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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th July 1860.

No. 273. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th July 1860, No. 3,174 :—

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 8th June 1860, No. 110 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, dated 20th April last, No. 1,910.

2. As directed by the Board, I informed the Valavanád Rájá of their views as regards the shares of Málikána due to the junior members of his family. But far from making, or proposing any arrangements for the regular payment of these shares, he, in his reply, merely promises their payment, and asserts that the whole Málikána (without any deduction) should be disbursed to him as heretofore.

3. From the character of the Rájá, I can by no means expect that he will fulfil his promise. His juniors are clamorous for their just dues, and I see, therefore, no other alternative than to solicit the sanction of the Board for the payment of their shares of Málikána *direct* from my Treasury.

4. The amount of share due to each of the parties is shown in the Memorandum annexed to paragraph 4 of my letter to the Board, dated 11th April last, No. 71.

In Cons., 16*th April* 1860, *No.* 1,690.

1. Submitted for the consideration and Orders of Government with copy of the Collector's letter, dated 11th April 1860, No. 71.

Ex. Mins. Cons., R. D., No. 1,279, 9*th, in Con.*, 11*th December* 1857, *No.* 4,927.

2. As the Collector does not think from the character of the Valavanád Rájá, that he will pay the stipends of the junior members of the family regularly, the Board recommend that in accordance with the course adopted in a similar case in 1857, the Collector may be authorised (if it proves necessary) to deduct the shares of the junior members from the Málikána allowance, and issue them separately from his Treasury.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 274. ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1860, No. 1,221.

1. The Board of Revenue submit, with their conditional support, the recommendation of the Collector of Malabar that the Málikána allowance of the Valavanád Rájá, amounting to Rupees 16,415-1-7, which is now paid in full to the senior Rájá, to be by him distributed among the other members of the family, should for the future be distributed by the Collector to the several participants, according to certain shares agreed on. The grounds of this recommendation are the alleged disreputable character of the senior Rájá, and the irregularity of his payments to the junior Rájás.

2. It is always considered objectionable to break up these allowances except in cases of absolute necessity. In the present instance, it is not clear that the senior Rájá has ever actually withheld the allowances of the other members of the family though they are afraid that he will do so, and there appears to have been some delay on his part. It does not appear to the Government that it is necessary as yet to pay the allowances separately. It will probably be sufficient to warn the senior Rájá that if he fail hereafter on any one occasion to pay the allowances of the juniors immediately on the payment of the whole to himself, the Government will direct the separate payment to the juniors. This will probably deter him from further evasion; and if he should, notwithstanding, fail to pay the juniors, the way of the Government will then be clear to order separate payments.

3. The Board of Revenue will instruct the Collector of Malabar to warn the Valavanád Rájá accordingly.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 1,910.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 20th April 1860.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 11th April 1860, No. 71 :—

I have the honor to bring to your notice the conduct of the senior Raja of the Valoovenad family, who unjustly deprives the other junior members of his family of their portion of the annual Malikana allowance.

To enable the Board to understand the case fully, I shall briefly enter into particulars.

2. The Malikana granted to this family is Rupees 16,415-1-7, and is paid by four quarterly instalments, on the receipt of the Valia or eldest Raja, who distributes amongst the several other junior Rajas the shares to which they are respectively entitled.

3. There had been differences between the predecessors of the present head of the family and the other members, with regard to the payment of their shares of the allowance; but these differences were invariably amicably adjusted between themselves.

4. Since the succession of the present Raja, a similar difference again broke out in 1857, between him and the present junior Rajas on whose complaint Mr. Thomas, then Special Assistant, was deputed, with the aid of the Tahsildar, to effect an amicable arrangement.

MEMORANDUM.

	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Valia Raja	10,029	6	1	Aripra Kovilagom Valia Rani	285	11	5
2nd do. ...	2,200	0	0				
3rd do.	1,514	4	8	Mangade Kovilagath Valia Rani	285	11	5
4th do. ...	314	4	7				
5th do.	285	11	5	Kadana mana Kovilagatha Valia Rani... ...	285	11	5
Padinharkare Raja	214	4	7				
Manarmel Raja ...	285	11	5	Kadana Mutheyil Elea Rani.	142	13	9
Kolatur Valia Rani ...	285	11	5				
Airomali Kovilagom Valia Rani	285	11	5	Rupees...	16,415	1	7

On the 13th January 1858, a Memorandum, as per margin was drawn out, shewing the amount allotted to each of the Rajas, and it was proposed that they should be hereafter paid *at once*, on the receipt of the Malikana by the Valia Raja's Sanad Kariasten (authorized Vakil).

This arrangement was observed for a short time, when the parties again disagreed.

Arzis were subsequently received from them separately, requesting that the share of each might be issued to him directly from the Treasury. However, as far as the Valia Raja was concerned, he soon after withheld his request on the plea that it was not made voluntarily but at the pressing instance of his juniors.

5. My present Special Assistant was, therefore, desired to enquire into this fresh discord, and to see whether a reconciliation could not be effected. The annexed Extracts from a Statement given before him by the Valia Raja contain the result of Mr. MacGregor's interference in the matter :—

"I agree to pay through my Kariasten to the other Rajas a sum of Rupees 1,596-6-10 from "each instalment of the Malikana."

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"I will order my Kariasten to hand over the money to the Kariasten of the other Rajas on "receiving it at Calicut. To prevent disputes, such as have occurred from the Kariasten's "denying the receipt of the money, I will order the money to be paid at the time of receipt "in the Treasury before the Collector or Deputy."

6. It was necessary in order to have these conditions enforced, that they should have been embodied in the Sanad of the Valia Raja's Kariasten appointed to receive the Malikana, and a letter was addressed to the Raja on the 20th December 1859, desiring him to return the Sanad for the purpose, to which, however, no reply has been received. The request was repeated in a letter, dated 15th January following, which was addressed on the application of the other Rajas

representing their grievances consequent on the non-receipt of their portion of the allowance as agreed on. In this letter he was informed that if no answer was received within the given time, the Malikana would be issued to each of the Raja's separately, in accordance with the spirit of his proposal. To this remonstrance he replied under date the 25th February last protesting against the payment to each directly from the Treasury and promising to pay them himself.

7. The Raja is a proprietor of a large Estate, and the income he derives therefrom together with the Malikana is all spent in ostentation and debauchery. His Kariastens are selections from amongst the connections of his wives, of whom he has three. To quote Mr. MacGregor's words, "He is a feeble, disreputable old man, and has disgraced himself in the eyes of his caste by "marrying *three sisters*."

8. The Raja not merely deprives his family of their just allowances, but is known to be such a spend-thrift that he has incurred large debts, involved himself in law suits, and is now a judgment debtor in a number of Decrees passed therein.

9. Under all the circumstances, I request the Board will be pleased to grant me permission to make such arrangements as will secure to the junior members of this family the due payment of their respective shares of the Malikana, in conformity with the aforesaid Memorandum exhibiting the proportion payable to each, and the statement put in by the Raja.

10. I observe that in a similar case in the family of the Kartinad Raja, Government permitted the deduction from the Malikana of the shares of the junior members, and the issues of the same separately from the Treasury; and the Board in their Proceedings of the 11th December 1857, ruled that "a similar course might be pursued whenever necessary with other families." But as the Order was not carried out in the above case in consequence of the family having come to an amicable arrangement among themselves, I think it desirable that the Board's instructions should be obtained previous to taking any steps in the present case.

Minutes Consultation, 9th December 1857.

The Board request the Collector, in the first instance, to inform the Raja that unless he immediately arranges for regular payment of their shares to the other members of the family, the Board will, without giving him a further opportunity of doing so, cause the payments to be made *direct* from the Collector's Treasury.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) D. J. SIM,
Secretary.

To P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

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1860 Departt.

Enclosure in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government Revenue Departt. dated 10th July 1860 No. 3174.

Bd. 20 April 1860 No 1910

R 1453/60.

Letter from the Collector of Malabar to the Board of Revenue dated 11th April 1860 No. 71 and the Bd's Proceedings to the Collr of Malabar dated 20th April 1860 No. 1910 - regarding Shares of Malikhana -

R 1453/60.

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arrangement. Enc.

Sgd

The facts of this case will be found fully stated in the Board's Progs. of April 20 accompanying.

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separately - I think it will probably be expedient to keep an open warning the Senior Raja that if he fails on any one occasion to pay the allowances of the Juniors punctually on the payment of the whole to him, the Govt. will direct the separate payment to the Juniors - This will probably prevent his committing evasion; & if he shd., notwithstanding, fail to pay the Juniors, the way will be clear to order separate payments.

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other Questions -

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The Board of Rev. will
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of the Govt:

Feb 1873

Malikhana Allowce
of the Kallawanad

Memo

Shows on this draft adhered to the letter of my instructions; but I beg, with all deference, to point out, with ref: to the former part of the 2 para. that the Col. reports in para 6 of his letter 11 April that the Jumma or Raja had complained to him of "the non-receipt of their portion of the allow.ce as agreed on". Again in para 8 he says that "the Raja & de. pravies his family of their just allow.ces" And in para 3 of his letter 8 June he states that the "juniors are clamorous for their just dues"

F.W.F.

Revenue Dept.

No 1221

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 24th July 1860.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board

of Revenue.

Submitting with the Boards recommendation correspondence with the Collector of Malabar requesting authority to deduct the shares of the junior members from the Malikhana allowance paid to the Valuvanad Raja and pay them separately from his Treasury.

(Rev. enter 10th July 1860 No 1711)

The Board of Revenue

submit with their concurrence & support the recommendation of the Collector of Malabar that the Malikhana allowance of the Valuvanad Raja amounting to Rupees 16,715. 1. 7, which is now paid in full to the Senior Raja, to be by him distributed among the other Members of the family, should for the future be distributed by

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Kalikhanna allowance
of the Talavanad Cayle

Certificate of Collector of Malabar
to mean the Talavanad Cayle
Dept: of Public Letters
Memorandum
Dated 24th May 1860.