years,
but only on her agreeing to
the conditions laid down,
and again the Hon^{ble} Com^{rs}
on viewing more papers on
the subject expressed their
opinion that the present
was a favorable opportunity
of getting the Nibbi to
surrender her proprietary
interests on the Islands
and desired this Gov^t
to depute a person to
open negotiations with
her for this purpose who was to promise in the event of the Nibbi's
consenting that all arrears
of P^oisment should be remitted and a reasonable
Malikanch allowed as compensation.

Para 8. O^o despatch
C^o 9 of 1850. 2nd Oct.

O^o despatch
C^o 9 of 1852
Para 20

E. L. C. C^o 886
7th Sept. 1852

From H^o Gov^t
C^o 170. 25th April 1853

E. L. C. C^o 564
22nd May 1853.

Para 6. O^o despatch
C^o 5 of 1853.

This was referred to the P^o with an
request to instruct the C^o of
Malabar to enter into the negotiation
and in the mean while not to
proceed with the sale.

The Rev^d reported the unsatisfactory
result of this negotiation, and
Gov^t considered that as these
negotiations were taken in accordance
with the O^o orders, it w^o be
necessary to report the result
to them and await their reply.

which arrived, and the opinion
of the O^o was that the Nibbi had
been treated with too great
indulgence, and decided that
measures sh^d be at once taken
to enforce the claims on the Nibbi
in the future. The O^o go on
to explain the measures to
be taken. The arrears on the
Land Rev^d of Cannanore were
to be secured by the Regulation
that on the Islands by
taking the administration into
our hands, and as was the
opinion of the Nibbi that
a relinquishment of her
administrative would excuse
her.

E. L. C. 62. 11th July 1854

These orders this Gov^t conveyed

The Authorities with
instructions to carry them
into effect.
The Niti petitioned strongly
against this course being
followed.

18th July 1854

The H. of Res. recommended
the attachment of the
Niti's islands in arrears
and got sanctioned the
arrangement, and
granted authority for the
maintenance of the
establishment proposed
by the C. of Malabar,
and the H. of R. quite
approved of the arrangement
thus made.

CP 357. 10th Aug 1854

CP 9. In C. CP 106.
7th Sept. 1854

total cost 175 Rs per mensem

CP despatch
CP 2. 31st Jan 1855

From H. of R.
CP 2274. 15th Sept 1855

Am. dist. Kalfeng Cawaty Akall

The H. of Res. report that
the four islands were
sequestered in the 19th
Nov. 1854 and that of
Manacoy on the 22nd March 55
humiliated peti. on various
subjects all connected
with the order of G. H.
have been since recd
from the Niti.

The Rev. B. report.

From H. of R. CP 984. 31st March 1854.

on the conduct of the people
of Inimikai who in fact
defied the authority of the
Govt. servants. and the
Govt. issued strict orders the
conveyed to the Niti explaining
that in the event
of continued resistance
on her part the whole of
her property would be sequestered.

Para 8. 18th June 1857.

I. M. C. 605. 18th June 1857.

Para 15.

This order was conveyed to
the Niti through Mr. Robinson

Letter from Mr. Robinson to Niti
CP 2339. 17th July 1857

and Mr. Robinson reported
to Govt. that on a personal
interview with the Niti
he failed to elicit the
smallest acknowledgment
of error. He objected to Govt.

From Mr. Robinson to Govt.
CP 132. 29th Sept 1857.

interference as an "invasion
of her sovereignty" and that
in fact the Niti is "wholly
impracticable" and that

Para 5.

Para 8.

she had, and has, an Arab
adventurer who preys upon
her and buoy her up with
the hope in her resistance
with the hope that a petition

to Parliament (of which he is like the Reven on a large
salary!

will be successful.

Para 9.

Mr. Robinson ~~presented~~ then explained the character of the Nibi's family - the whole of them of wh.^{ch} have been our foes during the Mysore war. The Fort of Cannanore itself has been twice taken in 1784. & 1791. When the vanquished foes were treated with consideration and the Nibi' in consequence of her inextinguishable hatred of the British was treated with ^{rigor} and not as Malikannah. The islands themselves w^h have been confiscated in 1795, but at the French war broke out, and the C^t then thought that by leaving them under the Nibi's protection they w^d be free from attacks from the French. { old Com^{missioners} report. Her title of "Highness" which she used having lost had not been used since prior to 1820. and was discontinued in 1848 - para 15.

This is the state of the case. The Nibi still continues to petition G^o. requesting that her islands may be relieved from attachment. She also alleges that the cost of provisions supplied by the Hon^{ble} G^o is partly in excess of what she applies

Memos

Mentioning all the
correspondence that
has taken place with
the Nibi' & Govt. regarding
her solicitations to have
her Islands relieved
from attachment.

From Govt of Malabar C/222
5th June 1857.

From agent to Nibi'. 29th May 1857.

From Nibi'.

C.H.C. 562. 13th June 1857.

From Capt. Nielden. 16th June 1857.

28th June / 57 to 26th July

Memos regarding
provisions supplied by
the Bombay Govt. to the islands
belonging to the Nibi' of
Cannanore.

The Govt. of Malabar
forwarded to Govt. a petition
this address from the Agent
of the Nibi' of Cannanore
informing him that the
boats conveying rice to the people of
Adroth, one of the Islands
belonging to the Nibi', had
been unable to reach the Island
from steep of weather, and
praying that aid might be
granted at once, to keep the
Govt. referred this letter to the
Master Attendant, Capt.
Nielden, in his opinion as
the best means of throwing
supplies into the Laccadive
Islands, Capt. Nielden replied
that during the monsoon it
would be impossible for sailing
vessels to reach the Islands
and consequently recommended
that the Bombay Govt. should
be applied to for a steamer
which course was followed

C/2599. 19th June / 57.

The Govt. of Malabar had
 however sent the Bombay
 Govt. a copy of the petition
 which he furnished this Govt.
 with on the 5th June 1857, and
 the Bombay Govt. at once
 responded and dispatched
 the Steamer Terage with
 supplies.

The supplies thus furnished
 by the Bombay Govt. to the
 Islands are as follows

Letter from Commander of the Terage.
 27th June 1857.

Andrott. 1500 Inhabitants		
Rice	700 bags	95000 lbs
Sholl	25	2750
Curry stuff	—	800
Salt	—	400
Salt fish	—	1500
Kalperuni. 600 Inhabitants		
Rice	250 bags	33800 lbs
Sholl	5	550
Shee	2 Babbers	240
Salt	—	100
Curry stuff	—	400
Cabrutar. 1700 Inhabitants		
Rice	140 bags	15200 lbs
Sholl	3	330
Shee	5 Babbers	600
Biscuit	10 bags	800

This Island is described by the
 Capt. of the Terage as being in a "flourishing
 condition." Supply of rice scanty, but
 cocoa nuts, bread fruits & plantains
 in abundance.

The Govt. then forwarded a
 petition from the Nibi'
 complaining that the Bombay
 Govt. had exceeded her
 wishes in supplying more
 articles than were required;
 that only 700 Robbuis were
 applied for (valued about Rs 1000)
 In Andrott alone, that the
 Bombay Govt. had supplied
 provisions to the two Islands
 which was not asked for
 as they were in no need
 of relief, and solicited
 Govt. not to urge their claim
 against her for the amount.
 To this Govt. replied that
 they were not prepared to
 relieve the Nibi' of any part
 of the charge of Rs 9,327.11.8.
 made against her by the
 Bombay Govt. for provisions supplied.

Here the matter ended,
 when L. D. Harris visited
 Malabar, the Nibi' went
 to see him, and explain
 her cause of complaint
 and it appears that L.
 Harris considered that in

From Govt. C. W. 15th Nov. 1857.
 From Nibi' 11 Nov. 1857.

Robbin = a morah = 80 lbs
 $\frac{700 \times 80}{56,000}$ Quantity
 asked for the Nibi'

G. L. C. No 1265. 14th Dec 1857.

rice had been supplied than was absolutely necessary, and that several articles were provided which were not asked for, in short that the Ribi had some ground of complaint on this head.

The Govt of Malabar was accordingly directed to send a memo showing the cost of the provisions supplied & and from this memo it appears that the ^{total} price of the several articles was as follows.

	lbs	R. a. p.
Rice	144000	= 3616-1-0
Curry	3630	= 98-9-2
Curry stuff	1200	= 69-11-11
Peas	840	= 125-7-6
Salt	500	= 6-12-6
Salt fish	1500	= 56-1-4
Biscuits	800	= 48-9-3
Total		4027-4-8
Coal & for ship & coys.		5109-6-7
		9136-9-3
Packing charges		279-11-4
		9416-4-7
Coal for ship & coys on ferry		30-7-8
		9446-12-3

Rs. of hundreds for 1st June/59

to the R. This is 113-0-7 in excess of the charge against the Ribi of Rs 9327-11-8, probably owing to the Feroge having shipped a few articles for the Govt. Island "Armenie" which was perhaps deducted from the total charge of Steamer expenses, under the heading of "Coal" &c

no claims on our Government. She has ever shown herself a spacious, diligent dependant & for our own not disposed to show her any favour.

Memo. of provisions supplied to the Ribi of Cannanore by the Bombay Govt. in 1857 for the use of her Islands

C 28 June/59 26 July

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The sum is due to Mr. East
of NY & if she does not pay
it we must.

Think she sh^d. be req^d to
pay the full amount of her supplies
& we may if despaired to the
liberal charge the costs to this
Inquiry.

But the Bible has

the starving people, that
Bibi should be informed that
100 rupees no further claim with her
made cause her
27/5
L E

They however to call
attention to the first
application for assistance
contained in the Cols

The terms of which are rather ambiguous, as

It looks as if she applied
for only 650 mooras, a cobbin.

The Est. on put - however
clearly to have a certain
clearly the exact ^{quantity} ~~amount~~ -
required -

The Milb is evidently entitled to a large remission. She ought to be charged only for what she asked for, and, considering that it has never been the practice of the British Government to charge the freight of food sent to us I doubt about the Steamer. I suggest that the whon her paym

of this sum ^{Rs} 9440.12.3,
only Rs 2747.4.4 - was
spent in provisions supplied
to Androt. and it will be
seen that the quantity of
and value of Rice alone
greatly exceeded the quantity
applied for by
the Ribi in this one Island,
putting the other two Islands
quite out of the question.
There is also a large
sum under the head
of Coal &c. used by the
steamer Ferop amounting
to Rs 5109.4.7. which
is debited against the
Ribi and included
in the charge of Rs 9327.11.8.

If Jt^{cs} are pleased to
accede to the Ribi's request
it will be seen that the
value of the Rice she asked
for is about ^{Rs 1400 est} Rs 1000 (as she
says) to this must be added

applied to Androt
^{lbs} 2795000 - value ^{Rs} 2385.9.7
applied for by Ribi, according to
her own statement in petition of
the 11th Nov^r 1857. 700 cobbins.
equal about ⁷⁰⁰
⁸⁰
56000
taken calculating the cobbins
at lbs 80. which shows an
excess of ^{supplied 95000}
^{lbs} 9000, ^{applied 56000}
³⁹⁰⁰⁰
without taking into consideration
the other articles & the value
of about Rs 361, supplied
to this island ^{alone} only, and
supplies to the value of
about Rs 1553 given to
the other two Islands which
she says were not in need
of assistance -

at 11.5. per maund

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 20 July 1859

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papers.

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may be relieved from the greater
part of the charge brought
against her for provisions
supplied by the Komrag Jt^{cs}
in 1857.

From the Collector of Malabar
(Here enter 8th June 1859 No 49)

1. Forwarded to the C^{ts} of
Malabar, who will inform
the Ribi of Cannanore that
Jt^{cs} see no reason to release
her Islands from sequestration
and restore them to her. The
course pursued in her case
has been approved of by the
Home authorities and Jt^{cs}
have no further orders to pass
on this part of her address.
2. With regard to the alleged
high charge for provisions
debited against the Ribi
viz Rs 9327. the Jt^{cs} are
pleased to view her request
with a favorable eye, and
resolve to call upon the Ribi
to pay merely the value of
food actually supplied
being

being Rs 4021, On her paying
~~completing~~ this sum, the
 balance Rs 5306, being the
 cost of transport, will
 be remitted and paid
 by the Bombay Govt from this
 Treasury. J.L.

9327 total charge
 4021 cost value of provision
 5306.

J.L.

6 Copies to the B. of Res. Dept. 25th
 1 — a Colln of Malakani
 1 — a Account of the
 1 — a a Cullaudon

List

Copy in a letter to E
of 27th Jan'y 1860 N^o 3

Revenue 1859 Depart^t.
Pro: of Govt. 22^d July.

N^o 966.

Pro: of the Madras Govt^t.
D^d 20th July 1859.

From the B- of Rev- of 1st Dec^r
1859 C. N. 2256. in Cons.
10 Dec^r 1860

From D^d 8th Sept^r 1860 C^N 2287

Pibi of Cannanore
to be informed that her
Islands cannot be re-
leased from sequestration.

N^o 40 at 45-